

GATEWOOD GAZETTE

Newsletter of Gatewood Historic District



Sign topper fundraiser nets \$1,000 for improvements

The GHD Board is excited to announce the adopt-a-corner sign topper fundraiser has resulted in 23 more sign toppers for Gatewood intersections and \$1,000 in proceeds that will be reinvested into the community.

“Thank you Gatewood,” said Sam Rothblum, GHD Board president. “We are so grateful that our community embraced this project. Not only will we add sign topper coverage to more intersections in the neighborhood, but we now have additional funds for park beautification projects.”

Seeking creative ideas

The GHD Board is open to ideas and feedback on how best to apply the proceeds raised for beautification of Triangle park (21st and Indiana Ave.) and Trolley park (17th and Classen). Years ago, the Gatewood Historic District adopted both and uses neighborhood association funds for basic maintenance and water. Trolley park can use a little more love, kindness and care these days, especially as the neighborhood welcomes new businesses to the renovated storefront across the street. Maybe even add some local art? After all, this year USA Today did rank Oklahoma City's public art as the best in the country. Email or attend the next board meeting on Tuesday, July 13 to provide feedback.

In appreciation

17th and Gatewood Sabrina Skerston	18th and McKinley Taylor Jones	19th and Gatewood Stephanie Christ	20th and McKinley Daniel DeMoss	21st and Gatewood Raquel Frazier
17th and McKinley Lynn Garman Suzanne Victoria	18th and Virginia Becca Jessop	19th and Indiana Sam Rothblum	20th and Penn Ashley A Schmitz	22nd and Ellison Chanse Moucka
17th and Indiana Benjamin Birdwell	19th and Blackwelder Steven Sylke	20th and Gatewood Rallene May	20th and Virginia Darren Dupus	22nd and Virginia Therese Williams
17th and Kentucky Randy Cassimus James Brakebill	19th and Ellison Michelle Belknap	20th and Indiana Jennifer Mock	21st and Ellison Marcus Elwell	Tracey Budz Chris Black Hector Baez

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Welcome new board members

Gatewood is a hopping place to be and volunteers are critical to help steer the direction of the neighborhood. The GHD Board welcomes two new members: Steven Sylke has been named treasurer and Stephanie Christ is a general board member. Welcome and thanks for your commitment to our community!

Additional Board volunteers needed

The GHD Board is seeking volunteers to fill the position of vice president and several general board member vacancies. Volunteers will serve a three-year term and must be current on the \$45 annual dues. No prior board experience necessary. Job descriptions for each position are below. Email your interest and background to okcgatewood@gmail.com or join us at the July 13 board meeting.

- **Vice President:** Member of the board; performs chair responsibilities as needed; works closely with the president/board members; and performs other responsibilities as needed.
- **Board Member:** Regularly attends board meetings; makes serious commitment to participate actively in committee work; volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments; and participates in fund raising for the organization.

Save the date: 2021 Neighbors Night Out

After a temporary pause in 2020 because of the pandemic, we are ready to meet, greet and continue to build our neighborhood one party at a time.

On Tuesday, September 14, 2021, neighborhoods throughout central Oklahoma are invited to hold events to get to know their neighbors and celebrate community in conjunction with Neighborhood Alliance, the Oklahoma City Police Department and the Oklahoma City Fire Department. Gatewood plans to participate so save the date and more details to come.



Gatewood Historic District trivia

Time flies when you are having fun! It has been seven years since the Gatewood Elementary playground project was completed. The Gatewood Elementary Community Advisory Board partnered with Foresters Financial/KaBOOM! and their efforts, along with countless volunteers, made this playground a reality.

Approximately how many volunteers participated in the build day? The first to provide the correct answer will be our winner!

Send in your responses to okcgatewood@gmail.com with the subject line GHD Trivia!

Trivia answer from our past issue: What flavor ice cream did Keanu order at Roxy's? Answer: Single scope pecan in a cone.



It's back! Home Tour slated for October

Save the date for the 24th annual Gatewood Home Tour on Saturday, October 23.

This is the largest fundraiser for the neighborhood. Profits have purchased the neighborhood street pole signs on 16th, paid for the upkeep on the two neighborhood parks (Triangle and Trolley) and numerous other neighborhood events.

If you are proud of your home and would like to show it off on the tour, please reach out to anyone on the board or email okcgatewood@gmail.com.

Yard of the month returning in August

The GHD Board will resume naming two yards of the month in early August. Winners will be given a yard sign to display for the month as well as recognition on social media and the website.



Meetings and membership

The Gatewood Historic District neighborhood association was created to be a voice for the neighborhood. The Board welcomes more resident involvement to continue to improve and shape the neighborhood for the better! Consider attending an upcoming Board meeting or becoming a dues paying member. Annual dues are \$45 a household and go toward neighborhood events and improvements.

Monthly Board Meetings

Meetings take place at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month. Location each month is subject to change and will be posted to the website a week in advance. Most meetings will be hosted at OKC Improv at 1757 NW 16th St.



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