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## **Oakwood East**

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**[www.oakwoodeast.org](http://www.oakwoodeast.org)**

### **A Note From Your New President**

Hi everyone - I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my family as your new President. I moved into Oklahoma in 2001 with my wife Adriana. After an extensive house hunting adventure we found Oakwood East and never looked back. From the first time we drove into the neighborhood we knew we wanted to live here. We first bought a home in Brighton CT and later bought a home on Sheffield St which is where we live now. Since moving into Oklahoma we have been blessed with two children and can think of no better place to raise our two boys than here in Oakwood East. My involvement with the OEHA began last year after being encouraged to attend some of the monthly Board of Director's meetings by Gracie Sullivan the President at the time. After attending these meetings I learned that all of the Directors were volunteers committed to making Oakwood East a great place to live. I decided if given the opportunity, I would become more involved and was elected first as a Director and later as President. Since assuming the role of President from Gracie this year I will work with the Directors and other volunteers to continue to make Oakwood East a great place to live.

**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!!! We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. A reminder will also be posted on the Marquees as we get closer to the picnic.

**Oakwood East Homeowners Association**  
**Annual Picnic - Tuesday, August 2, 2011**  
**6:00PM – 8:00PM**

**Trees, Trees, and More Trees:** One of the OEHA Directors, Paul Bolain, has been working hard these last few months on starting new trees. He has worked so hard in fact that he now has over 300 trees which are in need of planting. We will take some of the trees and plant them in the common areas around the neighborhood but have too many for the common areas. Because we want to continue to make Oakwood East a beautiful neighborhood we will offer the trees up to residents in Oakwood East with the stipulation that they be planted on your property in Oakwood East. This is a great opportunity for many homeowners who would like to add some trees to your property at no cost. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity the trees will be available this Fall. We will put a notice on the marquees and in the next newsletter as to the exact dates. We will also be planting trees in the common areas at the same time and will be looking for volunteers to help with that as well. If you are available to help plant trees this Fall please e-mail Ed Rua ([erua@cox.net](mailto:erua@cox.net)).

**Pond/Common Area Repairs:** You may have noticed some activity around the pond in the middle of April. Unfortunately one of our two wells used to keep the ponds filled and irrigate the trees and shrubs around the pond area had to have significant repairs made. These repairs came to a cost of \$10,200.00 and included a new pump, pipe and wiring which should keep the system up and running for several years. Now at the time of writing this newsletter a massive leak was noted on the other well which will also require repair. After the repairs, we will continue to monitor the two wells because as you know we have earth quakes and other unforeseen events which may cause a failure in the future and we want to avoid that if at all possible.

**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. The police want the observer to report the incident. Our MWC Neighborhood Initiative Officer and Police Chief Clabes reiterate the importance to ***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.

**Tips for Keeping Our Drinking Water Safe:** Safety tips when gardening:

- Do not apply fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides when rain is imminent.
- Keep product on the lawn, and off sidewalks and street.
- Do not dump grass clippings, or other yard debris in stormwater drains or ditches.
- Use the product only in the manner directed by the manufacturer on the label.
- Use the right application rate for the desired area.

If you witness anyone dumping paint, oil antifreeze, transmission fluid, yard waste, or other hazardous materials in to storm drains, drainage ditches, or creeks, please call the Stormwater hotline at 739-1040. To schedule an appointment for disposal or to get additional information please contact Stormwater Quality at 739-1049. (Courtesy of Midwest City Newsletter Spring 2011 Edition)

**A Special Thanks:** We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to one of our own Directors, Paul Bolain (our very own tree man), who along with his dog Boomer, walks the community to ensure the common areas are maintained in a safe manner and look nice. For example, he took it upon himself to ensure that all of the fire hydrants had blue reflectors intact by replacing those that were damaged or completely missing. These reflectors will help emergency services locate hydrants in the dark. In addition to the reflectors, he also makes minor repairs at the playground and does touch up painting as needed. Thank you Paul for what you do to make this community safe and beautiful.

**Playground & Pond/Common Area:** One issue that has come-up more than once over the last few months is the playground area. Over the years there have been a few volunteers who have seen to the care and maintenance of the playground equipment which included replacing old or worn out pieces. We would like to continue these efforts however the OEHA has had a few large unexpected expenses which will hinder the efforts this year. Given the limited budget this year for the playground we're looking for more volunteers to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the playground and the pond/common area please e-mail Ed Rua ([erua@cox.net](mailto:erua@cox.net)) if you would like to help.