



# Newsletter

News and information for ALL residents of the Mesta Park Historic Preservation District

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## Get Involved!

### PERLE MESTA PARK UPDATE by JB Schuelein

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#### The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

is published ten times per year (monthly except January & July) by the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association.

Meetings occur on the first Tuesday of the month at Sunbeam Family Home at NW 21<sup>st</sup> and Lee.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 2:** Spring Clean-Up, Perle Mesta Park, 9am

**April 5:** Neighborhood Meeting, 6:30pm, NW 21<sup>st</sup> & Lee.

**April 23:** Easter Egg Hunt, 10am

**June 7:** Picnic, 6:30pm

**August 2:** Ice Cream Social, 7:30pm

Spring is here, and the Parks Committee is anxious to take advantage of the warm weather to do some Spring cleaning in the Park and to embark on our next capital improvement project. The purpose of this article is to update you on our year-end fundraising letter and to solicit your help on our annual clean-up on Saturday, April 2.

**Southeast Entrance:** Thanks to the generous contributions of our friends and neighbors, we plan to break ground on a big 'make-over' for the Southeast corner of the park in the next few weeks. Plans for the area were developed by neighborhood residents Hans and Torrey Butzer and will create a new entrance at the southeast corner of the park along with a permanent stage area for Mesta Festa including upgraded electrical service! The project will be constructed by another MPNA resident Andy Zeeck and his company, Dwellings LLC.

Historic Preservation Inc and the Heritage Hills Associates Board have pledged \$10,000 for the project. More than two dozen neighbors from Mesta Park and Heritage Hills responded to our year-end fundraising letter matching grant offers from Dr. Stan and Raina Pelofsky and Sees Design, in amounts from \$10 -\$3,000. Thanks to all who have contributed to the park, either financially or with your time and energy. Please express your thanks to our friends and neighbors in Heritage Hills, the Pelofskys, Sees, Butzers and Zeecks when you see them. Through their generosity, we will all enjoy these enhancements to our park for generations to come.

**Spring Clean-up – April 2.** The Parks Committee hopes you will join us around **9am** on Saturday morning, April 2, for our annual Clean-up in the Park. We'll be supported by more than two dozen OU students through OU's Big Event. OU students have worked in Perle Mesta Park for the past several years on tasks that include painting the gazebo, raking leaves, spreading mulch and cleaning out the flower beds. Please bring your wheel barrow, rakes, gardening tools and gloves to lend a hand. Together, we can make the park look great! The neighborhood provides lunch for the students. If you are unable to help with the physical work in the park, but would like to help, please consider providing something toward lunch. We can always use bottled water, soft drinks, and snacks (fruit, veggies, chips, brownies and cookies). Please contact JB @ 525-2059.

# Get Compliant!

## NEED A NEW ROOF? IT'S JUST GOTTEN A LITTLE BIT EASIER By Mary Bliss Hassell

As you know, living in an historic district, when you make a change to the exterior of your home you will first need to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The city's Historic Preservation Commission has just made applications for new roofing easier. Your application can now be reviewed and approved by the department staff, saving the Commission the trouble of discussing it at their monthly meeting, and saving you the trouble of having to wait for and attend that meeting.

You can download and print out a Certificate of Appropriateness application by going online to <http://www.okc.gov/planning/hp/index.html> and clicking "Application Packet", or by making a quick trip to the city planning department.

If you have questions about that process, our Mesta Park Preservation Review Committee can assist you in finding city guidelines and other information you may need. Contact them at [mestaparkpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:mestaparkpreservation@gmail.com)

# Get Secure!

## OCPD BURGLARY DETECTIVE NEEDS YOUR HELP!! by Sheryl Dolan

As you may know, the HNSA (Historic Neighborhoods Security Association) officers caught an auto burglar red-handed just before 5:00am on 3/5/11, in the 600 block of 15th. In addition to the valuables he had in his possession from the car where our HNSA officer arrested him, the suspect was also in possession of many items which he likely collected from other vehicles in our neighborhood. The police are trying to locate the owners of this property in order to charge the suspect with additional crimes. They also want to return the items to their rightful owners. Please check your vehicle glove-box, console, etc. for any missing items. If you determine that you had something stolen the night of 3/4/11 or morning of 3/5/11 please email [ssdolan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ssdolan@sbcglobal.net) or call me (405)521-0119. If you know a person by the name of **Mary Parker**, please have her contact me and or send her contact information to me.

