



# North Coronado Heights Neighborhood Association

SEPTEMBER 2024

## Next Meeting

We will have our next meeting on Tuesday, **September 10 at 6:30 p.m.** This will be our annual, fun-filled Ice Cream Social. We'll keep the "business" part of our meeting to a minimum, so there will be lots of time for sweet treats, games, getting acquainted, and winning door prizes.

Join us! We meet at Messiah Lutheran Church on the southeast corner of N. Portland and N.W. Expressway.

## Ice Cream and Family Fun? Yes, Please!

After a couple of decades, a party gets to be a tradition. So it is with our annual Ice Cream Social, which NCHNA hosts every September on National Neighbors Night Out. Our goal is to strengthen ties among our neighbors by getting better acquainted. This helps build unity and pride in our neighborhood and makes it easier for us work together for the benefit of all who reside in our area.

NCHNA will provide the ice cream. If you'd like, you can bring some cookies to share or some fruit to supplement the menu.



That's not required, though—you can come empty-handed and you'll be welcomed to an evening of relaxation and fun. We'll have activities for both kids and adults, and some great door prizes.

If you have a new neighbor, invite them to come along with you. We are always happy when we can make new friends and get more area residents involved in our association's activities.

## Hazardous Waste Collection Event Coming Soon

Our fall neighborhood hazardous waste collection event is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will bring the mobile collection center to you, setting it up in N. Rotary Park near the Satellite Gym. This is your chance to safely get rid of old

paint, herbicides, pesticides, solvents, batteries, automotive fluids, and cleaning supplies—all those things that are too harmful to the environment to be disposed of with your regular trash. Computers and tires cannot be accepted at this event.

This is a drive-through service, so you don't even have to get out of your car, just pop the trunk and we do the rest. Drive east from Tulsa Avenue on 56th Terrace and into the park. Bring a utility bill or other proof that you are an Oklahoma City resident.

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News in Brief**

◆ **Labor Day Affects Trash Pickup.** Since Labor Day falls on Monday, September 2, our regular Big Blue trash collection will occur on Wednesday, September 4.

◆ **Need to Enroll in EMSAcare?** During the month of September, you have the opportunity to opt in or opt out of participation in the EMSAcare program, which provides permanent members of your household with emergency ambulance rides at no cost, even if you don't have medical insurance. Coverage costs \$3.65 per month and is added to your monthly water bill. To add or drop EMSAcare, call Oklahoma City's Utilities Customer Service at 405-297-2833.

◆ **Community Police Academy Scheduled.** You can get a behind-the-scenes education about how our OKC Police Department works in a 10-week Community Police Academy that begins September 3 and runs through November 5. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Along with class-

room instruction, attendees will visit the firearms range, observe tactical team and bomb squad training exercises, tour the 911 center and other facilities, meet key OKCPD leaders, and more. There is no charge to attend the academy, whose goals are to engage with the community, build relationships, and educate residents about how the OKCPD pursues its mission. For more information, call the OKC Police Training Center at 405-297-1100.

◆ **Think You'd Like To Be An NHCNA Crime Patroller?**

If you are interested in becoming a neighborhood crime patroller, observing and reporting on suspicious activity in our area, please sign up for the next training session. These informative one-hour seminars are required so that you can safely and proficiently serve as a part of the team that is devoted to crime prevention for our neighborhood. The next session will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 16 at the Hefner Division of the OKC Police Department, 3924 N.W. 122nd Street. Call 405-528-6322 to register by phone, or go to the Neighborhood Alliance website at <https://nacok.org>, click on the Events link, and register online.

■ **Voters to Decide on Increase in Hotel Tax**

Oklahoma City residents will go to the polls on August 27 to approve or disapprove an increase in the tax collected from visitors who stay in our city's hotels, motels, Airbnbs, and other over-

night accommodations. Currently, the hotel tax is 5.5 percent of the nightly rate, and city government leaders are asking voters to raise that percentage to 9.25 percent.

The hotel tax is levied in addition to the existing state sales tax (4.5 per-

cent) and the city sales tax (4.125 percent), which are added to guests' room charges. If the hotel tax increase is approved by voters, the three taxes will add up to a total of 17.875 percent.

Oklahoma City voters first approved a hotel tax in 1972, setting it at 2 percent. In 2004, voters increased the tax to 5.5 percent, where it has remained.

If voters approve the proposed increase, it will go into effect October 1.

The revenue generated would be spent as follows: 75 percent would go to promote Oklahoma City as a convention and tourism destination; 13.3 percent would be allocated for event sponsorship; 6.7 percent would be spent on improvements at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds; and 5 percent would go to improvements at the Oklahoma City Convention Center.

Inform yourself about the pros and cons of the tax proposal, and cast your vote on August 27.

