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Letter from the President Susie White

January 30, 2023

My term as President of Edgemere Park Preservation, Inc. has come to an end and there are just a few things that I would like to address that are important to me to share with my neighbors and friends in the hood.

As I have stated time and again over the past two years, I feel that we live in the best neighborhood in OKC. Sometimes, whether you are new to the neighborhood or you have been in the hood awhile, it can seem to be a mystery how decisions are made and events get planned and organized for EPPI. We have a tremendous Board of Trustees who represent each block in the neighborhood. This group of people, with so many different skills, are willing to volunteer their time each month to see that EPPI continues as a strong and vital neighborhood. We are not an HOA, but a volunteer group that is supported by every neighbors' voluntary membership in EPPI. Our Board is responsible to manage the dues & gift revenues received by thoughtful decision making and spending monies carefully.

I am happy to have stayed the course on the continued improvements in our park. And know that in the future it will thrive as a park and central location for all of us to be proud of. I am also grateful that we will be revamping the Edgemere Park Security Corporation if we have neighbors who are willing to support this very important service. Without security, I believe that Edgemere Park will suffer from the ever-present threat of vagrants and vandalism. Lastly, I am so very excited about the website revamp that was so important to our board and was taken by the horns by our neighbors Linda Clement and Matt Goad. This has been a huge undertaking by the committee to gather the historical information from the past 60+ years and start the process of adding technology for us to have the ability to pay dues, stay up to date on what's happening and read the newsletter on-line. Edgemere Park is moving into the 21st century.

If, as president, I have done one thing during my term, I would say I am proud to have helped build a strong Board of Trustees of actively involved neighbors both long-time and new. These neighbors and friends truly care about this hood we all call HOME. I look forward to watching the forward progress of this very talented and caring group. I, by myself as president had limited abilities; but I was surrounded by great people with many different strengths who have been ready to help when asked. All I had to do was ask. To each of you, I say THANK YOU.

I want to say Thank You to the nominating committee who put together a great list of renewing and new block trustees and officers. Thank you to everyone who will be representing EPPI in the coming months. Life in Edgemere Park is in great hands. There is always a place for you if you would like to get involved. Reach out to an officer or trustee.

— Susie

MAPS4 Parks

Residents of Oklahoma City are being invited to share ideas on improvements to the 105 community and neighborhood parks across OKC. MAPS4 includes $69.6 million to be allocated to parks. There was a MAPS4 Parks meeting on January 28th for the 10 parks, including Edgemere Park. There has been much discussion about MAPS4 parks improvements funding and this meeting provided an open forum for OKC Parks Department to continue gathering ideas from residents for maintenance and new improvements to neighborhood and community parks. There was a study and creation of a Master Plan for Edgemere Park about 10 years ago that, unfortunately, only a portion came to fruition. There is hope that the Parks Department will refer to that plan and continue to upgrade the creek/drainage and associated improvements to keep Edgemere Park the beautiful space that is loved. There is an online survey available at MAPS4PARKS.com to share your concerns and ideas about Edgemere Park and any other parks that you use.

MAPS 4 includes 16 projects:

- Parks ($154 million)
- Youth Centers ($118 million)
- Senior Wellness Centers ($31.7 million)
- Mental Health and Addiction ($44.6 million)
- Family Justice Center operated by Palomar ($42 million)
- Transit ($97 million)
- Sidewalks, bike lanes, trails and streetlights ($96.5 million)
- Homelessness ($55.7 million)
- Paycom Center and related facilities ($116 million)
- Animal Shelter ($42 million)
- Fairgrounds Coliseum ($82 million)
- Diversion Hub ($18.9 million)
- Innovation District ($76.7 million)
- Clara Luper Civil Rights Center ($26.8 million)
- Beautification ($32.8 million)
- Multipurpose Stadium ($41 million)

These links with info can be found at www.okc.gov/government/maps-4/projects

Follow Edgemere Park Preservation on social media

https://www.facebook.com/EdgemereParkOKC

instagram.com/@edgemereparkokc



Holiday Party

Thank you to Mike & Ali Giese for hosting the EPPI Holiday Gathering in their home this past December. We had such a great time mingling with neighbors and enjoying the Giese's beautifully remodeled home. The home was originally designed for entertaining, and they have updated it and created an elegant entertaining space.

