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Letter from the 2022 President Susie White

May 11t, 2022

Here we are into the month of May already. Where does the time go? Many of us enjoyed getting out in the park for the Spring Clean-up Day. In a few short hours we were able to get several bags of garbage removed from the creek and around the park. We actually filled 4 garbage cans! We also got some dead limbs trimmed from some mature trees and were able to weed the flower beds and plant some periwinkles at the gazebo.

It is so exciting to visit the park for a nice walk and see so many people enjoying it. One Saturday we had two children's birthday parties going at the same time. We have a regular yoga and exercise group. The City of Oklahoma City Parks Department really does a nice job of keeping the park looking good. But we do have to chip in to go the extra mile to make Edgemere Park the fantastic place we know and love. We are still looking for volunteers to help water the ten new trees that were planted. The trees are located in one section of the park so that you don't have to pull hoses from all over the place. We could use about 3 people, which would mean that you only spend an hour or so once a month. The trees only need to be watered when there is no rain during your week and will only need to be watered March through October. Please contact me osagesusie@yahoo.com if you can share an hour of so of your time.

The last week of April also meant the annual Festival of the Arts downtown and the Memorial Marathon. What a great week that was. Six days of amazing Art, Music and the International Food Row is always a great way to kick off the outdoor fun season. On Sunday, April 24th the marathon and half marathon ran through our neighborhood. If you were up at 7:30am you got to see the serious and the not so serious runners as they passed by. The Twilight Concert series is back through the summer. Check out OKC Arts Council's website for performers and dates. Coming up on Memorial Day weekend is the annual Paseo Arts Festival. Walk on over to take in the excitement, the fantastic art, enjoy the music and have a bite to eat while you are there.

Lastly, mark your calendar for the Annual July 4th Celebration. As we traditionally do, our event will take place on Monday, July 4th. We will have the children's parade of creatively decorated bikes, trikes, wagons or whatever gets you from the start to the finish at the gazebo. We'll have a Cake Walk and lawn games. EPPI sponsors hotdogs, condiments, chips, baked beans and beer. Even address neighbors are asked to bring sides, odd address neighbors bring dessert.Bring your lawn chairs and blanket and join your neighbors as we come together for an early day 10:30am until 2 or 3pm family fun time.

— *Susie*

Spring Fling Clean-Up was a Success

April 9th brought a beautiful day for cleaning debris and doing some gardening as well. We had several people and families picking up litter from around the park and down in the creek. I even think we were able to make it through the morning without anyone accidentally falling into the creek. There were some very soggy sneakers though. Once again we also had a very inspired gardening crew who weeded the beds at the gazebo and planted some sun loving periwinkles. Thank you Mitchells for providing the periwinkles and some of the planting work too. Ryan Cole got very handy with his tree trimming tools to clean up the trees around the gazebo. Mark Clopton removed some of the stumps from the creek to free the water flow and maybe help keep the trash from accumulating in the mire. A few of our other helpers were Linda Clement, Doug Stratton, Matt Goad, Henri Bailey, Karri Morgan and her family, Jann & Terry Hook, Jessica Johnson & kids and Kevin. THANK YOU to all who helped, but did not get mentioned. I appreciate the help we received from everyone.






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Coming Soon! New Edgemere Park Neighborhood Association Website!

The Edgemere Park Neighborhood Association is working on a new website to make information much more accessible to the residents of Edgemere Park. We are in the early stages of development, but are hoping to have the new website ready to launch this summer. Although we are still working out the content details, the goal of the new website will be to provide:

- The history of our amazing neighborhood and additional facts
- Photos of our diverse architecture and style of homes and of course our park
- Board Member information and contacts
  - Committee information and how to get involved
- Neighborhood membership information and an electronic option to pay annual dues
- An avenue to create an email distribution list to expedite the communication process to our neighbors
- Historic Preservation information and links to resources to assist with HP approval for home improvement projects
- Edgemere Park Security Corporation
  - Emergency and non-emergency phone numbers
  - Security company information
  - Membership information
  - An electronic means to pay neighborhood security dues
  - A forum for neighborhood security information to be posted for residents for immediate security concerns
- Eppilog Newsletter
  - Current and past newsletters
  - Calendar of events
  - Advertisement information and Ad rates
- General information
  - City Council, State Senate and State House District Representatives
  - Link for trash pickup and heavy trash pickup removal schedule
  - Code violation – link to Action Center
- Social Media
  - Links to our Facebook page and Instagram account

