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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR  
THE GATEWOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT

Summer 2020

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Neighbors!

We're seven (almost eight) months into 2020 and we've barely had the chance to get acquainted! I'm Sam, and I've been a neighbor for almost five years. Last year I was approached by a couple of neighbors on my street about joining the board. When the discussion came up about improving our neighborhood infrastructure, well, you better believe I was interested. We're currently working with The City of OKC to work out plans to update and improve Triangle Park over on Indiana Ave and 20th/21st streets. We have a design and a plan to make use of all that Triangle Park currently has, but to also make it a space for neighbors to congregate and enjoy. Unfortunately, we're a little behind schedule this year due to the public health situation but we're planning big and dreaming even bigger! In the meantime, please be sure to enjoy the added space our neighborhood parks provide - and let us know if you have any questions or concerns by emailing [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com)!

Also, small spoiler alert, but you'll soon be seeing some added signage around the perimeter of the neighborhood. Keep an eye out for more info on how you can get involved in our next newsletter or on our Facebook or Instagram pages!

## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!

Annual dues are \$45 per Household

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this information and a check to:

Gatewood Historic District, Inc.  
P.O. Box 60774  
Oklahoma City, OK 73146

You may also pay dues online at <https://www.gatewoodokc.com/why-join-ghd>. (Please make sure that we also have your email and address!)

Thank you for supporting neighborhood events and keeping Gatewood looking beautiful! Your involvement is part of what makes our district so awesome!

## Gatewood Historic District Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

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## On Street Parking in Gatewood

It is easy to agree that one of the reasons we all choose to live in Gatewood is the Plaza District. It is also easy to agree that, for those who live in a three-block radius of one of Oklahoma's biggest attractions, parking on the streets is a problem.

The problem: it creates a potential deadly traffic pattern. Our streets were designed for cars of the 1920's. Those cars were literally two to three feet more narrow than today's cars. When cars are parked on both sides of the street emergency vehicles cannot pass through. When seconds count, an ambulance or fire truck making a six block to one mile detour could be the difference between life and death.

The fix: parking on one side of the street. The board is considering asking the City to determine if parking on one side of the street is a viable answer for our dilemma. We would like your opinion. How would you, the resident, feel about limiting parking to only one side of the street? Send your comments to [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com). Be sure to include your address in the email.





## Kids' Lemonade Stand Raises \$100 For BLM

The Gateley family had been talking a lot about racism and Black Lives Matter recently. After they watched CNN's "Sesame Street" for Coming Together: Standing Up to Racism, a town hall for kids and families, their two boys wanted to take action. In early June, they set up a lemonade stand to raise money for Black Lives Matter Oklahoma. After only a few hours (and running out of ice) they were able to raise and donate \$100! (Shari Gateley photo)

## OKC Fire Station 10 Brick Wall Repair

Many Gatewood residents have been curious about the status of repairing the damaged brick wall at OKC Fire Station 10 (corner of NW 18th Street and Penn). According to an early-July update from the city, the city's facilities manager is waiting to receive a third bid and then a purchase order will be issued for the repair. An estimated completion date was not provided.



## A Bright Idea

A quick read through NextDoor or Gatewood Buddies will tell us that we are not immune to some crime issues: car break ins, items stolen from porches and yards, and people in backyards that don't belong there.

My mother used to say, "nothing good happens after midnight in the dark." She was accurate in her statement. Have you ever noticed how dark our neighborhood can be? So, a simple way to slow down this assault on our homes and cars is by shedding light on the darkness. Please begin tonight to leave your front and back porch lights on through the dark hours. All night every night. When you leave your car lock it. Lock it after removing any and all that is important to you.

Having lights on is a proven deterrent. Having nothing of value in your car may not keep it from being broken into but it will keep you from losing items of value.

## Spotlight on Local Business

Gatewood has a new neighbor! Reflections Dental Care recently opened a new office at 1108 NW 16th. Their equipment is state of the art with the latest technology from Europe. Their chairs come with infection prevention, built-in functions, and adapters for automatic sanitization. Also, pertinent for these times: sealed HVAC with UV filters to clean the air like nowhere else, and everything is aerosolized and sterilized. There is an on-staff Spanish speaking assistant. They also have 3D x-rays capability, in comparison to traditional x-rays which are 2D.

If you are considering dental care, think about Reflections!

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## GATEWOOD TRIVIA



Oklahoma City Fire Department Station 10 at NW 16th and Penn is a cornerstone of our neighborhood. What is the architectural style of the building?

Send in your responses to [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com) with the Subject line GHD Trivia!

Respondents with the correct answer will be entered into a raffle for a grand prize!



**Last Issue's Winner!**

Congrats to Saxon Hanwacker, the winner of our last trivia question. He will

receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Gatewood restaurant of his choice!

The answer to "How many businesses operate within the Gatewood UCD boundaries?" is 38!



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## Gatewood Elementary To Be A Place for Children Again

After sitting vacant for more than a year, Gatewood Elementary School (GES) will soon have young students walking its halls again. In July, the building began its transition to the OKCPS Early Childhood Center at Gatewood.

The building will house the OKCPS Early Childhood team of 16 staff, with Parents As Teachers and Early Birds team members serving parents with children to age 5 in the district. It also will house six overflow PreK classes for nearby schools—about 120 students—and may soon be used to provide reduced-cost childcare for OKCPS staff as well.

"We are excited to be there,"

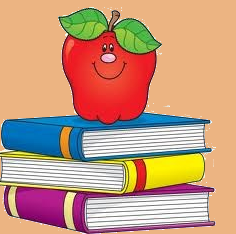
said Stephanie Hinton, OKCPS Early Childhood Director.

Local universities are partnering with the district to have students help teach at the center to kickstart their careers in childcare or elementary education. Early education students and PreK classroom teachers will all benefit from the extra support of having the Early Childhood team on site.

Though the timing of students meeting in person continues to evolve due to Covid-19, the plan is to have children in the building again as soon as is safely possible. OKCPS recently decided that the school year will begin in August with

online learning for all.

The district has indicated that the neighborhood will be able to use the GES playground when school is not in session. They ask that neighbors be diligent about picking up pet waste to prevent children from coming into contact with it. Questions regarding the Early Childhood Center at Gatewood may be directed to Stephanie Hinton at [sdhinton@okcps.org](mailto:sdhinton@okcps.org).



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## Donation provides 4,600+ meals to Oklahoma families

The COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn has hit Oklahoma families hard in many ways, and it's also been an unprecedented time for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (RFBO). But Gatewood residents recently stepped up to help. Because of the community's generosity with membership dues and Oklahoma Shirt Company sales profits, a donation of \$1,157.41 was recently made to the RFBO. Every \$1 helps provide four meals to Oklahoma families and will keep food flowing to Oklahomans living with hunger during these challenging times.