We enjoyed beverages and fantastic hors d'oeuvres from What's Cooking Catering. Everything about the evening was delicious and delightful. Our Edgemere Park gatherings are such a great way to visit with old friends and for new neighbors to have an opportunity to meet folks from the neighborhood.

Cheers, neighbors.

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ANNUAL MEETING

We had over 30 folks attend the annual meeting of Edgemere Park Preservation, Inc on January 22nd. We heard from our Treasurer, Ryan Adams, on our current financial situation and our budget for 2023. The recommended slate of incoming Block Trustees and Officers was approved. We heard from Matt Goad who shared information on the EdgemereParkOKC.com website. He also showed us a new version of the Edgemere Park logo. It is exciting to see the neighborhood move into the 21st century. We also heard a report on the new Edgemere Park Security Corporation. Lastly, our Ward 2 City Councilman, James Cooper gave a report on the state of Ward 2 and specifically Edgemere Park and our immediate area. James talked about street and sidewalk projects, proposed rezoning for HP districts, and the status of the First Christian and Hudson Ave. church lots. Thank you to Henri Bailey and OKC Shakespeare for providing the great venue for the meeting.

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A PREMIUM SELECTION OF SPIRITS,
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Trinity School
at Edgemere



We are off to a great start at Trinity School in 2023! Both our girls' and boys' basketball teams finished strong. The girls finished the season with a 10-game double-digit streak, and the boys doubled their wins from last season to eight! Our Tigers have shown grit, effort, and determination throughout the season, and we couldn't be more proud of both teams! We ended the season with a homecoming celebration where we crowned a new homecoming king and queen, Kaytee Clifton and Kaden Dragus.



In January, we also celebrated International Culture day. Students took a virtual trip around the world, traveling to Cambodia, Ethiopia, Australia, Germany, and Greece. They sampled foods from around the globe and even listened to a special guest speaker from Germany! It was a fantastic learning opportunity!

Our Upper School students also had the opportunity to visit with representatives from local community colleges, universities, career tech programs, and other job readiness and independent living programs at our annual Transition Fair. Exciting things are in store for Trinity students after they graduate!



In February, our Lower School students celebrated the 100th day of school! Students enjoyed practicing counting skills, playing games, and celebrating all they've learned this school year!

Trinity has adopted Sparrow Park, and in April, our older students will clean up and perform maintenance in the park while our younger students will assemble boxed donations for the Homeless Alliance. Look for information in the coming weeks about how you can help us with our Tigers for Good service project!



We are currently winding down our Annual Fund campaign. If you'd to be a part of Trinity School and all the great things we're doing we would appreciate your donation! Please visit our website at www.TrinitySchoolOKC.org/donate to give.

Trinity is looking for substitute teachers and community volunteers. If you're interested, please get in touch with the school office at careers@trinityschoolokc.org or call our office at 405-525-5600. We would love to talk to you!

Want to hear more about what we're doing at Trinity? Did you know we're active on social media? Like our page on Facebook by going to @trinityschoolokc or follow us on Instagram at TrinitySchoolOKC.

Trinity School at Edgemere | 3200 N Walker, Oklahoma City, OK 73118 | 405-525-5600 | TrinitySchoolOKC.org

GET READY FOR SPRING

Petra Cox

As the days get warmer and we say goodbye to winter, daffodils and the wonderful bulbs that we planted in the fall are coming up and welcoming the coming of spring which is on March 20th.

