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Letter from the President Lindsey Pever

Sept 21, 2024

Happy Fall! I hope you are all enjoying less than three digits in the weather forecast.

SUPPORT:

Thank you to those who have paid their **membership** and **security** dues! If you haven't or are new to the neighborhood, please consider doing so. Next year will be here before we know it, along with a renewed request for support of the neighborhood. You can find options to pay both on our website: https://edgemereparkokc.com (scroll to see both links). You may also pay Security dues on Venmo @epscokc

HAPPENINGS:

Please mark your calendar for ***Edgemere Park's Oktoberfest***! Sunday, October 20 from 4-6pm at the Park Pavilion will be a fun time to visit with neighbors, let the kids play, and relish some crisp fall weather with beer from **Freeman's Liquor** and **Dennis Nauman**'s famous homemade brats. Please do not forget to bring a side dish or dessert – this is so important to ensure everyone has enough to eat.

The ONG modernization project persists. Should you have any issues, please email me – I want to help ensure ONG can be responsive to any requests.

30th and Hudson Development. The developers held a charette for the 30th/Hudson project that is to be built in Jefferson Park. Input from nearby neighbors was invited prior to the design process and discussion was had about key design and architectural elements and landscaping features. We expect that more info about the project will be revealed soon.

VOLUNTEER:

There is still a need to water the newer trees in the park for a few more weeks. Please sign up at this link: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0D4DACAA28ABFC1-50383100-edgemere

A huge thank you to **Robert and Caroline Dennis** for spearheading this project; without the Dennises and those of you who assist, our trees would not make it!

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact your Block Trustee or email me. There are tasks – large and small that would benefit from your help.
May you have a wonderful fall and I'll see you around the park!

— *Lindsey Pever*

President, Edgemere Park Preservation Inc.
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Make plans to attend

Sunday, Oct. 20:

Celebration in the park 4:00- 6:00 PM.

The State of Security

Hello Neighbors! Following is an article by long-time resident, JoAnn Holden, 3300 Harvey Parkway:

Remember When

In 1971, my late husband, Jim Holden, our three children and I moved into our home on Harvey Parkway. Somebody said to me at the time: "Edgemere used to be a really nice neighborhood." We moved here because Jim grew up at 244 NW 35th St., since 1936, and his parents still lived there. It was formerly a premier neighborhood, turning sketchy in the 1970s.

I Remember When our house was burglarized twice, bicycles were stolen off the back porch and out of our locked garden shed.

Ann and Margaret saw creepy, scary people hanging out in the park. Once I caught an intruder in the bushes at the back of our yard. Even our dog was stolen.

Then, in the 80s our Neighborhood Security Service started, and Edgemere began turning around.

Other elements of the turn-around are now ubiquitous.

EPPI (Edgemere Park Preservation Inc.) is paid for by your annual dues and supports the park with watering, grass maintenance and electricity. Plus, our popular seasonal parties.

Remember When a convenience store wanted to move into the space at 36th and Walker? Or when I-235 was coming down Robinson and our EPPI managed to get the brick buffer wall included in the plan?

Remember When Edgemere Park was pitch black at night… before your neighbors lit the park and several side streets?

Listing on the National Register of Historic Places protects the vintage character of our houses. Security operates separately with no support other than your subscriptions.

I tell you this in case you don't remember. Either you didn't live here then or you weren't born yet. The sad fact is that we can easily revert to that used to be neighborhood again, if we let things go… like our Security Service, which does a lot of good, but operates through the contributions of relatively few neighbors. It hangs on by a thread.

If you don't ***Remember When***, it's easy to take for granted our safe streets and attractive park. So please, take my word for it: Security is the difference between used to be and the prime neighborhood we love today. Home alarms serve a purpose; I have one myself. They don't help the common areas we all enjoy.

My girls, Ann Parrish and Margaret Donnelly ***Remember When***, which is why they are passionate about Security and are trying to re-start, and keep going, the service lost during Covid. They can't do it alone, so do your part and be a subscriber.

