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Letter from the President Coleman Nash

March 26, 2025

Hello Neighbors! I hope you are enjoying the spring weather like me! It has been nice seeing so many of you walking around the park again. For those of you that don't know me, I took over as President of EPPI in January. I would like to start this letter by thanking Lindsey Pever for her service as President for the past 2 years. Lindsey did a fantastic job and left big shoes to fill! I have lived in the neighborhood since 2011 and am currently in my second home in Edgemere along with my wife, 2-year old daughter, and our dog. If you see us walking around the park, please come and say hi!

Onto business! Thank you to those who have paid your Neighborhood dues. If you haven't, please do as soon as you are able. Neighborhood dues, though not mandatory, allow us to augment what the City of OKC Parks Department does for upkeep of the park and put on all the wonderful events throughout the year – including the 4th of July Party and Oktoberfest! In addition to the Neighborhood dues, I hope that you will also contribute to our Security Corporation. The Security dues are what pay for our security guard to monitor the neighborhood and are well worth the money. You can pay your Neighborhood and Security dues on our EPPI website or mail in a check.

We have lots of fun activities coming up, so don't forget to mark your calendar for the Paseo Arts Festival (May 24th – 26th), Pride Month events all through June, and (as I mentioned before) our annual 4th of July Party! We will have details coming soon for this party and, as always, the EPPI will provide hotdogs, condiments, chips, and baked beans, while neighbors bring a side dish or a dessert. Our beer comes from Freeman's Liquor, so please help us support them.

The EPPI Board will be meeting this week to organize a "Clean-up Day" at the park, so please be on the lookout for signs with a date and time. All the recent wind has blown more trash than usual into the creek, so we are hoping to get it cleaned before the Marathon on April 27th.

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— Coleman Nash

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Spring Fling / Litter Blitz

Join your neighbors on SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 12-13 as we clean up our park and creek. It's a come and go event from 1:00-4:00pm. We'll have trash bags and rubber gloves at the gazebo and get organized and ready to divide and conquer.

Typically we pick up trash (around the park and creek) and do a bit of weeding in the gazebo flower beds. Some people have been known to wear rubber boots or waders to make trudging through the creek easier. If you have hand tools, please bring what you want to use. Sometimes we cut scrub trees and unwanted growth along the creek bank to help with flow control.

This is a great afternoon activity for families, students needing volunteer hours and anyone wanting to work along with neighbors for the common goal of making our park beautiful. SEE YOU THERE!