Now is the time to assess your landscape. Cleaning flower beds of winter leaves and amending the soil are important to consider. Soil amendment provides enriching minerals to the garden as well as assists to loosen the soil that has become dense and compacted over the winter. TLC Garden Venter has several types available such as Back To Earth or Espoma raised bed mix. Ideally, these gardening mixes should be worked into the top 6 inches of the flower beds and allowed to rest for a few weeks before planting as they can burn the roots of new plants if used right away. Finely chopped leaves from the last fall mowing are an excellent soil amender as well as they offer nutrients and help to aerate the soil.

Now is the time to consider feeding your trees and shrubs. There are several licensed arborists that use an organic liquid that is injected 4' into the ground around the drip lines of trees. This method reaches the deep roots as opposed to a topical fertilizer that most times reaches only the top 2" or 3" of the yard. Your trees and shrubs will thank you for this with hearty and beautiful foliage this summer.

To prune or not to prune shrubs is always a question. Azaleas, cherry trees, dogwoods, Forsythias, redbuds, and magnolias should not be pruned until after they bloom. This also applies to climber roses, whose buds form on old growth.

Removing dead, damaged or diseased wood can be pruned anytime as well as crossing branches that rub on one another and suckers that form at the base of trees.

Aside from the aforementioned shrubs, the ideal time to prune most trees and shrubs is just before their leaf buds begin to sprout.

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Edgemere Park will be in full bloom shortly as the daffodils that were planted by the children of Trinity school and Edgemere residents are peeking up from their winter slumber!

SAND IN BOX



Need a super simple way to keep garden tools from rusting? Fill a five-gallon plastic bucket with sand, add about a quart of oil (new or used), and mix well. Each time you use a metal tool, stab it several times into the sand before putting it away. The abrasiveness of the sand will knock off dirt and dust, and the oil will leave a thin sheen on the metal, thereby preventing rust.



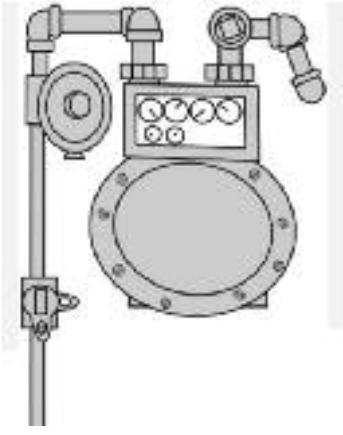
EDGEMERE PARK AND ONG MEETING

The EPPI Board hosted a meeting with Oklahoma Natural Gas to discuss the Certificate of Appropriateness that was approved administratively by the City of Oklahoma City for an upcoming project that impacts our neighborhood. Several, but not all neighbors received notice of the project in which ONG plans to replace all existing bare steel pipe in our neighborhood, as well as to move meters to side yards, and shift from rear easements to street easements. ONG sent five individuals to answer questions from neighbors. ONG representatives committed to working with each individual neighbor to explain and plan in advance the construction that will take place, as each one of our properties is different, each plan is different.

The board wishes to thank Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park in Paseo for allowing us to use their space for the meeting.

Should you have any questions about the ONG project, please email me: lindseypever@gmail.com

Lindsey Pever
EPPI President







CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CHEAT SHEET

Edgemere Park is one of Oklahoma City's nine Historic Preservation Districts. This zoning designation recognizes the historic and architectural significance of the district, and puts in place requirements to ensure that the historic character and charm of the neighborhood remains intact for generations to come.

The Historic Preservation Districts are overseen by the City of Oklahoma City Historic Preservation Commission, a group of volunteers with relevant professional experience appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The Commission is staffed by the Planning Department. HP staff are available to assist homeowners and their contractors, architects, or other representatives with the review process.

Please contact HP staff to learn more if you are considering doing work to your home.

COMMON WORK THAT REQUIRES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

- Replacement of windows
- Replacement of doors
- Installing or replacing storm windows or storm doors
- Construction of additions and garages
- Demolition
- Construction of landscape features such as decks, pergolas, and swimming pools
- Installation or replacement of fencing
- Replacement of driveways or sidewalks

Anything that results in a visible change to the exterior of the building, or that introduces new materials, or that requires a building permit, is likely to require a Certificate of Appropriateness!