Please join or pay dues on the neighborhood website, edgemereparkokc.com. We also accept Venmo @epscokc, or checks to Edgemere Park Security Corp. P.O. Box 54655, OKC, OK 73154-1655. Our fiscal year runs Feb. to Feb., and payments can be made monthly, quarterly, or annually. Please contact us with any questions about your account at epscokc@gmail.com.

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As I type, I have just dispatched the security guard to check out a suspicious car. A concerned neighbor reported it to us, sent us a picture, and now the guard will be on the lookout for this vehicle. Many wonder what security actually does… This is an example.

I believe we are making some progress as we near our second year with 4x daily patrol service. We have had much less homeless activity in the park. People now realize that Edgemere Park is less hospitable for vagrancy. Heritage Hills/Mesta Park, Edgemere Park and Crown Heights have security service. I do want to stress that Edgemere Park is a public park, welcome to all, BUT be aware that it is maintained in part (large part) by the neighborhood association (EPPI), and kept secure by the security corporation (EPSC). We also patrol every street in the neighborhood, from 30th to 36th Streets, from Walker to Robinson. It is our neighborhood, and it is neighborhood dollars and labor that keep it such a great place to live and play.

We are on course to make it through 2024 in the black - IF everyone pays their installments through the year. Please keep up your support or, if you have not yet joined, please consider it today! We need everyone! Right now, we have less than 105 of the households as members, so please do your part!!

Ann Parrish, President
Margaret Donnelly, Treasurer



Historic Preservation Information available online

Fall is upon us and I don't know about y'all, but I'm ready for cooler temperatures and turning leaves. Edgemere is beautiful this time of year, but our neighborhood is always beautiful in large part to our historic homes. Did you know that there is a map of the homes considered historic online? The map (linked below) shows the parts of Edgemere considered Historic Preservation for zoning purposes. If you are in the green area, then there are particular approvals that must be obtained before making any changes to the outside of your home. Changes requiring approval include, but are not limited to windows, fencing, roofs, adding detached structures, new construction, doors, porches. Along with the map linked below, there is also a link to the Historic Preservation Application Packet and the Historic Preservation Design Standards outlining the standards and expectations when considering altering the outside of your historic home. Also, Edgemere has a Historic Preservation Committee that meets each month before the OKC Historic Preservation Commission meeting. We are here to help and to review your packet before submission to OKC to identify potential speed bumps with your application. Don't want to type out all these links? Search "okc historic preservation" and it should come right up in your search engine.

– Andrea Monachella

Map: https://www.okc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/2832/635955331247400000

Historic Preservation Application Packet: https://www.okc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/31869/638119850016970000

Historic Preservation Design Standards: https://www.okc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/19030/637308501598730000


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June 2024 Yard of the Month: Jeff & Suzy Lloyd, 200 NW 33rd St.

Jeff and Suzy's beautiful home located at 200 NW 33rd is the winner of June's Yard of the Month.

Built in 1938, the home is beautifully framed with Suzy's innovative plantings, a welcoming red sidewalk, and croton in matching urns on each side of the porch steps.

Suzy's landscape consists of two Japanese maples, a dogwood, several smoke bushes, Fernspray golden cypress, a sawtooth elm and purple plum tree. English ivy fills in the beds as well as seasonal plantings like festive red begonias.

The Lloyds' backyard plantings include four crepe myrtles, a Japanese black pine tree and assorted potted plants filled with colorful crotons, celosia, coleus, dusty miller and English ivy.







Trinity School
at Edgemere



Exciting Times as We Kick Off the New School Year at Trinity!

The school year is officially in full swing at Trinity! Last month, we welcomed students and families to our annual Back-to-School Night, where students connected with their new teachers, picked up schedules, and reunited with friends. It was wonderful to see our Tigers back on campus, and we're thrilled to begin what promises to be a fantastic year. Classes officially started on August 15th, and the energy on campus has been inspiring!



This year is packed with engaging events for our Trinity community! On September 19th, we will host a Grandparents' Breakfast, a wonderful opportunity for students to share a special morning with their loved ones. Look for our Tigers at the Flag Pole for our All-School Annual See You at The Pole ceremony where we give thanks and pray for our country and upcoming school year! And, on September 27th, families join us for a memorable evening on the lawn under the stars for our All-School Movie Night.



