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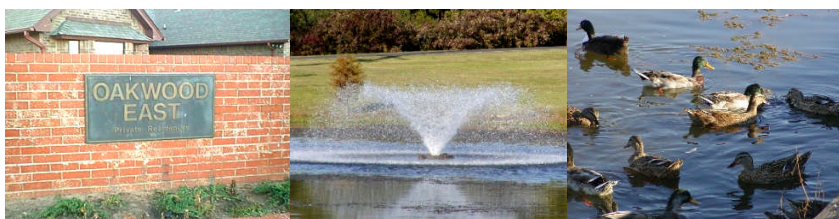
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Oakwood East Newsletter

April, May & June 2010

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Annual Garage Sale: Our community garage sale will be held April 29-30 & May 1, 2010. You can get a 3-day permit from the city, and use the permit any or all of the 3 days. The permit is purchased from the Water Department at City Hall. We do allow the signs to be put in your front yard during this time. We DO NOT allow signs (even garage sales) to be put on our common areas or at the entrances. The reason is two-fold; (1) their placement is controlled by city ordinance and our covenants, and (2) our sprinkler lines are being broken. The repairman has shown us pieces of the stakes imbedded in the pipes, which is costly.

Pavilion/Playground: We are glad to see so many enjoying the park area and the ponds. These facilities are privately owned and for OE residents' use. Liability exposure does not permit organizational use whether church, school, or any other group functions. Guests must be with a resident sponsor or will be considered a trespasser. It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that trash is a big problem. People are having picnics and leaving trash. If you have a lot of scraps after a picnic please bring some trash bags to put it in. You would then need to transfer the trash bags to your residence for disposal. The man who empties our trash containers is not contracted to pick up the area.

We are glad and appreciate those people from the neighborhood who have come forward and volunteered to pick up trash without pay. Bags of grass have also been left on the common area for us to dispose of. These problems cost us extra money. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Draining Swimming Pools: Midwest City Ordinance prohibits emptying your swimming pools into our streets and storm drains. If you have questions about how to drain your pool or report offenders, you can call Storm Water Quality at 739-1352.

Dog Facts: "People who own pets live longer, have less stress and have fewer heart attacks." 94% of pet owners say their pet makes them smile more than once a day. The first Seeing Eye dog was presented to a blind person on April 25, 1938. The largest litter of puppies born at one time was 23.

Concern of Pets: A few of our residents are not using a leash on their dog. This is required by Midwest City ordinances. We see and hear on the news about people and other animals being injured by a “gentle dog that wouldn’t hurt anyone.” Dogs are required to be on a leash and under control for several reasons. There have already been problems at the ponds with injury. Please comply with this law. Stray animals should be reported to the Animal Control, 427-6640.

Complaints: Any complaint received by the Board of Directors is taken seriously. For instance, if there is a complaint about a boat parked in a driveway, we take note of how long it has been parked there, the violator is notified by phone or in writing of the offense and asked to remove the boat. If not moved in a timely manner further action is taken involving our attorney. Our covenants have been upheld in court, and it is costly to the few who refused to comply. We try to be as flexible as possible with any resident when there is a problem. Sometimes it takes a few weeks to get a situation corrected. Please be patient in the event you have asked to have something removed from the neighborhood.

2010 Annual Meeting: Our annual meeting was held January 21, 2010. Twenty-eight residents attended, plus seven board members. Frank Cleary read the minutes from the 2009 annual meeting and Linda Morphis presented the 2010 budget. Minutes and budget were approved. Linda Henson (re-elected) and Shane Willard were elected as Directors for a three year term. The budget was approved with two special projects for 2010; (1) resurface the asphalt walking path, and (2) clean out Choctaw Creek between the two ponds.



Appreciation to Atty Richard Rice

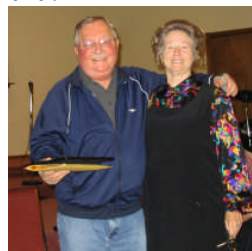
There was a special presentation for Attorney Rick Rice showing our appreciation for his collection of delinquent assessments and help with covenants compliance

Mr. Gary Banz, State Representative District 101 and OEHA resident, spoke briefly to the members. He gave an excellent presentation on the State of Oklahoma finances and economy. He offered his contact information and answered questions from attendees. Various questions were asked of Rep. Banz and Councilman Rice pertaining to trash pickup and widening of 15th Street from Westminster to Anderson Road.

Police Lieutenant Matt Dukes, MWC Community Action Service, gave an interesting talk on our neighborhood and our interaction with the MWC Police Dept. He briefed about an initiative concerning rental properties. MWC wants to identify ownership of all rental properties so they have direct access to the responsible persons who must correct code violations. He also stated areas with active homeowner associations have fewer crimes.

Our Bookkeeper Sharon Boone presented the statistics comparing this year’s collections versus last year at the same time. We have approx. 20% fewer assessments (dues) paid this year.

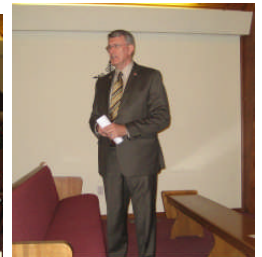
We thank State Rep. Gary Banz, Attorney and Councilman Rick Rice, and Police Lt. Matt Dukes for visiting with our residents and helping with our meeting. All questions asked were answered with full explanation. Please try to attend next year – you will be glad you did!



Appreciation to Frank Cleary



Appreciation to Linda Henson



OK Rep. Gary Banz



OEHA Directors & Lt. Dukes