Please pass this message on to all of your neighbors, HNSA members and non-HNSA members. **It is very important that the police find the owners of these items that were in this suspect's possession when he was arrested.**

If you are not a member of HNSA, please join today. We need everyone to chip in to pay for the excellent work that our HNSA officers do in our area. All HNSA officers are active Oklahoma City Police Officers. It is only a little over \$1 a day to be a member and the benefits to the members and our neighborhood are priceless. The price is so low because your neighbors volunteer to do most of the work to keep this organization together and productive. Please contact me if want to join. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

## FUNDRAISER FOR CHAD PEERY

On February 15, 2011, off-duty Oklahoma City police officer Chad Peery was asked by the staff of a local restaurant, who knew he was a police officer, to help escort several belligerent men outside the business. In the process of doing so, he was brutally beaten unconscious by men who fled the scene and were later arrested. He was taken to the hospital where it was discovered he was paralyzed.

The Fraternal Order of Police – Lodge 123 is organizing a fundraising event for their member Chad Peery. During this event there will be both a live auction and silent auction. The Fraternal Order of Police is soliciting donations for the auctions. The fundraiser will be on April 21, 2011 at the Coca-cola Event Center in Bricktown.

If you have any item you would like to contribute, or if you have contact with any company that might be interested in contributing an item to the auction please contact Corey Nooner, 405-250-3059 or the Fraternal Order of Police main number at 405-236-4631. You can visit [www.chadpeeryfund.org](http://www.chadpeeryfund.org) to learn more about the assault of officer Chad Peery. This website also allows donations by PayPal or check.

# Get Secure! (cont'd)

## HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS SECURITY ASSOCIATION by Ann Dell

Last month, our security patrol officers caught an auto burglar in the act! He was arrested at 5:00 am Saturday, March 5. We think that he has been responsible for a rash of these incidents the last few weeks, and HNSA members are thrilled that this criminal was apprehended. Besides taking this man off the streets (he has other charges pending as well), our patrol officers have arrested several men wandering in our area who have outstanding warrants for some serious crimes. Please join Historic Neighborhoods Security Association and help us in our efforts to keep Mesta Park, Heritage Hills and Heritage Hills East secure. **Send in the enrollment forms (ACH Origination form below and Registration/Profile form on page 4), call Neighborhood Service, (405) 348-1436, or email [security@mestapark.org](mailto:security@mestapark.org) for more information.**

### ACH ORIGATION FORM / EFT FORM

**YOU MUST ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK OR A COPY OF A CHECK**

I authorize Neighborhood Services Corporation to initiate entries to my checking/savings account as directed below. This authority will remain in effect until I notify NSC in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford NSC a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution 3 days before my account(s) is charged for a normal stop payment fee. I can have the amount of an erroneous charge immediately credited to my account up to 15 days following issuance of my bank statement or 60 days after posting.

#### ACCOUNT TO BE CREDITED

***ALL ACCOUNTS WILL BE DRAFTED ON THE 10TH OF THE MONTH***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ASSOCIATION: Historic Neighborhoods Security Association (HNSA)

ACCOUNT NO: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECKING \_\_\_\_\_ SAVINGS \_\_\_\_\_

ROUTING NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTH DRAFTS COMMENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

(NSC must receive this form at least 10 days prior to the date of first draft)

FREQUENCY:  X  monthly (all accounts are drafted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month)

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE

DATE

For company Use: Processed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## REGISTRATION AND MEMBER PROFILE FORM (Keep a copy for your records)

