



GATEWOOD NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

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Meetings held 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!

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate TR Rathjen on being the newest member of the Gatewood Historic District Board!

2009 Gatewood Home and Garden Tour

The 2009 Gatewood Home and Garden Tour was a great success! Although attendance was a little down this year, our advertiser levels were steady (even up just slightly.) The approximate net income from the event was just over \$3100 and that's wonderful because our bottom target was \$3000. This year's proceeds paid for the brick sidewalk installed at the Trolley Park (NW 17th and Classen Blvd) a few weeks ago. If you haven't seen it go by and check it out, it looks great! Thank you again to all the homeowners, committee members, and volunteers who contributed to the home tour. We could not have done it without you!



Christmas Social

Please join the Gatewood Historic Board for the December Christmas social at the home of John and Charlene Greb, 2005 N. Gatewood Avenue. This come-and-go gathering will be held on Tuesday, December 8th, from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. Come enjoy refreshments and the company of your friends and neighbors for a little



holiday cheer, Gatewood style! All Gatewood residents are welcome.



Christmas Lighting Contest

Deck them halls because the annual Gatewood Christmas Lighting Contest is just around the corner! We are giving away three cash prizes again this year: \$75, \$50, \$25 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, respectively, for the best Christmas dressed home in Gatewood! Untangle the lights, dust off the ornaments, and drag out the extension cords 'cause your efforts could bring a little extra Christmas cash your way! Judging will take place shortly before Christmas, winners will be notified immediately and checks mailed within two weeks following the contest.

2009 Gatewood Halloween Decorating & Lighting Contest



1st place (\$75)

Larry and Sallie McBrier
2009 Carey Place

2nd place (\$50)

Shelly States and Thomas Golden
2012 NW 19th

3rd place (\$25)

Joe and Giselle Leon
1807 NW 19th

MAPS 3 Initiative

VOTE! It's your money and your city!

This initiative includes eight projects to create jobs and improve quality of life in Oklahoma City. The vote for this project takes place on December 8th. The initiative proposes a diverse list of eight projects:

- A new, approximately 70-acre central park linking the core of downtown with the Oklahoma River;
- A new rail-based streetcar system, plus potential funding for other rail transit initiatives, such as commuter lines and a transit hub;
- A new downtown convention center;
- Sidewalks to be placed on major streets and near facilities used by the public throughout the City;
- 57 miles of new public bicycling and walking trails throughout the City;
- Improvements to the Oklahoma River, including a public whitewater kayaking facility and upgrades intended to achieve the finest rowing racecourse in the world;
- State-of-the-art health and wellness aquatic centers

throughout the City designed for senior citizens; and

- Improvements to the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds.

The MAPS proposal calls for a seven-year, nine-month one-cent sales tax that will maintain the Oklahoma City sales tax rate where it currently stands. Oklahoma City's sales tax rate is one of the lowest of all municipalities in central Oklahoma. If approved, the collection of the sales tax will commence on April 1, 2010, the day after the conclusion of the sports facilities sales tax collection that voters approved in March, 2008. The MAPS for Kids sales tax collection lasted seven years. The estimated total cost of the initiative is \$777 million. That total cost includes \$17 million in contingency funds. This information was taken from the City of Oklahoma City website at <http://www.okc.gov/maps3> and more information can be found about this proposal on this site.

LIVE on the Plaza

LIVE on the Plaza is a monthly artwalk event which promotes emerging artistic talent in Oklahoma City. LIVE on the Plaza is held every 2nd Friday of the month. 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. For more information on events in the Plaza District you can go to www.plazadistrict.org.

Gatewood Ghost Stories

We know that spooky time of year has passed, but we will be collecting these stories all year! Our neighborhood has a legendary history of chilling ghost stories and frightening tales. If you or anyone you know has any Gatewood Ghost Stories to submit, please send them to gatewoodeditor@yahoo.com. We will be collecting these stories until Halloween 2010, so ask your parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters if they have any creepy tales from the crypt they would like to share! Let's pool our knowledge of these hand-me-down thrillers and see what we can dig up!

Gatewood Website

There is even more great information about our neighborhood on our newly improved website! J'Anna Knight has done an outstanding job and everyone can check out her great work at www.gatewoodokc.com. As always, please contact gatewoodeditor@yahoo.com with any questions or suggestions.