

GATEWOOD GAZETTE

Newsletter of Gatewood Historic District



Board volunteers needed

Gatewood is a hopping place to be and more volunteers are needed to help steer the direction of the neighborhood.

The GHD Board is seeking volunteers to fill officer positions of vice president and treasurer, as well as general board member vacancies. Volunteers will serve a three-year term and must be current on \$45 annual dues. No prior board experience necessary. Job descriptions for each position are below. Email your interest and background to okcgatewood@gmail.com.

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 Treasurer

- Member of the board; manages finances and administrates fiscal matters of the organization; prepares the annual tax exemption form.

Board Member

- Regularly attends board meetings; makes serious commitment to participate actively in committee work; volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments; stays informed about committee matters; gets to know other committee members and builds a collegial working relationship; is an active participant in the committee's annual evaluation and planning efforts; and participates in fund raising for the organization.

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

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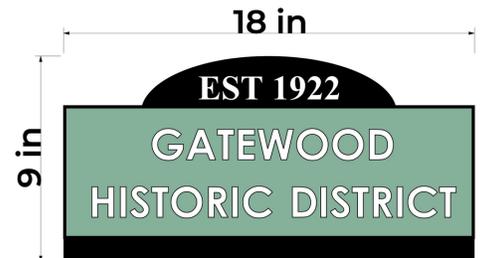
Adopt-a-corner fundraiser slated for summer.

Later this spring 24 new sign toppers are expected to make their debut on the perimeter of Gatewood to identify and show community pride in the 99-year-old historic district.

“This project has been a long time in the making, and we’re so excited to be moving forward,” said Sam Rothblum, GHD Board President. “It’s a fantastic example of annual membership dues being reinvested in our neighborhood to keep it looking beautiful, while strengthening the sense of community.”

The city officially approved the sign topper application, the sign vendor has started manufacturing, and the city will provide the labor. Installation is expected in the next few months.

The next phase of the project will be an adopt-a-corner fundraiser. Residents will have the opportunity to purchase a \$100 sign topper for an intersection in Gatewood. Part of the proceeds will go toward Triangle and Trolley park improvements. More details on the adopt-a-corner fundraiser will be provided on social media and the website.



Colorful Gatewood



The 800 daffodil bulbs the GHD Board received in December from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation have not disappointed this spring. Part of the Rebloom Oklahoma initiative, Gatewood Early Learning Center, Rosary School, Eugene Field Elementary and Classen SAS Middle School blossomed with color.



Gatewood Garage Sale

Planning is underway for Gatewood's annual garage sale weekend.

May 1-2, 2021*

**tentative as of newsletter publishing*

Stayed tuned to our website and social media channels for the latest information.

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Students adopt Trolley Park

Trolley Park (the park with the metal trolley car on the corner of Classen and NW 17th) will be getting some TLC from students at Classen School of Advanced Studies Middle School. The school's National Junior Honor Society has adopted the park as an ongoing service project and will pick up trash, water plants and provide occasional landscaping support. Their first time doing so was April 2.

"The students are thrilled to be able to serve their community," said sponsor Sarah White. "They especially like the idea that the park is close to our school and right across from Braum's."



Welcome new Plaza District ED

GHD would like to officially welcome the new executive director of the Plaza District, David Scott. He took the reins in January 2021 and has hit the ground running by meeting with business owners and organizing events.

"I am excited to be working in the Plaza District, and I hope we can grow our partnerships with the surrounding neighborhoods," Scott said. "We are focused on building a community that cares for one another, one that encourages authenticity and fosters passion for creativity."

Scott was formerly the executive director for the Anadarko Chamber of Commerce. He will be responsible for managing operations for both the Plaza Business Alliance and the Plaza District Association. A native of Ada, OK, Scott earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from nearby Oklahoma City University. He is also a proud member of the Choctaw Nation.



Gatewood Historic District trivia

You may have heard the buzz - Keanu Reeves was spotted strolling the Plaza District casually enjoying a Roxy's Ice Cream cone on a clear and calm, mid-March afternoon. What flavor ice cream did Keanu order at Roxy's? 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: Our neighborhood boasts a number charming historic street lights. Can you guess how many historic lights fall within the Gatewood UCD boundaries?

A: 97 Street Lights – with a majority running along 16th street!



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Annual Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, April 25, 2021
2-3 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/meetings>
Meeting ID and password will be published on gatewoodokc.com

Join us for the Gatewood Historic District Annual Meeting. We will hear from special guests, discuss neighborhood events and initiatives, membership, the newsletter, volunteer opportunities and future outlook. We will also vote on Board of Director positions.

Guest Speakers:

David Scott
Executive
Director,
Plaza District

JoBeth Hamon
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