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# GATEWOOD GAZETTE

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### JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Annual dues are \$45/household and go toward neighborhood events and improvements.

Join online at:

[www.gatewoodokc.com/why-join-ghd](http://www.gatewoodokc.com/why-join-ghd).

Or complete the form below and return with a check to: Gatewood Historic District, PO Box 60774, OKC, OK 73146.

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## From the President

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the board has voted on and approved sign toppers to be installed along street signs on the perimeter of our neighborhood. Unfortunately our vendor had their operations disrupted by the wildfires that ravaged the West Coast. But we're moving forward and hopefully will have the design approved by the City sometime in October.

In addition, based on input from neighbors, we are revisiting the setup at Triangle Park. We're hoping to get the parks landscaped and ready for a beautiful spring.

We received some great feedback from neighbors after the last newsletter. Please don't hesitate to reach out at [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com) and let me know what's on your mind for the neighborhood.

- Sam Rothblum, President GHD



## Scaled-Back Halloween

Halloween is one of the marquee nights in Gatewood as thousands descend with hopes of spooky fun and sweet treats. But like many events in 2020, Halloween will look a little different this year. As of this printing, officials with the City of Oklahoma City are reporting that Halloween plans are still on across the Metro, but unfortunately, Carey Place will not be hosting its annual extravaganza. For those who do plan to trick-or-treat or distribute candy, social distancing, wearing a mask, washing hands, and limiting group size is highly recommended. Homeowners not planning to distribute candy are encouraged to keep their lights off. In 2021, hopefully Gatewood will return to being the OKC-Metro epicenter of Halloween night.

## Triangle Park

Sometimes the best laid plans of mice and men... The last year the Gatewood Board has made efforts to improve Triangle Park at NW 21st and Indiana. The hope was to make it a place where residents would be able to meet and greet, a place the neighborhood could be proud of and a place of beauty.

While there were some positive impromptu gatherings among neighbors, there also were daytime and after-hours nightmares for residents near the park. Transient visitors were showering in the park, using the tables as beds, draping tarps over the tables to create tents, leaving piles of trash, and other activities that created safety concerns for the adjacent community.

So we are reexamining how to achieve our goals and relocating the picnic tables to the playground at Gatewood Early Learning Center, where we will still have access to them for events as needed.



## GATEWOOD TRIVIA



Congrats to **Lauren Himmelberg**, winner of our last trivia question.  
**Q:** OKC Fire Department Station 10 at NW 16th and Penn is a cornerstone of our neighborhood. What is its architectural style?  
**A:** Mid-Century Modern. Designed by Harold Hite. Built in 1974. Check out [okcmod.com](http://okcmod.com) for a brief article on this building and other modern buildings in Oklahoma.

The Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic Torch Relay, a 65-day run with more than 12,000 torch bearers, arrived in OKC on January 20, 2002. The relay started at the Santa Fe Depot, ended at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and included a 1-mile stretch through Gatewood. The first individual to correctly name four streets within our neighborhood that were on the relay route wins! Send your responses to [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com) with the subject line GHD Trivia. Hint: Check out Paula Ashworth's recent Gatewood Buddies Facebook post for some clues!



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## The Berry Law Building

In the early 1906, the land under what is now known as the Berry Law Building was owned by Epworth University (now Oklahoma City University) and the building was home to a weather observatory, the U.S. Weather Bureau building until the 1950s. In the 1960s and 1970s, the building was a variety of schools, small offices, and even storage. In 1980, Howard K. Berry Jr. transformed it into the Berry Law Building. In 2019, the building was purchased by new owners and has been renovated.



Plaza Walls from Plaza Saturdays



## OKC Connect App

Did you know there is a mobile app for Oklahoma City? It's available for both Android and Apple devices and will allow you to submit service requests, get information about City services, and stay connected with updates. You can also get information on holding a garage sale and a map showing current garage sales. Look for OKC Connect on your app store and install it!



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