**Historic Neighborhoods Security Association (HNSA): Serving Heritage Hills, Mesta Park, and Heritage Hills East**

HNSA Membership Registration Form	(Complete Fields Below)
Name(s)	
Neighborhood	Mesta Park
Billing Address 1	
City, State, Zip Code	
Property Address 1:	
City, State, Zip Code	
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Email Address:	
Interested in HNSA Service	Volunteer - Please circle: Yes or No Serve on HNSA Board - Please circle: Yes or No
Need any Special Items Delivered by an HNSA Patrol Officer	HNSA Car Decal # _____ Hotline (phone) Stickers # _____ HNSA Yard Sign # _____ HNSA Security Patrol Fact Sheet

### Billing Information:

Dues are prepaid so that the number of patrol hours can be determined each month. There are two options to pay your dues; please choose one of the options below:

\* Check or Money Order (one-time annual fee for remainder of the calendar year-\$35. X number of remaining mos, payable to HNSA)

\* Monthly EFT (a monthly electronic fund transfer of \$35.00 from a checking or savings account).

\*\*If you are choosing to pay monthly by electronic bank draft, please complete the EFT form on page 3 and **attach a canceled check**.

**Remit: Neighborhood Services Corporation**

**Attn: HNSA New Member**

**1322 S. Fretz Drive**

**Edmond, OK 73003**

405.348.1436 ([office@neighborhoodsplus.com](mailto:office@neighborhoodsplus.com))

HNSA Member Profile Information	(Complete Fields Below - WRITE CLEARLY USING DARK INK this form may be transmitted electronically to the Patrol Officers)
Emergency Phone Contact Number (fastest contact):	Name _____ Phone Number _____
Description of Cars at Home Regularly (Model/Color/tag #)	Car 1: _____ Car 2: _____ Car 3: _____ Car 4: _____
Names of Other Individuals Living at Residence or Regular and Authorized Visitors	Person 1: _____ Person 5: _____ Person 2: _____ Person 6: _____ Person 3: _____ Person 7: _____ Person 4: _____ Person 8: _____
Pets	In House    In Yard    No Pets
Alarm Company	Name: _____ Phone: _____
Handling Instructions for House Checks	Mail:            Pickup            Leave in mailbox Newspapers:   Pickup            Leave on/in (location) _____
Miscellaneous	Fence Gates Locked: Yes    No Lights left on:    Porch    Upstairs    Downstairs    Other ( _____ )

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## Get Involved! (cont'd)

### EASTER BUNNY TO VISIT MESTA PARK by Mick Shirron

The Social Committee has received confirmation from the Easter Bunny's Personal Assistant that the Easter Bunny will make a return appearance at this year's Mesta Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt! The **Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10:00 am, Saturday, April 23rd at Perle Mesta Park.** The Easter Bunny will arrive at 9:30 for pictures before the Easter Egg Hunt and will be available for a short time after all the eggs have been discovered by the children. Remember to bring your camera to capture the memory of your child with the Easter Bunny either before or after the egg hunt. Following the egg hunt, punch and snacks will be provided for the children and adults.

Anyone wanting to help with getting the eggs out for the children to find, please arrive at the park at 9:00 am or shortly thereafter on Saturday, April 23rd. Any and all assistance will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to stuff the plastic eggs with wrapped candy and to provide the snacks the day of the hunt. Parents are invited to bring dyed eggs (remember the fun you enjoyed as a child dying Easter Eggs?) to hide with the plastic candy filled eggs. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Lisa Escalon at 413-2109 or Mick Shirron at 525-9521.

### MEMBERSHIP by Janice Menser

Thank you to the following for joining the 2010/2011 Mesta Park Neighborhood Association in February and March:

Derek and Anne Pate

Richard and Dana Vance

Scott Cole

Your support to our neighborhood goes towards maintenance and improvements to our park, boulevard, sidewalks, street lights and many other neighborhood projects and functions. Look around and see what your money has done for this neighborhood. Pretty good results for only a \$30.00 donation.

Not sure if you have joined? Check at [www.mestapark.org](http://www.mestapark.org) for a complete list of members. If you have not joined, please sign up today!



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Join the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association today.

### MPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK/CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to become a member of MPNA! Annual dues of \$30 are enclosed.

Mail to: **MPNA**, P.O. Box 61095, OKC, OK 73146

Or join online at [www.mestapark.org/membership!](http://www.mestapark.org/membership!)