Follow Edgemere Park Preservation on social media https://www.facebook.com/pages/Edgemere-Park-Preservation-Inc/44793384809



SECURITY UPDATE

Prepare for Summertime Increase in Petty Crime

Warmer weather has arrived and with it usually comes an uptick in crime. In recent years, summer months have brought an increase in vehicle burglaries, garage burglaries and the rare home burglary. To prepare for this summer increase in petty crime, our OKCPD Community Relations Officer, MSgt. Erick Huff, advised residents to "harden the target." He encouraged neighbors to tighten security precautions so thieves would not consider Edgemere Park an easy score. His recommendations were to:

- Maintain our security patrol and add patrol hours if possible
  - Our best advantage in his opinion
  - It won't stop all crime, but it makes the patrolled area more difficult for criminals to canvas and exploit than an unpatrolled area
  - **We need more dues-paying members to return to 40 hours/week of patrol**
  - **Please see the enrollment form in this Eppilog to join**
- Assume thieves are occasionally casing your property (they are…)
  - Keep valuables out of sight from home windows
  - LOCK YOUR VEHICLE DOORS and do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Garage vehicles if possible.
  - Leave exterior lights on at night and add security flood lighting
- Strengthen Exterior Doors
  - Most historic exterior doors can be easily kicked-in because of relatively short deadbolt locks and strike plates, which receive the deadbolt, only being fastened to the trim of the door rather than the frame
  - Strike/hinge plates should be secured to the door *frame* with 3" screws
- Watch out for your neighbors
  - Meet your neighbors and exchange information
  - Pester your neighbors to join EPSC so that we can increase patrol hours :)
  - Stay alert to anything on your block that seems out of place
  - Do not hesitate to call 911 or the non-emergency police line (405) 231-2121 to report something suspicious (add this number to your phone)

Please reach out to inform us of any security concerns or to request more information about our security patrol.

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Name & Email _____
(Members will receive Email Security Alerts)

Address _____

Other Resident Name _____

Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Other Resident Phone _____

Number of persons living in residence: Adult ☐ Children ☐ Ages of Children

Make, model and color of automobiles used by the family:

_____ Tag # _____

_____ Tag # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Do you have a home security system? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name and phone of security company _____

Do you have any pets? _____ If yes, what? _____

Are your pets normally ☐ in the house, or ☐ in the yard?

Payment Preference
(Invoices are mailed in February, May, August, and November according to your payment schedule.)

Single Family: ☐ Annual $390 ☐ Semi-annual $195 ☐ Quarterly $98

Any questions regarding Edgemere Park Security, please contact:

Mark Clopton	Sandra Harrison	Doug Eason	Eric Groves
615-6988	205-2277	590-4314	525-6712

> Fill out the enrollment form and join today!

Trinity School
at Edgemere





It's a wrap! School is out for the summer, and what a year it was! Ten of our students graduated this year, and we couldn't be more proud! Our commencement speaker was Dr. Aaron Collins, president of Metro Technology Centers. Dr. Collins inspired our graduates to dream big and never put limits on themselves. Trinity has a unique partnership with Metro Tech, and many of our Upper School students attend there part-time.

Trinity's annual Field Day was on the last day of school. It was the best day ever, filled with face painting, pickleball, gaga ball, video gaming, and even snow cones. It was a great end to a great school year!

You may have seen our Lower School students enjoying time at Edgemere Park. The Lower School won a pizza party and a trip to the park because they raised the most money for our Tigers for Good campaign.



Tigers for Good is Trinity's annual community service project, and this year we adopted Sparrow Park, which is very close to Edgemere. Money raised for Tigers for Good went towards beautifying the park. Our students planted flowers and a tree and picked up over 25 bags of limbs and trash. A portion of the fundraiser also went to Palomar, a social justice center in Oklahoma City that helps abuse victims.

It will be quiet at school for the next few months, but we will be back in action on August 9th for Back to School night. The first day of school is August 11th, and it will be here before we know it.



Want to get involved? We are always looking for community volunteers and substitute teachers. We are also hiring new teachers. Email careers@trinityschoolokc.org if you are interested.

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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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