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Letter from the President Coleman Nash

Sept 22, 2025

While my family and I have thoroughly enjoyed our beautiful park the past couple of months, with summer having come to an end, I hope we can say goodbye to the Oklahoma heat for the year. Granted, it has been mild by the usual Oklahoma standards, but I for one am ready to welcome the cooler weather! I think our park is one of the most stunning places in Oklahoma City when the leaves start changing colors.

Fall weather in Edgemere means the neighborhood Oktoberfest celebration is almost here! Dress in your favorite dirndl and lederhosen – or just come as you are – to the pavilion on October 5th from 3-5 for the celebration. The neighborhood will provide brats and beer, but we need your help to feed the village as they say! If you live at a house with an odd number address, please bring a dessert to share. If you live at an even numbered address, please bring a side dish for all to enjoy. You are not required to bring anything, and if you are not able to assist this year, please don't let that prevent you from coming. All the beer is donated by Freeman's liquor so please help support them off N. Western when you can.

As always, I want to make a request to please pay your dues if you have not done so already. If you have, then THANK YOU very much! This money allows us to keep our park looking clean and beautiful and lets us put on fun events like Oktoberfest throughout the year. I believe these events strengthen this wonderful community that I am so proud to be a part of. Please visit our website edgemereparkokc.com to pay dues or reach out to your block captain if you prefer to pay with cash or a check. If you are not sure who your block captain is, feel free to reach out to me personally and I'll put you in touch with them.

In other news, we are continuing to work with the Parks Department to try to clean out some of the brush around the creek. This is a slow process, but the board will stay diligent and should be able to provide updates soon. We hold semi-regular park clean up days where we call on all of you to join us as we remove the debris that often washes up or is left behind by others. Please be on the lookout for signs around the neighborhood telling you when our next day will be and come for as long as you are able to help!

Lastly, if you have any desire to join the Edgemere Park Preservation, Inc. (EPPI) board, please reach out to me at the email below. We are always in need of volunteers, chairs, block captains, etc. and there are roles that fit various levels of time commitments. We always have a good time getting together and finding ways to improve our neighborhood!

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful community,

— Coleman Nash

President, Edgemere Park Preservation Inc.
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Edgemere Park Security Corp. Update

Ann Pareish, EPSC President

Happy Fall, Y'All!! As the weather gets colder, there are certain things to be more vigilant about in the neighborhood. This is the time of year for porch pirates, car break-ins and other opportunistic crimes. 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, checking every car for an easy theft - they are very quick about it. Recently, we have had an uptick in homeless activity. There was a camper in the park that our security officer removed, and a woman near the playground that I escorted out of the neighborhood. All told, this isn't much! 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, lighting 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

Neighborhood News

Do you love our Edgemere Park native plants garden?

Join us Thurs, Oct 9 at 6-7pm at the garden!
Bring a drink and your gardening gloves!
Help us pull weeds and discuss a maintenance plan.



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 Dec.
- 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.



The July 4th in the Park

The annual Edgemere Park Fourth of July party was an absolute hit, drawing familiar faces and new friends alike for a quintessential summer soiree. The day started with a bit of drizzly rain, but that couldn't stop parade Grand Marshal Matt Goad and a couple of kids on their highly festive bikes from making an appearance in their patriotic attire! Clouds eventually broke, leaving behind a cool summer day to celebrate our nation's adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

The atmosphere then crackled with the energy of a community coming together, all while the sweet sizzle of glizzies – as the young ones are calling hot dogs these days – filled the park pavilion. There were many sides and desserts, including sno-cones, thanks to many neighbors!

It's moments like these that truly show what makes our neighborhood special. We're already counting the days until our next event, Oktoberfest (on October 5), and all the fun it's sure to bring!









Food isn't TRASH

Somehow, through all our good intentions to eat healthy and prepare all the fresh foods we purchase, we have food that goes bad. There are several ways we can keep this food from going into the landfill. Because when we throw food into the trash, as it decays in the landfill it creates methane, which is a powerful greenhouse gas. It is reported that about 58% of methane emissions from landfills come from food waste.

Useable food can be donated to a free food fridge like the one at Flora Bodega around the corner at 30th and Walker.

Unusable food can be composted in your yard. OKC Beautiful offers classes on backyard composting. If you don't have the time or space for composting yourself, there is a free program offered by Fertile Ground.

By composting we divert food waste from polluting landfills and incinerators. Compost enhances the soil by adding organic matter, structure, fertility, microbes and helps with disease resistance in the soil. That sounds like a WIN/WIN!

