



# North Coronado Heights Neighborhood Association

JULY 2024

## Next Meeting

Our next bi-monthly meeting is on Tuesday, **July 30 at 6:30 p.m.** at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the southeast corner of Portland and N.W. Expressway. Join us to hear about upcoming events as well as issues that relate to our neighborhood and the city as a whole.

## The “School’s Out” Bash Was a Success!

Our “School’s Out” Bash in N. Rotary Park on June 1 drew a good-sized crowd of neighbors for a little socializing in the fresh air, along with games and free hot dogs and other treats. We are grateful to all the volunteers who help put on this event, as well as the firefighters from our neighborhood firehouse who made it an especially memorable day for some of our youngest guests.



*This could be the “spark” that ignites a firefighting career for this young man.*



*The weather was good and the livin’ was easy . . .*



*Sheryl Bacon, Ruthie Gable, and Clark Gable enjoyed the day.*

*Megan Carter,  
Jon Jameson, Benny Gilbert,  
and Gene Gilbert  
demonstrated the art of  
relaxing on a sunny  
summer’s day.*



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## NCHNA News in Brief

◆ **Save the Date!** Our annual ice cream social will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church. You don't want to miss this fun evening of ice cream, games, fellowship, and door prizes, so mark your calendar now. Watch for more details in our next newsletter.

◆ **Bus Stops Getting An Upgrade.** Thanks to voters' approval of the MAPS 4 projects, the city's bus stops are being improved. The work includes making them accessible to people with disabilities; providing covered transit shelters; and adding security lighting, trash cans, and bike racks. The improvement project will complete 140 bus stops this year, in Phase I of the program.

◆ **Rental Owners Support NCHNA.** We've completed our annual appeal to owners of rental property in our area to pay NCHNA dues. This year, we received a total of \$705 from these real estate investors to help support our organization's activities.

◆ **Help Reunite Pets and Owners.** Social media sites are always full of pleas for help in finding lost pets, as well as announcements of strays that have been found and need to reunite their families. If you have a pet, make a point of introducing him or her to your neighbors. In turn, get acquainted with the pets who live near you. Then, when a stray is spotted or a runaway is being sought, you may be able to help in the effort get the critter back home safely.



◆ **Know Your Recycling Dos and Don'ts.** It's not unusual to see that people have dropped plastic bags of small recyclable items, like aluminum cans or plastic bottles, into the Big Green recycling bins. DON'T! Plastic bags create big problems at the recycling center, disabling machines and slowing down the processing of materials. Always put recyclables into the Big Green containers loose and unbagged. Dispose of excess plastic bags, or any trash which you have put into plastic bags, in your regular Big Blue trash container.

## Police Showcase Surveillance System

Lt. Jason Hodges of the OKC Police Department's Special Operations Division led a Town Hall meeting in May to introduce OKC residents to the PD's Real Time Information Center, a part of the Connect Oklahoma City project. The RTIC utilizes a massive, integrated system of surveillance cameras throughout the city, enhancing the PD's ability to prevent and solve crimes. The system has been in development nearly three years. It is capable of integrating real time images from a number of sources, including city-owned closed circuit cameras in fixed locations, police-controlled drones, body cameras worn by officers, and cameras mounted in patrol cars. The system can also draw upon images

from privately owned residential or commercial video security systems (with permission from those systems' owners). A team of analysts using specialized skills and software is in place to interpret data and get needed information quickly to responding officers. The PD sees the RTIC as a valuable asset to a department hampered by a shortage of trained officers available to patrol the city's 620 square miles.

The RTIC addresses concerns about privacy through strict protocols on who is allowed to access the data it collects, how long data is kept, and for what purpose it's kept.

For more information on this high-tech law enforcement and public safety tool, visit the website at:

<https://connectoklahomacity.org>.

◆ **Check Out NCHNA's New Website!** We've designed a new website to tell the story of NCHNA and encourage area residents to participate. The site features a more contemporary design and offers easier navigation and better functionality than our old site. We also changed the website hosting company that we use, resulting in a lower annual cost and more responsive tech support. You don't need to use a password, all the content is accessible without sign-in. Take a look at <https://www.northcoronadoheights.org>.