

Gatewood Newsletter

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The Board of Directors meetings are always held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Meerschaert House at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Any neighbor interested in attending is welcome.

Letter from the Immediate Past President



Hello Gatewood! This will be my last "President's Letter." As of May I am no longer your Gatewood Historic Board President. After ten years in this position (and it has been my great pleasure to have served you in this capacity), I have moved into the position of Immediate Past President and you have a new leader! Henry Kubier, a long-time Gatewood resident, has stepped into the President's position. Henry has served on the board for quite a while and has recently held the position of Vice-President so he's very familiar with both the neighborhood and the workings of the Gatewood board. Many of you probably already know Henry and have seen him walking the family dog around the neighborhood. He's been very active in his community for many years and I know he'll do a great job representing us!

- Janet Seefeldt

Letter from the President



Hello Gatewood, my name is Henry Kubier and I will be your new President of Gatewood Neighborhood. I am trying to fill the shoes of the past president Janet Seefeldt. Janet

has a list of accomplishments that exceeds expectations. As my term continues I hope to meet the residents and help the neighborhood meet the needs of the residents. Don't forget that we have several events this year. The Annual Home Tour, The Plaza District Festival, The National Night Out Walk and Talk, and many other events. These events offer everyone an opportunity to connect with their neighbors.

- Henry Kubier

Returning Board Member

Jason Johnston was a member of the original Gatewood board in 1974. He and his wife, Edwina, have lived on Carey Place since 1972 and he served on the Gatewood board for many years. Jason has recently returned to fill the vacancy left by longtime (26 continuous years) board member, Charles Cheatham. Charles will be very missed (but plans to remain involved with his neighborhood) and we are very pleased to have Jason back with us!



National Night Out

Gatewood has held a flashlight walk to celebrate this crime deterrent/neighborhood awareness effort for the last several years. Since August in our area can be brutal, we are very relieved that this year's nationally designated Neighborhood Night Out will be held on September 15th. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Meerschaert House at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Bring your flashlights and meet us there!

Rick Deaton

The Gatewood Board expresses it's sorrow to the family of Rick Deaton, longtime Carey Place resident and Gatewood Historic District board member. Rick passed away, in his home, on May 4th after a prolonged illness. Rick and his wife, Cindy, have always been very involved with their neighborhood. Their Carey Place home has been on the Gatewood Home and Garden tour twice and they've both volunteered many times for various neighborhood events. Rick will be mourned by his Gatewood and Carey Place friends. He was a wonderful neighbor.

May Yard of the Month

Kim Nguyen
1223 NW 29th Street

Lyn Albright and family
1900 N Indiana Ave

Tim Crowe and Theo Parker
2118 Gatewood



June Yard of the Month

Russell Bartee
1905 NW 20th Street

Geneace Meyer
1311 NW 21st Street



John & Cissy Norman
2109 North Florida



Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners and thank you for helping to make our neighborhood beautiful!

Gatewood Garage Sale

The annual Gatewood garage sale in May was very successful. We had fewer sales than last year but those that participated reported very good results!



Volunteer Opportunities



If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer to help out our neighborhood, please send an email to gatewoodeditor@yahoo.com. Volunteer opportunities range from neighborhood beautification, website design, newsletter delivery, and much more!

Gatewood Board of Director's Vacancy

We currently have one Gatewood Historic District Board position available. We will be accepting nominations to fill the position at the board meeting on October 13th at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Meerschaert House at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Please attend if you are interested in filling, or nominating someone to fill this position.

Gatewood Elementary



Construction for Gatewood Elementary is in its final stages and should be completed by the time

school opens in August. The school will be hosting a Grand Opening in the fall and would like to include our neighborhood in this celebration. Check back later for details.

There are openings in the Gatewood Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Program for next fall. Children must be 4 years old before September 2nd to be eligible for this program. It is a half day program of full and learning for the students! The morning session is from 8:30-11:00 and the afternoon session is from 12:30-3:00. This program is free.

Important Dates:

- Enrollment began again on Monday, August 11, 2009, for those who did not enroll in the Spring.
- Classes begin Thursday, August 21, 2009.