2021 Litter Blitz >



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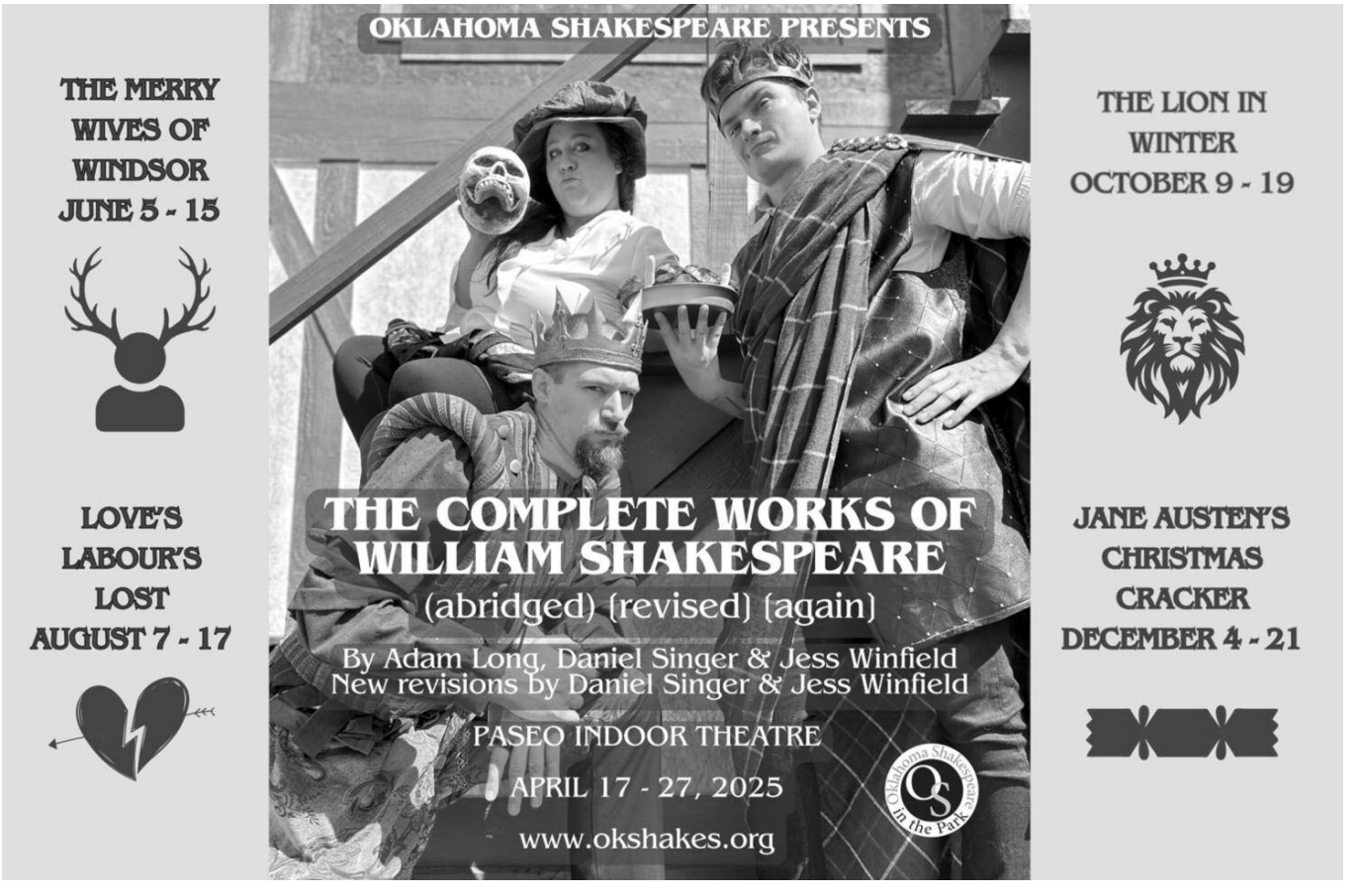

EDGEMERE PARK SECURITY

Happy spring to you all!

Now that the days are getting longer and the weather is amazing, being outside and enjoying the park is on our minds. Our park has seen drum circles, meditation and yoga groups, weddings by the weeping willow, frisbee tournaments, and just good ole fashioned picnics. Enjoy and let your hair down!

A reminder, not to ruin anyone's mo-jo, but the warm weather also brings more porch pirates and car break ins.

Please always lock your vehicle, and if possible keep its contents out of site. And please, please refrain from leaving wallets, purses and credit cards in the car.

Instruct Amazon to leave your packages at a side door and out of site.

Our security team is proud to have found a security service that we trust and can afford, but we need your help. We've listed the prices below and would greatly appreciate your involvement.

Having a security officer driving the neighborhood is a deterrent and the more members that we have, the more hours we're able to provide. We all have Rings and outdoor cameras, but not everything is picked up on camera.We need the security service to drive through the park as well to keep us safe on our morning and evening jogs.

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

New Native Plants Garden in Edgemere Park

A newly installed wildflower meadow can be found directly west of the playground on the steep west-facing slope of Edgemere Park. This project was made possible through a grant from the Parks and Public Space Initiative/Margaret Annis Boys Trust of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Edgemere Park Preservation Inc, and donations from Sweetleaf and Native Plants Nursery. Our new hillside prairie also functions as an educational garden, featuring raised planters, a natural stone footpath, a bioswale (which is designed to filter surface water before it flows into the Deep Fork Tributary), along with seven newly planted trees, and a total of 747 Oklahoma native grasses, sedges, and wildflowers. The project aims to lower surface temperatures of the park and play structure with shade trees, reduce the hazards of lawn mowing the steep slope, combat soil erosion, and filter runoff.