COMMON WORK THAT MAY NOT REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

- Minor repair,* exactly matching the existing, of wood elements like siding, trim, porch flooring

  **Must be less than 50% of a material on any one side – for example, repair/replacement of less than half the wood siding on the west side of a house, with siding that exactly matches the dimension and shape of the historic siding.*
- Spot -repointing brick to match historic mortar in color, texture and composition (repointing more than 50% of a wall requires a CA)
- Replacement of non-historic, composition roofing with architectural-grade composition roofing

  **Removal of historic material underneath composition roofing, such as wood shakes, may require CA.*
- Planting or removing trees or other plantings
- Painting previously-painted materials (wood, previously painted brick or concrete)
- Work that is interior ONLY

When in doubt, call staff and find out! 297-1624

RESOURCES

Website for Historic Preservation Commission of Oklahoma City:

https://okc.gov/departments/planning/design-review-and-historic-preservation/historic-preservation

Is my property in a district? Online zoning locator:

https://data.okc.gov/portal/page/catalog#Zoning

- Search by address or locate on Map Viewer
- Select zoning datasets:
  - Straight zoning will show HP zoning
  - Overlay Parcel zoning will show HL zoning
  - Each (HP and HL) requires Review and Approval by HP Commission

Has a property received a Certificate of Appropriateness? Oklahoma City's Citizen Portal:

http://okc.gov/access/

- Click "Planning"
- Select application type "Special Zoning – Certificate of Appropriateness"
- Enter address and select dates (optional), then search
- Click on HPCA number, then scroll to "attachments" to find out more about approved work

Has a property received a notice of violation or citation?
http://www.okc.gov/action/onlineservicerequest/

- "New Service Request" to report a violation
  - select "code enforcement", then "code violation in a historic preservation area"
  - Include specific description in comments
- "Service Request Status" to search by address for status of violations
- Call Action Center at 297-2535 with additional questions

Historic maps of Oklahoma City (requires Metropolitan Library System library card to log in):
http://www.metrolibrary.org/research

- Scroll down to "Sanborn maps" and select "visit database" and log in
- Select "browse maps"
- Select "Oklahoma," then "Oklahoma City"
- Select date (for many of Oklahoma City's historic districts, 1922 is a good starting point)
- Most HP Districts are in Volume 2. Use the Index sheet or the Key to find your property.
- Clicking "download map" in the top of the pop-up will make it easier to zoom in and scroll.

National Register properties in Oklahoma, including Oklahoma City Districts:
http://nr2_shpo.okstate.edu/QueryData.aspx to search by address

https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/nationalregister.htm for information and an interactive map

EDGEMERE PARK SECURITY PATROLS TO RESUME MARCH 1st

In order to meet this goal, we need YOU to become a subscriber and support our efforts. For patrols to be a viable service in the neighborhood, we must have most of the residents and homeowners contributing. Patrols will randomly drive through the neighborhood 4 times each day, every day of the week.

Monthly payment plans and credit cards will be offered through the website later this year. For now, we can accept cash, checks and Venmo (@epscokc or use the QR code below) in the following payment plans:

Quarterly payments of $90
Semi-annual payments of $180
Annual payment of $350

EDGEMERE PARK SECURITY ENROLLMENT

Please complete the information below and mail to: Edgemere Park Security Corporation (EPSC); P.O. Box 54655; Oklahoma City, OK 73154-1655 OR email to epscokc@gmail.com. Checks payable to Edgemere Park Security Corporation (EPSC) OR pay by Venmo @epscokc

Name: _____
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QUESTIONS? EMAIL EPSCOKC@GMAIL.COM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9th, Saturday, 10am: Spring Clean in Edgemere Park



Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park
2023 SEASON

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
JUNE 8-18

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE
AUGUST 10-20

ROMEO & JULIET
SEPTEMBER 14-24

BORN WITH TEETH
NOVEMBER 9-19

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