Gatewood Home & Garden Tour 2009



We are looking for homes/gardens for the 2009 Gatewood Home and Garden Tour. Please contact Janet Seefeldt (525-9441) 2009 Tour Chair, if you're interested in showcasing your home for this event.

Weatherization Assessment Program (WAP)

WAP is a program sponsored by the Community Action Agency of Oklahoma City (CAA). This program

is designed to make your home more weather-tight and energy efficient. The goal is to greatly lower your energy bills and help your home be more energy efficient and comfortable! Simply apply for the free, no-cost program by calling 232-0199. If eligible, CAA will do an energy audit of your home to help you determine what you need to be more energy efficient. The CAA may then fix as many of the problems as they can (up to \$7,000). They may install extra insulation, new windows, new exterior doors, caulk, weather stripping, etc. They might even help you with a new refrigerator! You do not have to pay this back! It is free of charge and a gift to you from the US stimulus package!

To be eligible, you must reside in Oklahoma or Canadian County. You must also be at 200% of the federal poverty level: a family of one cannot make over \$21,660; a family of two cannot make over \$29,140; and a family of four cannot make over \$44,100. Other income qualifiers may be available by calling CAA. (See contact information below.)

You do not have to own the home that is having the energy audit. As long as you fit the income qualifications and have the permission of your landlord, they will help renters! Priority assistance is available for persons over 60, persons with disabilities, or households with children under 12.

This is a free program. A grant to you and your family to help you live more economically and comfortably in your home! Call

today and take advantage of this great program (232-0199).

Contact Information:
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Public Information Officer (CAA)
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Public@caaofokc.org

Homes for Sale



We live in the largest historic neighborhood in Oklahoma City so we always have many wonderful homes for sale! The following is a list of just a few of the homes currently on the market in the Gatewood neighborhood. If you have spotted a property for sale that is not on this list or a property on this list that has sold, please let us know at gatewoodeditor@yahoo.com.

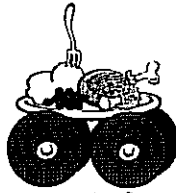
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1321 NW 19th
1218 NW 19th
1527 NW 19th
2036 NW 18th
1808 N. Indiana
1936 NW 17th
1723 NW 17th
1921 NW 16th
1308 NW 16th
1900 Carey Place
2111 Carey Place
2117 Gatewood



Linwood Home Tour Date

Mark your calendar Gatewood! Our neighbors in Linwood have set their Home Tour for November 8th this year. The Home Tour date for our neighborhood will be set soon so stay tuned!

Mobile Meals for Oklahoma County, Inc.



Mobile Meals is here to help provide meals to seniors in their homes. If you meet the qualifications noted below and are in need of help. Please contact the Mobile Meals office at 607-2314.

The qualifications include being:

- Age 60 years or older;
- Live alone or with a spouse who is a caregiver or in need;
- Homebound or not driving;
- Unable to cook for yourself;
- Resident of Oklahoma County; and
- Not living with a family member who can prepare and leave a meal.

LIVE on the Plaza

LIVE on the Plaza is a monthly artwalk event which promotes

emerging artistic talent in Oklahoma City. Plaza District businesses open their doors with monthly visual artists, performing artists, live musicians and local film screenings. Many special events also take place during LIVE on the Plaza, such as Lyric Theatre performances, CD releases, private parties, holiday retail events and many more. LIVE on the Plaza provides the community an opportunity to view emerging talent each month, as well as socialize with a diverse mix of artists, professionals, neighborhood residents and families.

Upcoming LIVEs:

- Sept 11th, 2009
- October 9th, 2009
- November 13th, 2009

You may also want to mark your calendar for the Plaza Music Festival which will be held on October 3, 2009, this year. The Plaza Music Festival is an evening music festival held in conjunction with the Plaza District Festival each fall and lasts from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Check back for more details! You can also send an email to kristen@plazadistrict.org to receive the Call to Bands for this event. For more information on events in the Plaza District you can go to www.plazadistrict.org.

Myriad Botanical Gardens ConservaStory

Be whisked away into a land of childhood enchantment, where fairy tales and stories of adventure come to botanical life with the Myriad Gardens latest exhibition,

ConservaStory. Climb aboard The Black Orchid pirate ship and set sail to lands of yore, where fantastical figures such as giants and trolls, fairies and frog princes greet you along the road to happily ever after. Explore the wonders of the written work as your most-loved childhood stories come to botanical life during the Myriad Botanical Gardens' newest exhibit, ConservaStory. Stroll through the transformed Crystal Bridge and discover a magical world of timeless tales inside our storybook setting. ConservaStory runs through December, 2009. For more information you can go to www.myriadgardens.com.

