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Letter from the 2022 President Susie White

August 10, 2022t

Goodbye to SUMMER and boy was it a record breaker!
I know everyone worked hard just to keep their yards and flowers alive. Unfortunately, the summer heat and lack of rain has put extreme stress on our new and young trees in the park. Fortunately, we have had a team of watering volunteers that share the responsibility of watering the newest young trees in the park every week. We are hopeful that we can water adequately the next several months of this record-breaking heat to keep most of the trees alive. We have lost a couple of the young trees and keep watering and waiting for the weather to break.

When enjoying the park, one thing to keep in mind is that Edgemere Park is an OKC Parks Department park. The Parks Department and the Public Works Dept. are making an effort to work more closely together to better coordinate regular park maintenance and any future work in the park and creek. They want to see Edgemere Park be a jewel as much as we do.

I have noticed that there are several solar panel companies working to cover OKC roofs with panels and shingles for reducing electric usage. Be mindful that Edgemere Park is an Historic Preservation Neighborhood and we have guidelines created by the city to maintain the original beauty and design of our homes and properties. With that in mind, there are specific guidelines for the installation of solar panels, but they are not completely prohibited and are encouraged from a "sustainability" perspective. This process does require a Certificate of Appropriateness. If you are considering installing solar panels or shingles on your roof, they must not be visible from the public right-of-way or from streets including side streets for corner or interior lots. Panels and shingles must be installed on back facing roof slopes and lay flat on the roof slope. Panels can be installed in backyards (out of view) if they are less than six feet tall. Page 142 of the HP Guidelines.

School is back in session now for most of the kids and families in the area. This means children walking and riding bikes to and from school as well as high school age kids, driving and parking around the park. Remember to keep an eye out and be patient.

When you live in Edgemere Park, you are encouraged to become a dues paying member of the association. Our volunteer Board of Trustees works together to handle issues and concerns for your street and the entire neighborhood, and tries to create ideas and opportunities for our neighbors. Contacting your block trustee or an officer is where you start when you need to share information or ask a question. We cannot operate without the revenue of dues.

WE NEED YOU…

— *Susie*

SARINDA GIBSON (1955 - 2022)

Our beloved Sarinda Catherine Gibson, age 66, died peacefully in the arms of her husband on May 27, 2022 at home in Edgemere after a stoic and courageous battle with cancer. Sarinda was born on December 28, 1955 on Whiteman AFB, Missouri to Pete and Carol Pettingill. She moved to Mangum, Oklahoma around the age of 10 and graduated from Mangum High School in 1974. She later earned a Bachelors degree in English Literature from UCO in 1992. She is survived by Keith, her faithful husband of 34 years, two children, Samuel and Hannah, her brother Kerry Pettingill, sister Tuni Lively, her Aunt Donna Thomas, numerous relatives, nieces and nephews. Sarinda very much loved her family and cherished her countless friends. She adored children and they adored her. She enthusiastically embraced life! Always first to arise for the new day! She, along with her green thumb and red lipstick, created a wonderful home that is indeed a reflection of her soul. She was an artist in every way, remarkable at recognizing and creating the aesthetic. She was a joyous and infectious spirit! Jesus, no doubt, has welcomed her with open arms! She will be profoundly missed! In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Contemporary Arts Center in her name.





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Thank You and Goodluck

Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. has been so very fortunate over the past 20+ years to have a fantastic and dedicated neighbor, Mark Clopton. Mark has served during the years as a Block Trustee, President and most recently Edgemere Park Security Corporation Treasurer/President. Our friend Mark has been an integral part of keeping EPPI and the neighborhood active, fun and safe. He has answered the call so many times whenever asked to volunteer and support various activities and social events. Mark, his wife Marian and their two children Rex and Faye are relocating from OKC to the Los Angeles area. Marian and the kids are already out in LA to start school, while Mark will be around a few more weeks.

THANK YOU Mark for your service to Edgemere Park. We are going to miss you here in the hood and wish you and your family the very best in this new chapter of life.

The BIG Ask

EPPI is looking to fill several spots on our Board and we need your help. With the Cloptons move out of state, we have a vacancy in the Edgemere Park Security Corporation. The neighborhood also needs a new President as well as the President Elect. Terms are only a two-year commitment. If you are a member of the neighborhood association and feel like helping with the security corporation or becoming more involved in the operation of Edgemere Park, the board of trustees would love to hear from you. We need you to step up and help EPPI continue to keep our neighborhood an involved and vital part of OKC. Now it is your turn. For questions and additional information, please contact Susie White at: osagesusie@yahoo.com.