You can **start recycling food waste and scraps in a paper bag** or bio-bag. Some of the recyclables include: fruit and vegetable scraps, cooked food, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, egg shells, 100% paper products and more. You need a code to open the bin which you can get by scanning the QR Code. Or go to the drop site at Central Park Community Garden at 801 NW 31st St. Additional information can be found on Fertile Ground's facebook page.



3 STAGES OF COMPOSTING

A COMPOST PILE IN A CORNER of the yard (behind the garage) produces a good amount of 'new dirt' every year. All the grass clippings, leaves and kitchen trimmings easily meld together.

Regular turning (a pitchfork helps a lot) and weekly wetting is key to speeding the process of making a good supply of compost annually. What I start one year in the spring is ready to bag up the following spring.

A friend in Edmond I give my extras to, tells me every time she uses it, passing neighbors ask her what she's done to her lawn.

Trinity School
at Edgemere

Trinity School Kicks Off a New Year with Energy and Excitement!

A look back at our first days together and what's ahead this fall.



First Day of School

Students returned in August ready to begin the 2025-2026 school year. The first day was filled with classroom introductions, reconnecting with friends, and meeting new teachers. It was a smooth and positive start, setting the tone for a year focused on learning and growth.



Volleyball Season Begins

Fall athletics are underway, and Trinity's volleyball team has already started practices and early matches. The season provides students the chance to build skills, work together, and represent Trinity with teamwork and school spirit. Families and staff are excited to support the team throughout the semester.

Grandparents Breakfast

On September 18, Trinity will host its annual Grandparents Breakfast. This tradition brings students and their grandparents or special friends together for a morning of pastries and connection. It's a simple but meaningful way to celebrate the important role these relationships play in students' lives.

Movie Night

Movie Night returns this fall, offering families an evening to enjoy time together on campus. This event continues to be one of Trinity's most popular traditions and is a fun opportunity to strengthen the bonds within our school community.



Annual Fund: The Power of Us

In October, Trinity will launch the 2025-2026 Annual Fund campaign with a goal of $100,000. This year's theme, The Power of Us, reflects how every gift contributes to student success. The Annual Fund bridges the gap between tuition and the actual cost of providing small class sizes, individualized learning, and enriching programs.

We would love for our neighbors to join us in supporting this year's Annual Fund. A gift of $1,000 or more comes with special recognition—a banner displayed in front of our school. It's not only a wonderful way to support Trinity students, but also a great way to promote your business to families and visitors in our community. You can donate by going to www.trinityschoolinc.factsmgtadmin.com/give/or scan the QR code.

Trinity is grateful for the commitment of its families, friends, and community partners as we begin another year of growth, learning, and shared accomplishments.

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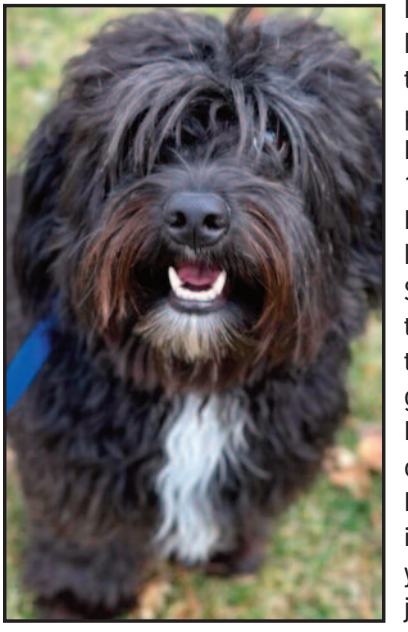
PETS OF EDGEMERE PARK

Meet Douglass Malcom Gibbs! His parents are A & Sheila Gibbs. Douglass loves spending his time walking the park, taking Jeep rides, meeting new friends, and sleeping on his mom's feet. Douglass has never met a stranger and he just knows every person, pup, squirrel, bird, bug, leaf, and rock is his next best friend.

He is the perfect mix of sweet and playful, and naughty and spunky. Douglass has a strong drive to eat all the treats and any piece of paper he can get his paws on. He loves sitting on the porch talking to his friends that pass by or just taking a nap. Douglass' birthday is March 18 and he is 2 years old. However, he lives his best life as if everyday is birthday. So, if you see him around town he would appreciate all the pets and hellos he can get. He will answer to Doug, Dougie, Dougie Doo, Discount Dougie, Dougie E. Fresh, and many others. But it really doesn't matter what you call him as long as you just say hello!



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Eric J. Groves, Edgemerite Extraordinaire

By Jann Hook

In July Edgemere Park lost a valued long-time neighbor. To me, Eric Groves was a personal local hero. He was there repeatedly when the neighborhood needed protection from encroachment, fighting whatever forces were trying to infringe and detrimentally harm the area.