OKC Storytelling Festival

The OKC Storytelling Festival presents two evenings of master storytellers, featuring four renowned tellers: Keving Kling, Susan Klein, Motoko and Minton Sparks. Performances are held 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 11th and Saturday, September 12, 2009, in the Tolbert Theatre at Stage Center in downtown Oklahoma City. An special performance of "Late Night Ghost Stories" is 10:30 p.m. Friday, September 11th in the Cabaret of Stage Center. Admission to each evening performance is \$15. If you need assistance regarding your purchase, please contact Kristen Webb at 405-270-4848 and for further information you can go to www.artscouncilokc.com.

Pet-i-quite



We all love our pets! Let's all please be courteous and carry

supplies to remove your pets' waste. Also, please be aware of where your pets "water." Try to make sure they don't use the same "facilities" each time nature calls. If your pet has a favorite spot then it's likely that other pets are hitting the same spot and this can be hard on, or fatal to, certain shrubs or flowers. Happy Walking!

Signs

In an ongoing city-wide effort, Sign Sweep continues to reduce the number of signs illegally placed in public right-of-ways. Remember, any sign you place in your yard must be behind the sidewalk (between the sidewalk and the house.) Signs placed between the sidewalk and the curb are subject to removal by those empowered to do so by the city. This includes all signs: garage sale, realtor, lawn service company, etc. Also, as a courtesy to your neighbors, please make sure you ask before placing garage sale signs in their yards. Those who live on corners are often particularly vulnerable to having signs "sprout up." Since, by OKC ordinance, signs have to be placed in the yard and not the public right of way, this means actually going onto someone's property to "plant" a sign. To do so without the homeowners permission is trespassing. If a sign appears in your yard without your permission, you have the right to remove it.

Like many large metropolitan areas, OKC had started to experience serious problems with this issue. Fortunately, our city council saw this problem and took steps to curtail it before we became overrun

with "sign litter." Please do your part by respecting this ordinance and your neighbors. Small appropriately placed signs are fine but remember to remove them timely also. If you plant it, you pluck it.

Please report dilapidated roadside business signs to the City of Oklahoma City Action Center at 297-2535. Signs that are damaged, deteriorated, defaced, abandoned, illegible or no longer advertise the business on the property could be in violation of a newly strengthened city ordinance that gives property owners 30 days to bring their sign into compliance once they are cited for a violation. If you or your neighbors see a neglected sign call the Action Center today!

Gatewood Social Events

If you are holding a fun event on your block and would like to invite the neighborhood, please send an email to the editor at gatewoodeditor@yahoo.com. It's nice to hear about Gatewood happenings and it encourages others to do the same!

Note from the Editor

If you have anything you would like to contribute to this newsletter or have a question for the editor, please direct them to gatewoodeditor@yahoo.com.

YOGA FOR WOMEN

simple.
beautiful!



Namaste (I bow to the Divine Light in you).

My name is Rebe and I am your yoga teacher. I want to share with you some of the benefits of Yoga: it brings awareness to the inner workings of the body, decreases stress and lowers blood pressure, creates space in the spine, lubricates the joints and increases mobility, increases strength and balance, stretches and relaxes the body and mind, teaches mindfulness of all beings (yourself included), and creates a place of peace even when off the mat.

Women's Yoga Center is Oklahoma City's ALL women yoga studio. It is a healing place for women to gather together to practice the ancient science of yoga and energy exchange. We serve tea after every class allowing for deep relaxation and fellowship with friends.

We have classes for all stages of life: Women's Yoga, Prenatal Yoga, Mommy & Baby Yoga, Kids, and Seniors. Special workshops in Reiki (healing energy), chanting, meditation, and women's retreats are held throughout the year.

Please visit our full schedule online at www.womensyogacenter.com. I look forward to meeting you.

In Light,

Rebe (Rebecca Taylor)
Certified Yoga Teacher, RYT-500



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