FOURTH OF JULY

The 4th of July was an extra hot one this year. It was a pleasure to see so many of our Edgemere Park neighbors brave the heat and join us for the picnic. If you blinked, you probably missed the parade as it sped through the route on the way to the gazebo in near record time. One of these years, we'll convince the kids that it's not a race and it's okay to slow down. Thank you to our block trustees that worked hard to put the picnic together: Dennis Naumann, Mark Clopton, Petra Cox, Wendy Shreffler, Linda Clement and Karri Morgan.

After the Kids' Parade we had a few rounds of Cake Walking for prize cakes. And then everyone enjoyed sharing a picnic lunch of hotdogs and sides. Unfortunately, it was so very hot, that most folks didn't stick around for too long. I'm fairly certain that although it was hot, those neigh-bors that joined in, had a nice time.



Our next Neighborhood Social event will be Oktoberfest. Watch for signs and information. Oktoberfest is held on a Sunday late afternoon at the Gazebo. EPPI will provide brats, hotdogs and beer. Neighbors are asked to bring sides and desserts to share potluck style. Be sure to also bring your picnic blanket and folding chairs to relax in while you enjoy the evening.







WATER, WATER, WATER

Just as we finally receive a drop of rain, we need to be reminded that it is very important to continue watering your yard, trees and flower beds. Watering your trees and shrubs is important. The drought has caused many of our cedars to die.

The blue atlas and Horstmann cedars, as well as deodor's are native to Canada, which has cooler temperatures and a moist climate, thus are more sensitive to the dry hot winds that we have been experiencing. Our trees and shrubs have been compromised because of recent ice and wind storms, making them weaker. Water is essential right now!

A few tips: Try to water in the mornings or the evenings when the temperatures are cooler. Trees and shrubs can be slow to show distress and do not wilt like flowers when they are dry. Dry and brittle branches are a sign of wind and heat damage as well as the lack of water. Tree roots need a good soaking. Remember to water as far as the dripline and beyond if you can. The grass and flower roots are competing for this moisture, so a deep and thorough watering is essential. If the tree is healthy, its bark will be strong and more likely able to deter borers and pests that settle in the bark for the winter. You will be rewarded with a beautiful and healthy canopy next year!

It is almost time to overseed fescue lawns.

The OU Extension Center states that the best time to overseed is in October and April, weather permitting. Grass seed needs to be kept moist in order to germinate. This means watering in the morning and evening for just a few minutes. The grass should sprout within 2 weeks, and then watering can be reduced to once a day until it is established.

If you have applied weed killer of any sort or a weed and feed formula, grass seed will not germinate. Now is the time to decide which to do, overseed or apply weed control grains.

If we have cooler temperatures in early October, grass seed can be applied early in the month and then weed and feed in December as long as the application is a light one.

Happy gardening!



PARKS AND LANDSCAPE

The OKC Public Works Department has a plan to improve coordination with the Parks Department. They will be working closely with Parks on projects to ensure the level of work is appropriate and compatible with the needs of the park.

The efforts of park maintenance makes appreciate our watering volunteers all the more. Thanks go out to Dusty Darr, Robert Dennis, George Waters, Doug Stratton, Braton Danielson, Susie White, Christa Ball and Henri Bailey!



Park Light Bases

Many thanks to Dusty Darr, Mark Clopton, Dennis Naumann and Henri Bailey for their efforts in repainting the bases on the park lights where the paint had become badly chipped. They have completed 21 bases and have 7 more to complete the task. Great job!!

Neighbors Night Out:
Tuesday, Sept. 13th

There is no organized activity in Edgemere Park for this evening. Something may be planned on a block by block basis. It is a good time to get outside and get acquainted with your neighbors!

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July 2022 Yard of the Month – 438 NW 35th Street

July's yard of the month, 438 NW 35th St, has been awarded to Katy Long.

Katy purchased her 1929 home in 2018, and has refreshed the landscape. Hydrangeas in both flower beds leading up to the porch welcome you with their bright pink blooms. Katy and her mother, who is an avid gardener, have added a mixture of lavender, cone flowers, purple salvia, hostas, begonias, SunPatiens, rose moss and white alyssum for added color and texture. Tulips are planted in the front beds as well, to bring us a pop of color in the spring. The lawn is overseeded with fescue twice a year to maintain its beauty. A mature maple shades the front yard, which faces north and provides the right amount of shade for the flower beds, which love a mix of sun and shade.



Katy's backyard flower beds are filled with bright zinnias, black-eyed susans and various festive wildflowers. A lovely backyard for a glass of wine in the evenings.

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Trinity School
at Edgemere



It was a busy summer here at Trinity! Our annual Summer Up Camp was a great success. Students began their day with academic intensives and, in the afternoon, enjoyed fun activities. The camp ended with a water play day on the school lawn. We can't wait to do it again next year!