My own experience with Eric came in 2008 when I was president of Edgemere Park Preservation, Inc. Almost in the dark of night with no notice to the neighborhood, OG&E, at the bidding of ODOT, installed a very large concrete base for a 70-foot-tall metal utility tower at the northwest corner of Eubanks and Robinson adjacent to the house there. This giant tower was to carry electrical lines across Broadway extension. Of course, we were up in arms searching desperately for ways to stop further construction. Through the many meetings and negotiations, Eric was there with his usual eloquent, persuasive and calm demeanor. We insisted ODOT and OG&E bury the lines rather than blight our neighborhood. ODOT said that was too expensive, but we stuck to our guns and since you don't see the ugly tower, you know that we were successful. Eric Groves gets most of the credit (and my never-ending gratitude) for that victory.

Being an Edgemere Park resident since 1974 as well as a frequent defender for the little guy, Eric was involved in other encroachment threats over the years. These included stopping a Circle K from being built at NW 36th and Walker in 1978, and the 1981 lawsuit the neighborhood brought against the state and federal Depts of Transportation to erect the brick sound wall to abate noise from the new Broadway Extension.

Rest in peace, Eric. Your neighbors are grateful and will miss you. Below are excerpts from Eric's obituary published by The Oklahoman on July 15, 2025:

Eric Jonathon Groves was born in Philadelphia in 1942 and graduated from Dickinson College with a degree in Political Science in 1964. He served Active Duty with the US Army Intelligence Corps from 1964-1966. His last assignment was in Oklahoma. He stayed and entered OU Law School, earning his degree in 1970. He excelled in both written and oral communication throughout his life.

He began his 54-year legal career as a trial lawyer and practiced with several OKC firms before starting his own in 1999. Several lawsuits he helmed had lasting impacts on justice in OKC, including important protections for the LGBTQ+ community against illegal searches, harassment, and false arrests.

Groves was a devoted city servant for decades serving as Ward 2 City Councilman from 1974-1980. He also served an interim term on the Council in 1999. He was a frequent speaker at law seminars and community gatherings, and became a go-to lawyer for zoning and land use cases.

Eric believed in preserving the past and represented many historical neighborhoods, helping to protect them from commercial encroachment or non-appropriate designs. He served as Trustee of Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. from 1996 to present. His love for the arts found him engaged as President of Ballet Oklahoma, 1989-1990, later serving as a board member.

Friends of Eric will remember him for his wit, political engagements, and love of comic books. He was the Number One fan of Bob Dylan and loved fine wine and food, driving across the country exploring diners and flea markets, all things irreverent, and his cat, Isabelle. Integrity, friendship, and humor were his guiding stars.

Eric is survived by his sister and his long-time life partner Mary R. Grace of Oklahoma City and their cat, Margaret.

August 2025 Yard of the Month – 445 NW 35, Janice & Kevin Gordon

Janice and Kevin's lovely corner property located on NW 35th is the epitome of summer time and flowers. The Gordons moved into their ca 1935 home in February of 2022 and have created an artistic pallet of flowers and shrubs. Plantings include white, red and orange sunpatiens, pink spirea, shasta daisies, red barberry, iris, crimson fountain grass,woodland sage, knock out roses, a weeping redbud, maple tree and a blue juniper.

Janice is an abstract media artist who loves to paint in layers of bold colors. It reflects in her choices of colors in the garden. She and her studio mates are hosting an open studio at Just Off Western Studios (behind the Metro restaurant near 63rd and Western) Sunday, November 16th from 2 to 4:30pm. Please stop by and enjoy the original art at affordable prices – perfect for gift giving.







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September 2025 Yard of the Month – 214 NW 31, Andrea Goad

As the cooler winds of September begin to blow and we realize that fall is around the corner, our last Yard Of The Month is celebrated at 214 NW 31st. Andrea Goad purchased her home in November of 2021. Her home was one of the first in Edgemere. Our neighborhood was platted at 30th street moving North and has seen many events and neighbors including the original home of actress Jennifer Jones next door, Model T cars, unpaved roads and days when the streetcar lines took one downtown. Andrea has planted spirea, yew, blue water Colorado spruce to frame her porch as well as spreading phlox that are the first to bloom in the spring! The lawn is planted with bermuda and overseeded with fescue and welcome you with a sidewalk of flagstones framed with grass adding a vintage touch to her beautiful lawn.

Thank you, Andea ,for sharing your yard and a little bit of Edgemere history.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct 5, 3-5 pm : Celebrate Oktoberfest in the Park!

Save the Date!

EDGEMERE PARK
Oktoberfest





Sunday, Oct. 5

Oktoberfest at the park pavilion, 3-5 pm

The neighborhood association will provide BRATS and BEVERAGES, neighbors please bring a small side or dessert.

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