



North Coronado Heights Neighborhood Association

NOVEMBER 2024

Next Meeting

Our next NCHNA meeting will be held on **November 26 at 6:30 p.m.** at Messiah Lutheran Church on the southeast corner of Portland Avenue and N.W. Expressway.

At the meeting, we will open a discussion on the general obligation bond package that the city will propose to voters in 2025. We'd like your input about what you believe are the most critical needs for the city's infrastructure—things like street and bridge repairs, sidewalk installation, water and sewer system upgrades, improvements to our parks, or other initiatives. We will see to it that your remarks are communicated to city leaders.

Neighbors Pitch in to Help Environment

Our neighbors stepped up their game at the annual NCHNA-sponsored household hazardous waste collection event on October 12. We collected 1,446 lbs. of toxic materials on that day—a 27 percent increase over 2023's event. Most was unneeded paint, but the "haul" also included anti-freeze, oil, aerosols, cleaning products and batteries. *Thanks* to all who help protect the environment in this way.



Oklahoma City Household Hazardous Waste staff members unloaded toxic items from car trunks and truck beds and took them away for safe disposal.

Take Action to Prevent House Fires, Protect Family

Winter always seems to bring news of house fires, many of which are caused by carelessness or inadequate home maintenance. You can greatly reduce

the likelihood of house fires by properly maintaining your furnace and fireplace chimney, using electrical appliances—especially space heaters—

in accordance with manufacturers' instructions, and being extra careful anywhere there is an open flame or hot embers, such as lighted candles, fireplaces, and outdoor grills.

In addition, it's essential to have early warning from a smoke detector if a fire does occur. A working smoke alarm increases your chance of surviving a house fire by 50 percent—don't ever be without one!

OKLAHOMA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES FREE SMOKE ALARMS

OKC residents can request free smoke alarms through a special program of the Oklahoma City Fire Department. Firefighters will come to your home and install the alarms in the proper locations at no cost. Call 405-316-2337 to schedule installation of these life-saving devices.

Visit our web site: www.northcoronadoheights.org

**NCHNA
News in Brief**

◆ **Patrollers Seeing a Pattern.** Maybe everybody is getting extra busy these days. Our crime patrollers are seeing frequent instances where people are leaving their garage doors standing open when they are not nearby, or perhaps not even at home. This is an open invitation to thieves to steal tools or other items from your garage, or even enter your home. If patrollers see your garage door open and unattended, they will first try to call you if they have your phone number. If they don't, or if they fail to reach you, they will call police. An officer will come and check the situation out—even entering your home to check on your well-being and to see if an intruder is inside. Please make an effort to keep your garage door closed when not in use, and be sure to let our patrollers know your number if you have not already done so. You can share your phone number by emailing it to us at northcoronado@gmail.com.

◆ **Protect Your Pets in Cold Weather.** It's time to give some thought to how you will protect your pets from cold winter weather. Outdoor pets need to have a clean, dry, heated place to shelter from the cold and must always be provided food and water. City ordinances specify that any heat source must be situated so that it does not pose a danger to the pet. In addition, dog owners cannot leave their dogs alone outside for more than 30 minutes if the temperature is below freezing. A dog who has access to an unheated doghouse or other unheated structure is still classified as outside. Vehicles are not considered adequate for pet shelter.



City utility workers arrived in our neighborhood in mid-September for some extensive work to repair broken water lines on N.W. 62nd Street and along a stretch of Tulsa Avenue. Our neighborhood is aging, and such leaks have grown more common in recent years as our water service infrastructure wears out. It's important to promptly report any water leaks you see as you drive or walk through the neighborhood. These leaks have potential to do great harm, and they do not go away on their own! You can call in the repair crews by phoning the city's Action Center at 405-297-2535 or emailing your report to action.center@okc.gov.

■ **Weatherize Before Winter's Chill**

You may be eligible for a free weatherization program that will get your home ready for a more comfortable winter season and lower future heating and cooling costs.



OG&E is offering a range of improvements, including adding attic insulation, sealing ducts, caulking and

weatherstripping around windows and doors, and other improvements.

The weatherization measurers will not only help you keep your heating bills down this winter, but result in savings on your cooling bills next summer and thereafter. The services, valued at about \$2,500, are provided free of charge to OG&E residen-

tial customers in Oklahoma who have a household income of \$60,000 or less per year and who own or rent a single-family home, duplex, or mobile home. (Renters must get landlord approval.)

Go to www.oge.com/weatherization to check your eligibility and enroll in the program. Or, call OG&E at 800-272-9741.

■ *Another Ice Cream Social Under Our Belt!*

NCHNA celebrated National Neighbors Night Out on September 10 with our traditional ice cream social. There were mounds of ice cream and plenty of home-baked cookies, brownies, and other treats. A big *thank you* to all our volunteer bakers, as well as those who helped set up, and later clean up, our party space. As always, local area merchants came through with some great

door prizes, and many guests went home winners. We always look forward to this event, where we get to know our neighbors better and have a chance to make new friends.

Neighbors Night Out is a nationwide celebration of friendship and pride in our neighborhoods. Neighborhoods all across the OKC metro participated in similar events.



Rebekah Rhoades, Ted Stevens, and Erin Stevens visited over sweet treats.



First-time ice cream social attendee Cindy Sherbon joined Ashley and Levi Cheney for a fun evening.



We are always pleased to welcome our area's fire fighters and police officers to the ice cream social.

thank you

to these generous local merchants for supplying door prizes. Please remember them when you shop, dine out, or need services.

- ◆ Abel's Mexican Restaurant ◆ Casa Perico Mexican Grille ◆ Charlie's Car Wash ◆ Clark's Crew Bar-B-Que ◆ Eileen's Cookies ◆ Larsen Music ◆ Incredible Pizza ◆ Pruett's Food ◆ Saturn Grill ◆ Schlotzsky's ◆ Western Concepts Restaurant Group.



Barbara Jones, Steve Boehler, and Ty Jones had a chance to relax and enjoy being neighborly.