Our Tiger basketball players were also hard at work preparing for the next season at our annual basketball camp. They worked hard learning new skills and brushing up on some old ones.



Right now, school is back in full swing! Students attended Back-to-School night on August 9th, where they met their teachers, got their new schedules, and caught up with old friends. It was a joy to see our hallways filled with students on August 11th, our first day of school.

We have so many exciting things happening this year. Our first big event is an all-school movie night on September 30th. Families can enjoy a meal while watching a fun movie on our lawn. It's always a great time!

This year Ms. Schade promoted Mike Smith to Head of School. Mr. Smith joined Trinity in 2021 after serving in multiple leadership roles in different schools over the past two decades. He began his career in education in 1996 as a high school history teacher and football coach. He's taught in California, Texas, and Oklahoma and most recently has held roles in school administration as a principal. We are thrilled to have Mr. Smith in this position!



Do you love kids? Are you looking to give back to your community while earning extra money? Trinity is always looking for substitute teachers and community volunteers, including a volunteer nurse or medical professional. We are also hiring a part-time librarian. If you're interested, please contact the school office at careers@trinityschoolokc.org or call our office at 405-525-5600. We would love to talk to you!



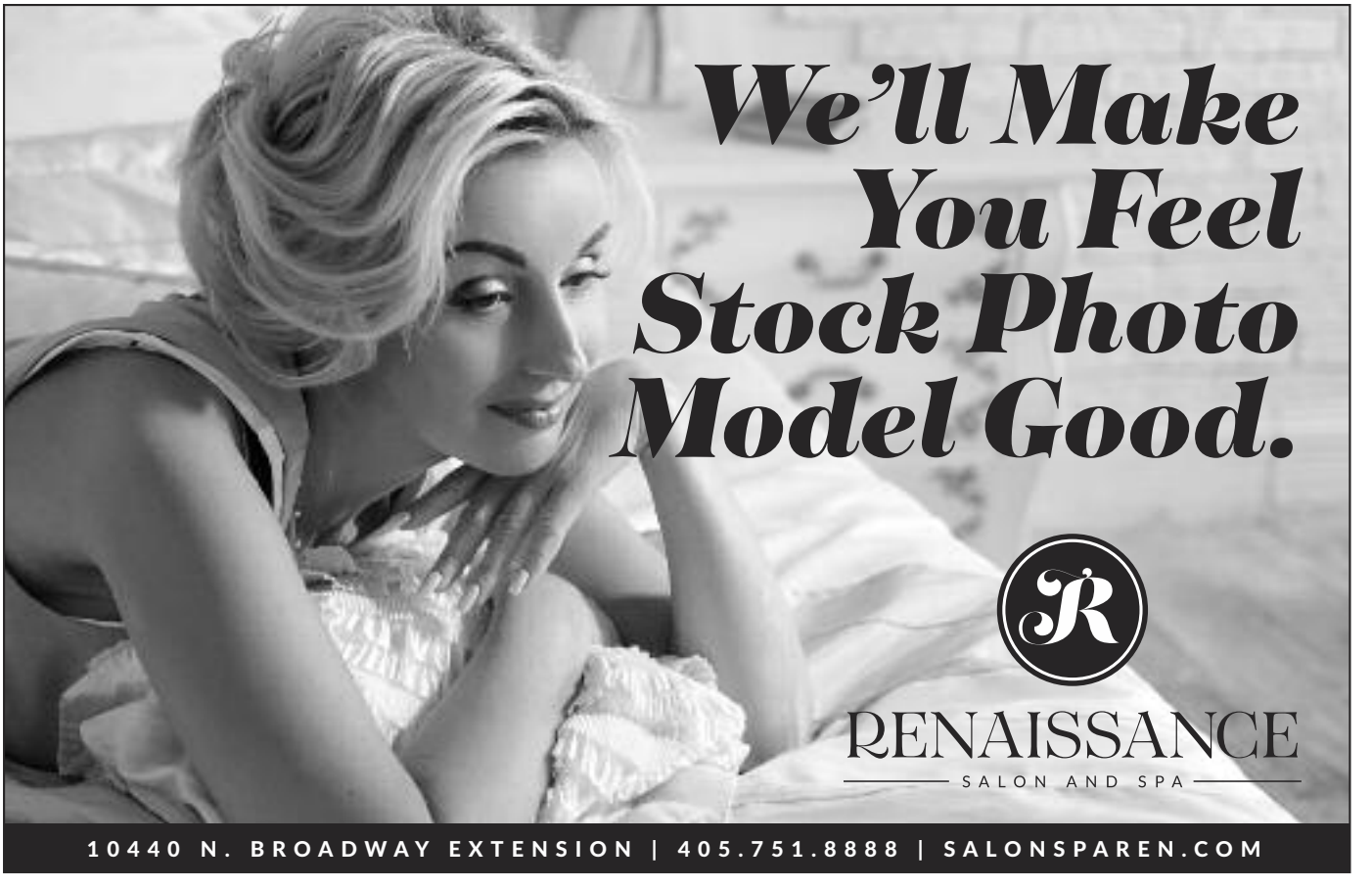
Want to hear more about what we're doing at Trinity? Did you know we're active on social media? Like our page on Facebook by going to @trinityschoolokc or follow us on Instagram at TrinitySchoolOKC.







