

# GATEWOOD GAZETTE

*Newsletter of Gatewood Historic District*



## Cheers to 2022

*Message from President Sam Rothblum*

Happy New Year! Hopefully you had a festive and relaxing holiday season with family and friends, and are ready to tackle 2022. On behalf of the Gatewood Historic District (GHD) Board I wanted to thank you for your continued support to improving our neighborhood. Your financial and time commitments helped us accomplish a great deal last year.

In 2021, we experienced a 47% increase in memberships and renewals compared to 2020, welcomed four new members to our Board — Stephanie Christ, Erin Baird, Nicole Bell and Sarah Luck — and saw increased attendance at our monthly meetings. Your insightful perspectives and opinions were valuable.

Without a doubt, the sign toppers adopt-a-corner fundraiser was a highlight. We sold dozens of them for the interior intersections and personal use, and raised a little more than \$1,000. Our spring Gatewood Garage Sale proved successful and the September Neighbors Night Out gathering drew near record crowds. We even started a quarterly neighborhood happy hour event at our awesome Plaza District watering holes to help draw neighbors together.

Beautification of the neighborhood also continued. In addition to mowing and watering Triangle and Trolley parks, we took advantage of Oklahoma City Community Foundation's Rebloom Oklahoma initiative and distributed 800 bulbs to local schools and the church. We also partnered with National Junior Honor Society students at Classen school for an ongoing service project to pick up trash, water plants and provide occasional landscape support at Trolley park. Speaking of Trolley park, the GHD Board has discussed intentions to improve that park's landscape/curb appeal, but is hesitant to invest funds at this time. We are waiting for more information about the proposed new RAPID service line that is expected along Classen Boulevard. From what we know, that current bus stop/park will likely look different with the positive improvements Oklahoma City EMBARK has planned.

Turning to 2022, we are planning to ride the great momentum we started in 2021 and hoping to bring back Yard of the Month, the Home and Garden tour, celebrate our Centennial birthday, and more.

Thank you again for making Gatewood the best neighborhood in OKC! Keep an eye on our website and Facebook and Instagram channels for updates and new events. And please consider attending our monthly Board meetings the second Tuesday of the month. Or even joining the GHD Board. Email me for more information at [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com).

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## Get your happy hour on

The challenges of 2021 forced the GHD Board to think of new ways to gather and get to know neighbors. The first two neighborhood happy hour in October and January were such successes and they will continue each quarter (hopefully) in 2022. Details will be posted on Gatewood's website and social media channels. First 25 Gatewood residents will get a free beer! They're a great way to get to know your neighbors and learn how you can get more involved in the neighborhood.

## Playground open to neighborhood

The playground at the Pre-K Center at Gatewood school (1821 NW 21st Street) is available for neighborhood use whenever classes are not in session and may be accessed via the north gate (see map).

If you find that gate locked or have questions, Principal Charlotte Guin said to contact her at school at 405-587-2400 or at [clguin@okcps.org](mailto:clguin@okcps.org). "I definitely want people in the neighborhood to use the playground," Guin said.

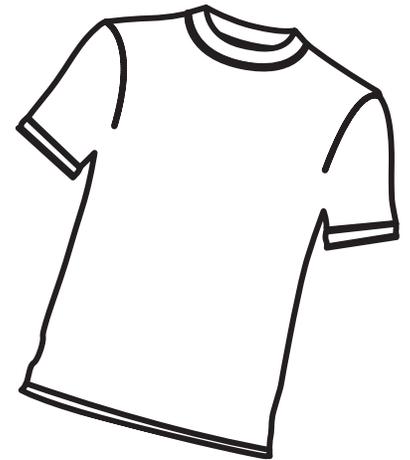


## Coming soon: Custom Gatewood Centennial t-shirts

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Gatewood neighborhood.

To recognize the Centennial, the GHD Board is commissioning the design of a t-shirt to reflect the anniversary and uniqueness of the neighborhood. Proceeds will be reinvested into the community including continued improvements and more neighborhood events.

Stay tuned to [gatewoodokc.com](http://gatewoodokc.com) and GHD social channels for availability and ordering details.



## Gatewood Historic District trivia

Feeling the urge to walk, run, bike or are you looking to let the kids or dogs loose for a little while? Our neighborhood is lucky to score high on walkability and have some playground and park amenities.

How many playgrounds and parks are there within the Gatewood UCD boundaries? The first to provide the correct answer will be our winner. Send in your responses to [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com) with the subject line GHD Trivia.

**Trivia answer from last issue:** Three Little Libraries are located within Gatewood: Gatewood Pre-K Center, NW 21st and N Gatewood Ave.; Classen SAS MS, 18th and N Ellison; and near NW 22nd and N Brauer Ave. Also, there is a Free Book Exchange in front of DNA Galleries and a pop-up VHS Exchange in front of Dig It. Check them out!



# Festive Christmas yard decor contest winners

1



1821 NW 19th

2



2101 N. Florida

# Spooktacular Halloween yard decorating contest winners



1821 NW 19th



2009 Carey Place

## Sign toppers still available

The GHD Board still has sign toppers available for purchase for a corner or personal use. Visit [gatewoodokc.com/sign-toppers-initiative](http://gatewoodokc.com/sign-toppers-initiative) to order.



## Advertise With Us!

The Gatewood Gazette is published quarterly to inform neighbors of local issues, announce meetings and events, summarize activities of the Board, get neighbors involved and promotes community pride. It is mailed via USPS list to nearly 900 residents, emailed and posted to the website.

- 1/4 Horizontal .....\$500
- 1/4 Square .....\$250
- 1/12 Square .....\$100

## 2022 Board Meetings

The Board welcomes more resident involvement to continue to improve and shape the neighborhood for the better! Consider attending an upcoming Board meeting (second Tuesday of the month) at 7 p.m. Locations vary and will be posted to [gatewoodokc.com](http://gatewoodokc.com).

- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13



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**We need YOUR help Gatewood**

Message from President Sam Rothblum:

I hope everyone had a great summer! While I love the dog days of summer, I am definitely looking forward to the cooler days ahead. Hopefully Mother Nature got all the ice and bitter cold out of her system last winter.

On a more serious note, the Gatewood Historic District (GHD) Board is in desperate need of more active board members to continue to plan and support our initiatives. This year we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the historic district. Because they moved from Gatewood and the others who "left town" because the main focus of this time, I know that in case you were asking, "how do I know if I'm qualified?" I can assure you we will not.

Below are a list of potential candidates for the GHD Board. The GHD Board has a lot of power to make positive change in the neighborhood through our actions. I hope you will apply, and please, the more the merrier! We are looking for people who are interested in the historic district and want to help us make a difference in the community. We just need more volunteers to help us achieve our goals.

If you like social media, we have a Facebook page, a Twitter account, and a website. We are looking for people who are interested in the historic district and want to help us make a difference in the community. We just need more volunteers to help us achieve our goals.

Drop us an email if you are interested [dgkatewood@gmail.com](mailto:dgkatewood@gmail.com) or stop by our neighborhood happy hour at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22 at Oak & Oak.

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neighborhood news.*

## 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 (second Tuesday of the month) or becoming a dues paying member. Annual dues are \$45 a household and go toward neighborhood events and improvements.

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