



North Coronado Heights Neighborhood Association

MARCH 2026

Next Meeting

Our next NCHNA meeting will be held on **March 31 at 6:30 p.m.** at Messiah Lutheran Church on the southeast corner of Portland Avenue and N.W. Expressway.

Sheryl Bacon, one of our current crime patrollers, will give us an overview of what patrollers do and the kind of situations they often observe in our neighborhood. She was scheduled to speak on this topic in January, but that meeting was cancelled due to icy streets. We rescheduled her presentation so that you can learn more about patrolling; you may find that this is something you'd like to do to help NCHNA make our neighborhood safer.

March Brings Our Annual Business Meeting

Our March meeting is an important one, as it includes consideration of next year's budget, a review of dues, and election of officers. Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard about these matters. Remember, you must be a paid member in order to cast a vote or to run for office.

If you think you might want to seek an office, you are welcome to contact one of the current officers with your questions about what would be expected of you.

In brief, the officers attend each of the six regular meetings and another six planning meetings throughout the year. They plan and execute



activities such as our Litter Blitz and Household Hazardous Waste Collection events, as well as neighborhood social gatherings. They often recruit volunteers to help with chores related to our neighborhood events. The board of officers also approves agendas for our meetings and the content of our newsletter.

The treasurer collects dues payments, writes

checks as needed for NCHNA purchases, and performs other banking and record-keeping tasks.

The secretary records minutes and often serves as a liaison between NCHNA and other community groups.

The president chairs our meetings, develops our budget, and is the key link between NCHNA and the OKC Police Department, our Ward 2 Councilman, and other city officials. He or she also reaches out to community leaders who are potential guest speakers.

If you are interested in exploring an officer position, send us an email at northcoronado@gmail.com.

A Word About Dues. . .

Our dues are voluntary, and are currently \$20 per household per year. Members review and set dues annually. The board's recommendation this year is to keep the dues at their current level; members will vote on the issue at the upcoming meeting. Dues allow us to cover costs of copying, postage, signage, supplies for events such as the ice cream social, internet hosting fees, and other expenses. After the dues amount has been set by membership vote at the March 31 meeting, members will receive a reminder email and be invited to pay dues by cash, check, or PayPal.

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NCHNA News in Brief

◆ **Got Junk?** The city has scheduled a special hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, April 11 so that you can dispose of unwanted computers, tires, ammunition, and prescription drugs. The free event will be at Oklahoma City's Fair Park. It's a drive-through event; attendants will accept your materials from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enter the park from May Avenue at Gate 5 onto Gordon Cooper Boulevard and follow the signs. Bring a current city water bill to prove that you are an Oklahoma City resident.

◆ **Town Hall Meeting on Crisis Response.** The Oklahoma City Police Department is holding one of its periodic Town Hall meetings at Belle Isle Library at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24. "When Crisis Calls: Understanding OKCPD's Crisis Intervention Response" will explain how officers recognize people in crisis, how 911 intake and diversion work, and what tools and alternative resources are used to better serve individuals affected by mental illness.

Litter Blitz is Just Around the Corner

Each April, we join other neighborhood and civic groups in Oklahoma City in taking action to pick up litter and keep our city looking sharp. The annual event, sponsored by the city, Oklahoma City Beautiful, and the Neighborhood Alliance, is called Litter Blitz.

We have set the date for this year's effort in North Coronado Heights—it will be Saturday, April 18—and are calling on volunteers to help. If you can spare an hour or

two on that day to help clear up litter in our neighborhood, we would be very grateful. We work in small teams, and it can be a fun activity as well as a useful one. Our first



The free presentation will be led by Lori Osborn, a retired OKCPD master sergeant and crisis intervention team coordinator. The event is co-sponsored by the Neighborhood Alliance.

◆ **City Now Offering Annual Rain Barrel Program.** Each spring, the city offers a chance for residents to purchase discounted rain barrels and composting equipment. Plastic 55-gallon barrels are offered starting at \$69.50, and include plastic fittings to release

the water. Accessories, including wooden pedestals and diverters, are also available for purchase. If you'd like to buy a barrel to collect rainwater for growing vegetables or flowers, order it online by April 26 from www.upcycle-products.com. Look for Oklahoma City in the "municipal programs" section of that website. Barrels will be available for pickup on May 2 or May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 3738 S.W. 15th Street.

priority is to concentrate on removing roadside litter along Tulsa Avenue and along 63rd Street. If we get plenty of volunteers, we can expand our scope, covering additional areas.

Gloves, high-visibility safety vests, and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers will meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at Northwest Bible Church at N.W. 63rd and Tulsa. From there, we will break up in groups and get the task done. Children are welcome to participate if they are with an adult. See you there!

◆ **Let's Welcome New Neighbors.** We'd like all our neighbors to know about NCHNA and become involved in our activities. If someone new has moved in on your street, please take a moment to introduce yourself, tell them about our association, and invite them to our next meeting. You can also email northcoronado@gmail.com with the street address of your new neighbor and we will send them a welcome letter from the NCHNA officers.