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Letter from the President Coleman Nash

June 13, 2025

Hello Edgemere! I hope everyone has been enjoying the warm weather and all the rain that this spring/early summer has brought us. As always, the warmer weather brings more activity to our park, so please be mindful of the children, walkers, runners, and others as the weather continues to improve.

For those of you that participated in our park clean-up in April, thank you so much. I'd like to give a big shoutout to Jessica Johnson for organizing this event again this year! If you missed it and want to participate in the next round, we are planning on doing another clean-up in late summer/early fall. We will make sure to include signs in the park when a date is chosen. Even half an hour of cleaning our park can go a long way!

As usual, I want to take one more opportunity here to ask those who have not paid their dues to please do so. Our neighborhood dues and security dues help provide events throughout the year and our patrolled security company. Even a small donation can really help with all that we do and can truly benefit you. If you have additional questions on what your dues pay for, please feel free to reach out to me personally, coleman.nash@gmail.com.

Speaking of events… our annual 4th of July party is going to be on Friday, July 4th this year! This is a great event and an even better opportunity to get together with your neighbors to celebrate the 4th! As always, Freeman's Liquor Store will donate beer, and the EPPI will provide water, hot dogs, condiments, and chips. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us for the fun!

For additional information on what is going on with our beautiful neighborhood, please reach out to me, your block trustee, or our neighborhood website. I look forward to seeing you all at the 4th of July party and I am always available to hear your thoughts/concerns with the neighborhood.

— Coleman Nash

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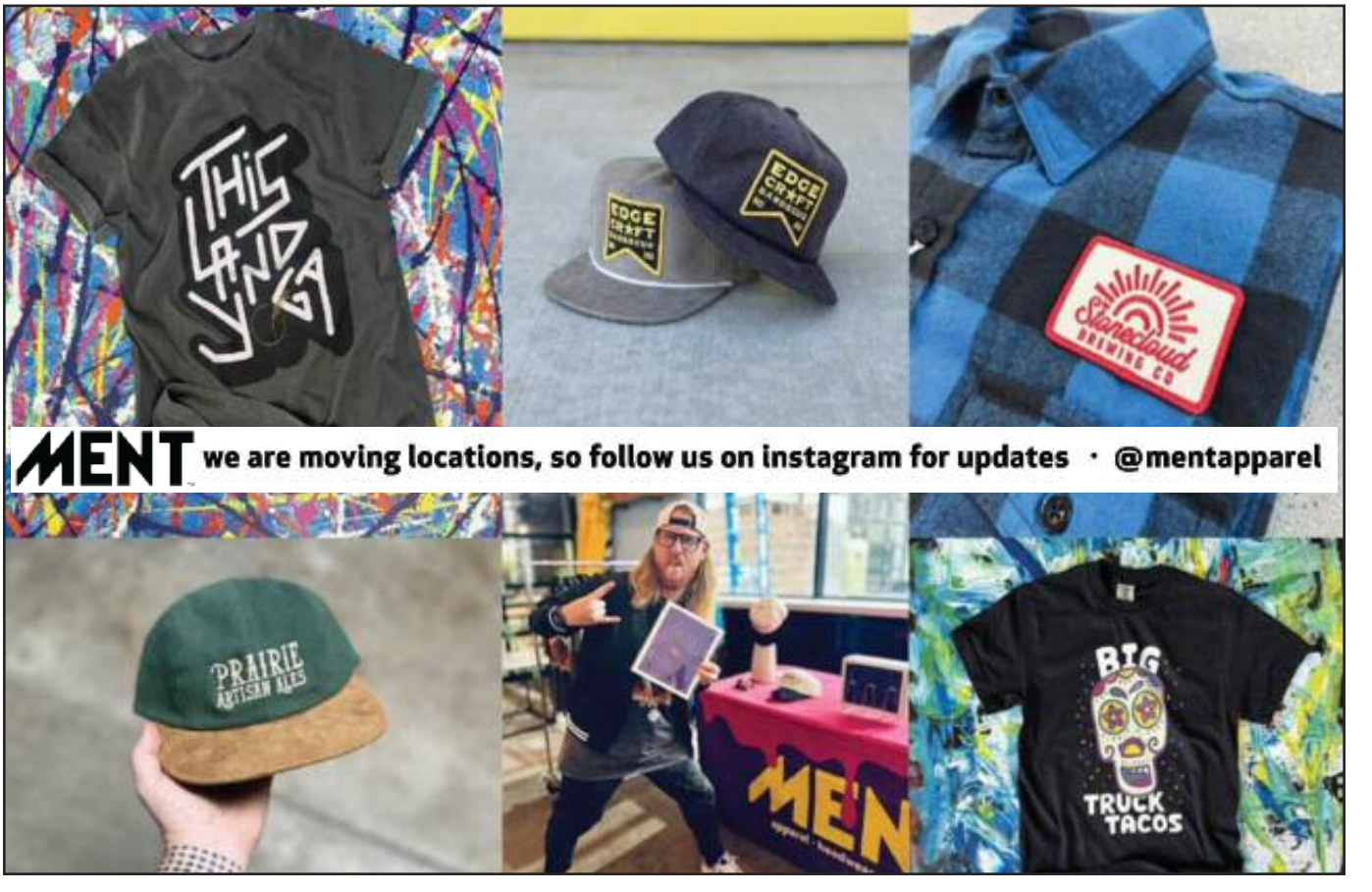
Thank you to the Edgemere Park neighbors that have already joined or renewed their membership for 2025.