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Edgemere Park Security Corporation in Danger of Ceasing Operations

Our security patrol provider, Elite Protective Services, has instituted a sudden rate increase of +36%. In doing this, they cite the need to raise pay rates to attain adequate staffing, the higher cost of gasoline and business insurance. EPSC runs on a very tight budget, with quarterly member inflows matching almost exactly with patrol expenses. We absolutely cannot cover the increase in patrol cost without also immediately increasing membership and/or dues to the same degree. Doing so would risk running down the small cash reserve EPSC maintains very quickly. Unfortunately, we had to request that Elite immediately pause their patrol service to eliminate this risk.

So, you will not see any security patrols in the neighborhood until we have evaluated our options, gathered feedback from the membership and entire neighborhood, and found a workable solution. It may well be that there is simply not enough support from the neighborhood, both in terms of funding and volunteering, to contract for enough patrol hours per week to make the patrol service worthwhile. Effectively, only 97 subscribers are currently paying Security dues. At this level, patrol services are not sustainable. In the coming days, we will be studying patrol options and the potential for the neighborhood to financially support each option. In the meantime, **we really need to hear from you if you strongly desire security patrols to continue and would like to be part of this research and managing the EPSC going forward**.

In addition to the financial blow to EPSC, we are losing Mark Clopton, who has been the neighborhood's "all things security" guy for the last several years. He and his family are moving out of state very soon and while they will be missed enormously for many reasons, his volunteer position for EPSC must be filled ideally with multiple individuals to share the load. The task of managing this rate increase, and EPSC going forward, simply cannot be borne by the handful of people who are the neighborhood's main volunteers already. If it is, it's fairly certain the EPSC will be wound down.

If you believe Security Patrols are a deterrent to crime in the neighborhood and want to see them continue, we must have your feedback and financial support! We need at least a few new brave souls to champion EPSC if it is to remain.

Please email edgemere.park.security@gmail.com if you would like to see Security continue!

- Nighttime Burglaries
  - Nighttime burglaries of unlocked vehicles and garages are still occurring periodically
  - Please remember to LOCK YOUR VEHICLES and remove valuables
  - Turn on existing exterior lights and add dusk-till-dawn security flood lights
  - **Please keep an eye out for your neighbors and alert the police (911) to suspicious activity**

- Adding Exterior Security Lighting is Highly Recommended
  - It is a quick and easy way to deter roaming thieves
  - If you are looking for an electrician recommendation:
    - I personally recommend Terry Jameson with Metroplex Electric (405) 627-2099. Terry is a former Edgemere Park resident and has helped to maintain and upgrade our neighborhood streetlights for many years. Also, Terry has helped support this newsletter with his advertisements, was a dues-paying security member during his time in the neighborhood, and dedicated himself to helping neighbors restore power after the 2020 ice storm. He installed a dusk-till-dawn light on our family's garage, which we have found to be very beneficial.
    - Terry provided an estimate of $485 for the fixture, parts and labor to add a high quality security light. The exact cost will be a little more or less depending on the distance from the fixture to the power source.

- Security Corp. Dues-paying Membership at Critical Level
  - We will need to increase our membership to sustain our current patrol of 32 hours/week over the next twelve months
  - Of the 30 residents who moved out of the neighborhood last year, many were security members and we need new residents to pick up where they left off
  - Please join us in financially supporting security patrol; it has helped keep crime to a minimum in Edgemere Park for 35 years!
- Convey any questions or concerns about security patrol at edgemere.park.sescurity@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Sept 13, is National Neighborhood Night Out.

Sunday, Oct 2, 5-7 pm, Octoberfest at the gazebo.

Save the date!



Edgemere Park Octoberfest

BRATS & BEER

(and hotdogs for the kids)

Sunday, October 2nd

at the park pavilion, 5-7pm

Mark your calendars and we'll see you outside.

Even addresses bring a shareable dessert
Odd addresses bring a side dish to share

A BIG THANKS to Freeman's Liquor for supplying the beer.

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