On October 1st our Tigers will join their pastors for our Pastor Appreciation Breakfast. This is the perfect time to honor them for their service to God and others. If you are or know a pastor that would like to get involved with Trinity, email us at office@trinityschoolokc.org.





In celebration of our upcoming 65th anniversary, we are launching a special drive to support our mission of providing exceptional education for students with learning differences. Your contributions will help fund critical resources, enhance our programs, and ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive in a supportive and nurturing environment. To give, scan the QR Code. Thank you for your support, Neighbors!

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August Yard of the Month: Terri Ganes, 209 Edgemere Ct.

Terri's beautiful summer landscape captured the Yard of the Month award for August.

Her lovely buff brick home adorned with inlaid stone on each side of the front was built is 1935. It is a fine example of elegant simplicity with its peaked roof, double chimneys, arched living room windows and large sitting porch.

The plantings include mature Natchez white crepe myrtles, white and purple Angelonia, white periwinkle, lantana, purple salvia, smoke bushes and a bald cypress. Terri has accentuated the flower beds with yellow coreopsis, red begonias, miniature boxwoods, and a huge elephant ear plant. Elephant ears, if mulched in the winter, can come back year after year if Mother Nature is kind to us and takes her ice storms elsewhere.





NOTE OF PASSING

LONGTIME EDGEMERE NEIGHBOR ANI DOMINGUEZ passed away in May after a short illness. Considered by some as the 33rd Street "social butterfly," she was well known for her networking and awareness of most things "Edgemere." Ani was married to Dr. Joe Jamison for nearly 30 years and they were blessed with little Ani ("Anita") and Cole. Ani will be remembered for many things, including her hospitality, her beautiful accent, her love for her two- and four-legged children and her commitment to enjoying life.



Ana Maria Dominguez Alvarez Obituary

Ani was born April 27, 1966 in Mexico City to Ana Maria Dominguez Alvarez and Ricardo Dominguez Kroepfly. She attended the Colegio Suizo where she was at the top of her class. After graduation, she attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where she received a bachelor of science and biology and a bachelor of the arts in German literature. She then attended Texas A&M University, where she focused on cytogenetics and received a masters degree in biology. Later, she continued her research studying macular genetics at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

After retiring from research, she stayed home to raise her two children, Anita and Cole. She was very proud of her children and all of their accomplishments. Ani was a great supporter of the Oklahoma City arts community and she never missed a Broadway show when they were in town. She loved to travel and especially enjoyed exploring the US, Canada, Europe, and Mexico.

She is survived by her children, Anita and Cole, her mother, Ana Maria, her sister, Beatriz, her niece and nephew and numerous cousins. She will be remembered as a beautiful, intelligent and outgoing person who drew others to her.

September Yard of the Month: Trey & Margaret Donnelly, 415 NW 34th St.

As the cool winds of autumn start to blow, the Donnelly's beautiful yard is the last featured for 2024.

Trey and Margaret purchased their ca 1932 home in May of 2022. After undergoing a lengthy and major update and remodel, they moved in March of 2023.

Soon afterwards, the flower beds were planted and landscape created.

Margaret has planted boxwood and Hawthorne as their foundation plants and added Crepe Myrtle, golden smoke trees, and a variety of perennials including sage, false aster, catnip, spirea and butterfly weed. Periwinkles for annuals as well as colorful pots lead up to the front porch.

The Donnellys added a Chinese Pistache and 2 October glory maples in the front yard as the finishing touch to their landscape.







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JANE AUSTEN'S
CHRISTMAS CRACKER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 20: Oktoberfest Celebration in the park starts at 5:00 PM.

Save the Date!



EDGEMERE PARK OKTOBERFEST

Sunday, Oct. 20

Oktoberfest at the park pavilion, 4-6 pm
The neighborhood association will provide BRATS and BEVERAGES, neighbors please bring a small side or dessert.

Odd addresses please bring a side, even addresses a dessert.

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