Your continued support is sincerely appreciated.

If you have not yet renewed or joined Edgemere Park Preservation, Inc (EPPI) this year, please consider doing that NOW. **Payment is now easy to make online at edgemereparkokc.com**.

Annual membership dues are only $100 and are the primary means of funding neighborhood operations. Among other things, membership dues fund the website, newsletter, maintenance of some common areas and decorative residential streetlights, as well as social events including the July 4th Picnic, Oktoberfest, and Holiday Party.

Please join your neighbors to support EPPI. ***Your neighborhood needs you!***



EDGEMERE PARK SECURITY

SUMMER IS HERE! The park is in full swing, with so many neighbors, pets, and local folks enjoying being out and about in nature. Enjoy!! However, please remember that this is also a favored time of year for bicycle theft and other opportunistic robberies from porches, open windows, etc. Please be vigilant with your and your kids' property, and alert delivery services to leave items at side doors, etc. Also remember never leave your car unlocked overnight, or leave items inside it. There are gangs of thieves that sweep through overnight, and are looking for an easy chance - they are very quick about it. Also, a reminder that if you see something suspicious, please take a photo with your phone if possible, and let us know as soon as you can. We will gladly alert our security service, who can either take care of the issue or be on special lookout when on their drive-by duties. Our email is espcokc@gmail.com. Finally, if you haven't joined yet, PLEASE BECOME A MEMBER TODAY! We appreciate everyone's involvement - the more neighbors we have, the greater the security presence we can afford to maintain. Home security systems and personal cameras are very important deterrents to crime, and so is a security officer patrolling the park and streets.

HOW TO JOIN:

TWO NEW-FANGLED WAYS:

METHOD 1: Go to our neighborhood website, edgemereparkokc.com
Create an account
Go to the Pay Dues section, and scroll all the way down to Security Dues
Input your information and credit card, and you're good to go!

Please note that sometimes the website is fussy and you may have to try multiple times to pay. We know, and hope the issue will be corrected soon.

METHOD 2: Send us a VENMO @epscokc, and write us an email at epscokc@gmail.com so we know who you are and can credit your account.

THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY:

Write a check made payable to Edgemere Park Security Corp., EPSC
Complete the information below and send it to:
Edgemere Park Security Corporation (EPSC)
P.O. Box 54655
OKC, OK 73154-1655

Name:_____

Address:_____

Email:_____

Phone:_____

WHAT TO PAY:

Annual payment (February to February fiscal year): $350
Semi-Annual payment (due February and August): $180
Quarterly payment (due February, May, August, November): $90
Monthly payments (only available through the website) $30

If you are a new resident and want to join, please email us at epscokc@gmail.com and we will gladly prorate your account.

