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Oakwood East Newsletter

July, August and September 2009

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Fire Storm (April 9, 2009): Oakwood East Addition lost 12 homes in the fire that came through our neighborhood. Our sympathy and heartfelt sorrow goes to those who lost their homes. Also to those who lost out buildings and treasures in them – many fences were damaged. Fences by George, #820-3089, came back and replaced our burned fence along SE 15th. Thanks George for helping several in the neighborhood with your quick response.

Homes lost were: 11533 Berkshire Ct, 2024 Camelot Dr, 11049 Canterbury Ln, 11053 Canterbury Ln, 11553 Carlton Ct, 11365 Queensland Ct, 11354 Village Ave, 11366 Village Ave, 11423 Village Ave, 2027 Westbury Dr, 2040 Westbury Dr, and 2036 Yorkshire Dr.

Grace Sullivan, President OEHA, presented 3 Appreciation Certificates May 26, 2009 at the MWC City Council meeting. An article and photos by Jeff Massie, MWC Sun Staff Writer, follows:

Grace Sullivan presented three awards on behalf of the Oakwood East neighborhood. This community was the hardest hit in Midwest City as 12 homes were completely destroyed and many more were damaged. Sullivan presented an award to Mike Stroh, director of neighborhood services, for the work he did in helping residents evacuate pets. The next measures of thanks went to the city's police and fire departments. "When the fire came from the sky, and that's where it came from, the policemen that drove through the neighborhood, they went door-to-door and they said 'you need to evacuate.' And we really needed to," Sullivan said. Your vigilance to evacuate all residents kept us ahead and safe from the fast moving fires. Chief Randy Olsen and the fire department, your officers' performance during the wildfires saved lives, minimized property damage." Grace, I proudly accept this on behalf of all the men and women of law enforcement, I know they did a great job out there," Midwest City Police Chief Brandon Clabes said in response.



Mayor Russell Smith, Grace Sullivan of OEHA and MWC Police Chief Brandon Clabes

Grace Sullivan and Mike Stroh of MWC

Grace Sullivan and Fire Chief Randy Olsen

Cost of Fire to OEHA Properties: Total fire cost to the homeowners association was **\$3,125.00**. The breakdown was:

Sprinklers – Juan Escobedo, #820-2681, \$918.00.

Trees – Williams & sons, #732-2681, removed and trimmed damaged trees, \$475.00.

Fence – By George, #820-3089, \$1,732.00.

Annual Garage Sale: Our annual garage sale was a success again. Thursday, April 30th, I counted 263 people visit my sale between 7AM & 4PM. It was a busy and profitable day!

Bookkeeper: Our bookkeeper Sharon Boone has a different address & phone number. Please write it down – 780 Hidden Valley Circle, Choctaw, OK 73020-7124 – (405) 769-5994.

Do you know where your children & pets are? There have been several complaints of residents' negligence and on dogs attacking walkers and other dogs. Please ensure your children and pets are attended to. Do not allow your children to play in others driveways or in the street unattended.

Parents please don't let your small children play down at the park by themselves.

It was reported to the Board that someone let their big dog off the leash and it chased and attacked the lawn man on his riding mower. We can't imagine owners standing by and watching this happen. The Board could ban ALL dogs from the park area if residents don't keep their dogs ON A LEASH in accordance with the Midwest City Ordinance. If you see a stray animal please call animal control at 427-6640.

Swimming Pool Draining: It is against MWC Ordinance to drain a swimming pool into the street or neighbor's yard. Call Storm Water Quality at 739-1352 if someone is draining a pool into the street. Call Code Enforcement at 739-8240 if someone is emptying their pool into your yard.

In Appreciation: We want to recognize/appreciate Linda Coates, our webmaster. She does a great job updating our web site – check it out for our latest news. Also to Tracy Chappell; she walks many miles to deliver our welcome letter and covenants to new residents. Her welcome sacks also contain past newsletters, Oklahoma maps, and a pencil or two, etc.

Annual Picnic: The OEHA **Annual Picnic** will be held at the pavilion east of the ponds. All Oakwood East residents are invited. The picnic is FREE to residents!!! This year it is going to be catered by Mike Murphy of the City Café on Reno. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Additionally, we will also have cookies and snow cones.

Again, our picnic will include National Night Out. National Night Out is a national event started in 1984 to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anti crime efforts. Neighborhood watch groups and neighborhoods plan parties and events----it's a going away party for crime. It is celebrated in communities in all 50 States, US Territories, Canada, and Military Bases worldwide to show appreciation to our law enforcement.

**Oakwood East Homeowners Association
Annual Picnic - Tuesday, August 4, 2009
6:00PM – 8:30PM**

Safety Notice: *We need your help!!* Please do not park on either side of the street where Village & Lakeside join – up to Andover St. about 100 feet. Vehicles are obstructing the view of children, the disabled and baby carriages using the handicap ramp and crossing the street between these vehicles. This is a congested area without pedestrians. Too many times children have barely escaped being injured. Please be considerate and park further north on Lakeside.

Neighborhood Yards: Spring is here and our addition is looking lovely! The Board has noticed numerous residents landscaping and beautifying their yards. Your efforts inspire the rest of us to dress up and groom our property to make our neighborhood one of the most attractive in our city.

Reporting Complaints to 911: When you see a situation involving potential harm (safety), property destruction, civil disturbance or any circumstance possibly needing police intervention – call 911 immediately (it doesn't do any good to call one of the Directors). The police want the observer to report the incident. We've discussed this matter in detail with our MWC Neighborhood Initiative Officer and Police Chief Clabes. The answer is always the same – ***call 911 immediately.*** It's very difficult to do anything when the complaint is not timely reported. A non-emergency police number is 739-1389.