Additionally, the educational garden reintroduces the prairie ecosystem in an urban setting while preserving safe sightlines.

We are excited to see this garden develop and change throughout the seasons!

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Trinity School
at Edgemere



The school year continues to bring exciting moments for our Trinity families. From school traditions to special celebrations, our students have been busy learning, growing and making memories together.

In January, we cheered on our Tigers for the last time this year at our homecoming game. We also honored our seniors and crowned a new homecoming king and queen. The energy in the gym was electric, and it was incredible to see our community support come out and support our Tigers.



We also marked a major milestone—the 100th day of school. Our younger students dressed up as 100-year-olds, participated in creative counting activities and reflected on all they have learned so far this year. It was a fun way to celebrate how far we have come and get excited for the rest of the school year.

Most recently, we honored the magic of reading with Dr. Seuss Day. Students and teachers enjoyed a day filled with Seuss-inspired activities, from silly rhymes to reading challenges and themed outfits. This celebration of literacy reminded us all of the joy found in a good book and the importance of fostering a love of reading.



Looking ahead, we are excited to invite the community to our upcoming Art & Film Exhibit on April 10th. This special event will showcase the incredible creativity of our students through original artwork and short films. It is a wonderful opportunity to support our young artists and filmmakers. Keep checking our website and social channels for more details.

We are also preparing for our annual Tigers for Good initiative, a service project that allows our students to make a real impact in the community. This initiative is a core part of our mission, and we are grateful for everyone who supports these efforts. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels to find out how you can help.



As we continue through the semester, we are thankful for our Trinity families and the Edgemere community. Your encouragement and generosity help us create meaningful, enriching opportunities for our students. Thank you for being part of the Trinity story.

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MEMORIAL RUN THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD

April 27th 2025 marks the 25th year for the Run To Remember. And, as in the past, the route takes the half and full marathon runners up Harvey Parkway, out to Walker and on into Crown Heights. Crown Heights is know for their Gorilla Hill and bananas.

But for the past 6 years as the runners enter Edgemere Park at 30th street; the neighbors on the south end of Harvey Parkway have welcomed runners with ORANGE POWER! It's a little encouragement for the runners with a DJ pulsing tunes, orange slices or sips of OJ for power or… well, a tiny mimosa for the celebration of the 5.5 mile accomplishment and encouragement for the run ahead. We start around 6:30am, prepping 90lbs of oranges, 45 gallons of OJ and 5 cases of Andre, thanks to the generous contributions from our block of neighbors. Everyone is welcome to come to 3200 or 3212 Harvey Parkway to join this incredible annual event that welcomes and encourages over 15,000 runners through Edgemere Park. The POWER is amazing and so much FUN!

This isn't just a race; it's a powerful symbol of resilience, remembrance, and the incredible spirit of our city.



As runners stride through our familiar streets, let's come together to create a wave of encouragement. Bring your signs, loudest voices, and (of course) your cowbells to show these athletes our neighborhood's hospitality and warmth. The marathon is a reminder of the strength we found in unity after the 1995 bombing, and every step taken is a testament to our community's enduring spirit.

Whether you're a seasoned marathon supporter or simply looking for a heartwarming morning, join us in lining the park and showing our support. Let's make this a day of unforgettable camaraderie, proving once again that Oklahoma City stands strong, together.



PASEO HISTORY

The Paseo has been a focal point of the OKC arts community for many years. Built in 1929 as a shopping area north of downtown, Paseo, originally named Spanish Village with its Spanish Mission Revival style, featuring clay tile roofs and stucco buildings, has carried with it an artistic vibe from the early days to now. Added to the Historic Register in 2010, Paseo has seen many restaurants, art studios and music throughout the years. She has seen beat and jazz clubs, psychedelic shops and just about everything in between.