Ann Holden Parrish, President/ Margaret Holden Donnelly, Treasurer

PETS OF EDGEMERE PARK

Hi, I'm Riley. I've been playing in Edgemere Park for the last five years. Perhaps you've seen me. Being a Shetland Sheep Dog I'm a natural herder. When I was a puppy I used to herd squirrels up trees. They would often circle around the tree trunks or run from one tree to another just to taunt me. I would bark at them to try to get them to obey. It didn't always work. Now that I'm a big dog I've accepted their disobedience and pretty much leave them alone. Today you will find me staying to the sidewalk.

I find members of my species much more interesting than members of yours. Thus I will happily visit with (most) other dogs, especially my girlfriends (you know who you are), but may completely ignore you. Some call me aloof, including my dad, but I consider myself more disinterested. Please don't take offense. If I'm in a social mood I may allow you a brief pet. The next time you see me in the park you are welcome to offer me a snack. But don't be surprised if I don't take it. I've trained my parents really well and only accept tender and juicy treats! Woof!





Summer Sips

As the temperatures rise and the days stretch long, there's nothing quite like a refreshing drink to beat the heat and elevate your summer gatherings. This year, the beverage scene is buzzing with trends that go beyond your usual lemonade! One of the most talked-about sips making waves is the Spicy Sauvy B. It's an unexpected twist that balances the wine's bright notes with a subtle warmth.

SPICY SAUVY B

- 1 glass of Sauvignon Blanc, chilled
- 3 to 4 coin-sized slices of fresh jalapeño (remove seeds for less spice), frozen until solid (± 2-3 hours)
- Extra jalapeño slice for garnish (optional)

1. Place a wine glass in the freezer for a few minutes to chill. **2.** Add the frozen jalapeño slices to the glass. **3.** Pour in the chilled Sauvignon Blanc. **4.** Let it sit for a couple minutes in the refrigerator to let the flavors meld. **5.** Serve, garnished with an extra jalapeño slice, if desired.



Trinity School at Edgemere



Trinity School Wraps Up the Year with Celebration—and Looks Ahead to a Bright Summer

As another school year comes to a close, Trinity School is filled with gratitude, pride, and excitement for what lies ahead. We remain committed to educating students with learning differences in a safe, nurturing environment—and our end-of-year celebrations are a reflection of the vibrant, close-knit community that makes Trinity so special.



On May 17, we proudly celebrated the commencement of our graduating seniors at All Souls Episcopal Church. Surrounded by family, friends, and faculty, these remarkable students were recognized for their perseverance, growth, and accomplishments. We were honored to welcome Nick Gallo from the OKC Thunder as this year's commencement speaker, making the occasion even more memorable.



Before heading into summer break, our Middle School students hosted a special "Middle School Blast" to welcome rising sixth graders. It was an afternoon filled with games, laughter, and connection—an uplifting way to mark the end of middle school for some and the beginning of a new journey for others.

Our annual Field Day on May 21 officially closed out the academic year with a day of classic Trinity fun. From games and outdoor challenges to snow cones and celebration, students across all grade levels enjoyed a joyful sendoff into summer.

But the fun doesn't stop there—summer learning is right around the corner! Trinity will host two programs this July:

Read Up! is a specialized reading therapy and enrichment camp for students diagnosed with dyslexia or those who struggle with reading.

Summer Up! offers an engaging, academic-focused experience that helps students retain essential reading and math skills while enjoying hands-on learning and activities.



More information about both camps can be found on our website at www.TrinitySchoolOKC.org.

You may also notice some construction activity near the school in the coming weeks. Thanks to a recently awarded grant, we're expanding our parking lot to help ease traffic and congestion in the neighborhood—a much-needed improvement we're excited to see come to life.

As always, we're deeply thankful for the continued support from our Edgemere neighbors. We look forward to another great year and can't wait to welcome our Tigers back in August!

Cheers to a fantastic summer, Edgemere Park!

These pictures capture just a fraction of the teamwork and community spirit on display at our recent annual Spring Park Clean Up. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed — your dedication makes our neighborhood a wonderful place to live!







HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

HELP NEEDED! Historic Preservation Chairperson. Email Coleman: coleman.nash@gmail.com

Neighborhood News

NEIGHBORS... We would love to include an article about your pet in the Pets Of The Park section.

- **If you would like to feature your dog and a cute story and photo, we would love to include them in our next issue that will be out around the beginning of Sept.**
- **Any announcements such as welcoming a new neighbor, a new addition to a family, would be a great addition to our newsletter.**
- **Favorite summertime cocktail or drink, favorite recipe or something that you would like to share with us would be welcome.**

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED about hearing about new local businesses, especially owned by Edgemere residents.
If you are interested in placing an ad in the newsletter, our prices are $65. for 1/4 page and $125. for 1/2 page.
Please contact Petra Cox at pcox220@gmail.com.

May 2025 Yard of the Month – 3100 Harvey Parkway, Brian Bogert

With the days becoming longer and Mother Nature providing her own water, our yards are more magnificent than ever! Brian Bogert's beautiful yard is a fine example.

Brian purchased the 1929 home from the Freede family in 2015. Mature and majestic sugar maple trees are welcoming with their shady canopies in the front yard as well as soft fescue grass. Desert spoon yuccas were added by Brian for a touch of fun. Taylor junipers have been planted along the garage as well as in the backyard where the magic happens. Brian has added a pool, cabana and outdoor kitchen. Plantings include red Japanese maples, deodar cedars, pink bigleaf hydrangeas, spreading junipers, magnolias and colorful pots of cacti. The perfect backyard for a glass of wine and a game of pickleball!









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June 2025 Yard of the Month – 412 NW 35th, Ralph and Dewayne Hester

Ralph and Dewayne Hester's lovely home overlooking our park was built in 1937. Purchased in 2021, the Hesters have renovated the yard and created an amazing landscape! The blue atlas cedar in the front yard was the only tree left from the previous owners and provided a blank canvas to work with. Ralph and Dewayne, both avid gardeners, have an eye for beauty. Plantings include Taylor junipers, boxwoods, white and pink oak leaf hydrangeas, Endless Summer hydrangeas, Pop Star hydrangeas, Oklahoma red roses, red stemmed dogwoods, a dwarf Hinoki cypress, salvia, hostas and a Jacobs coat rose with purple clematis intertwined in the blue atlas cedar. Red dianthus and yellow clumping geraniums add a pop of color as well as Spanish lavender. The Hesters have created an oasis in the backyard as well with a pool and planting of hostas, a Japanese Katsui tree, pink rosemary, lavender, pink oak leaf hydrangeas, and Persian Ironwood trees.









July 2025 Yard of the Month – 214 NW 33rd, Corey Phillips

Corey Phillips' beautiful yard is featured this month. Built in 1930, the dark brick of the home provides a nice backdrop for the colorful plantings. A large Japanese maple provides shade for the front porch, and pink petunias cascade over the large landscaping rocks in the flower bed. Corey has planted creeping phlox, white petunias, lavender and shasta daisies that bees and pollinators love. The bed is also filled with azaleas, pink yarrow and a desert willow which will soon be filled with red blooms. A lovely summer garden.









Native Plants Garden Update

Our Edgemere Park wildflower meadow, which was completed in February, is filling in nicely. Spring blooms were right on track. Colors change often, so go check it out! The



area did experience washout due to the above-average rainfall. Sweetleaf and Native Plants Nursery have donated maintenance and watering services since the garden was installed, which is especially important during this first growing season. They will revisit the site this fall to address any trouble areas, and to donate more natural stone for water channeling as well as additional plants. The temporary plastic fencing will be removed in July. Edgemere's garden, with its initial 747 native grasses, sedges and wildflowers, was made possible through donations from the Parks and Public Space Initiative/Margaret Annis Boys Trust of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Edgemere Park Preservation Inc.,



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Friday, July 4th : Celebration in the Park