Paseo's arts festival began in 1977 and features 2 blocks of vendors featuring paintings, jewelry, pottery and glass works. All of the galleries are open as well as the festive restaurants for your enjoyment. Live music is featured at 2 stages. Festival dates are always over Memorial. Please see the back cover of our newsletter. This year's festival poster was created by Edgemere resident Matt Goad.

Paseo also features a 1st Friday gallery walk from 6pm - 9pm. every month, rain or shine. Please stop in and have a nosh and a cocktail at one of the great eateries.

Located a few blocks from Edgemere, Paseo is an easy walk or a 3 minute drive.

Paseo's many lunch and dinner choices include FRIDA Southwest, Paseo Grill, Picasso Cafe, OSO, Goro Ramen, Sauced On Paseo and Holey Rollers.

Paseo has over 20 art galleries including those that feature shoes, jewelry, pottery, paintings, a book shop, and our favorite, Oklahoma Shakespeare On The Park. Stop in and have a drink at the Mermaid bar and say hello to Henri.

A little closer to Edgemere on the corner of 30th and Walker, and still part of Paseo, you can find great dining at The Red Rooster, a longtime staple of OKC, 30th Street Market, Barseo, Burger Punk, Flora Bodega, a local market that features items from vendors and small local farms, Prairie Gypsies for take out food, MENT apparel, This Land Yoga and a chiropractor.

See you at the Paseo festival!

Right: The photo of that handsome young man in the 70's with his stylish blazer is Eric Groves, a longtime resident of Edgemere. Eric is hanging up the banner for the 1st Paseo festival in 1997. Hope to see you there!







#ThrowbackThursday

We are running a #ThrowbackThursday image each week, showcasing Oklahoma's history. Be sure to follow us on Twitter @TheOklahoman, and "Like" us at Facebook.com/TheOklahoman for more historical photos.
Linda Lynn, News Research Editor

In June 1977, Oklahoma City Councilman Eric Groves, at left, helps festival chairman Randy Tucker and others hang a banner announcing the first Paseo Village Street Festival. About 50 artists showed their works during the event that year. Tucker was quoted in The Daily Oklahoman as saying, "Paseo has been lying dormant for so long. This is a rebirth for the area." [PAUL B. SOUTHERLAND/THE OKLAHOMAN ARCHIVES]

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PETS OF EDGEMERE PARK

Pablo Escobar-Picasso-Neruda Kuhn is turning the big FOUR on March 5th, and he is excited for his upcoming paw-ty!

You can usually catch this handsome hound keeping a watchful eye on the park from his front door or window, probably pondering the deep mysteries of the mailman. When he's not on patrol, he's likely engaging in all the classic doggy shenanigans: chasing his tail, carrying a squeaky toy around the house, and perfecting his "puppy dog eyes" to charm his way into extra snacks.

Pablo's many monikers include:

- Pablito
- Pabi the Havi
- Pabbity-Pab-Pabs
- (and, of course, the classic, "Who's a good boy?!")



If you see Pablo in the park, be sure to wish him a belated birthday wish filled with endless treats and belly rubs!

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BALLET UNDER THE STARS
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September 12th

THE NUTCRACKER
The Civic Center w/ Canterbury voices
December 13-22nd
ROMEO AND JULIET
The Civic Center
February 20-22nd

LYRIC THEATRE PERFORMANCES
Mother Road, play by Octavio Folis
April 2-19th

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COLOR COAT
June 17-22nd
BEAUTIFUL, A CAROLE KING MUSICAL
July 8-13th

Roger and Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA
July 29- August 3rd

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW
October 9- November 1st

David Nixon's Dracula
The Civic Center
October 17-19th

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
November 28- December 28th

CIVIC CENTER
MUSIC HALL

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 June.**
- **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.

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