



Mesta Park Neighborhood Association

Newsletter

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

August 2010

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Visit www.mestapark.org/association-leaders for additional contact info.

Get Involved!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL by Mick Shirron

Mesta Park residents don't forget our annual ice cream social at Perle Mesta Park on **Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:30 pm!** The neighborhood association will provide the drinks, bowls, spoons, and napkins. Bring your favorite ice cream, toppings and cookies to share with your neighbors. For more information on the ice cream social, email social@mestapark.org.

If you would like to become involved and be a part of the Social Committee, please email either Lisa Escalon or Mick Shirron at social@mestapark.org.

BE A PART OF MAKING MESTA PARK GREAT! by Jackie Johnson

Wanting to improve our neighborhood? YOU can help by volunteering to do one of the following:

- 1) Be a block captain (e-mail blockcaptain@mestapark.org) and put up a yard sign once a month to advertise our neighborhood meetings;
- 2) Attend one of the monthly meetings;
- 3) Volunteer to be a part of the committee that helps plan one of the fundraising events (MestaFesta@mestapark.org, HomeTour@mestapark.org, Mesta on the Green);
- 4) Step up to help with alley improvements by coordinating city assistance;
- 5) Start a 'Christmas in April' group to help neighbors in need of maintaining their property;
- 6) View other volunteer opportunities at mestapark.org;
- 7) Submit a relevant article for the newsletter by sending to newsletter@mestapark.org.

Get Secure!

HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS SECURITY ASSOCIATION by Ann Dell

This summer, continue to look for strangers who walk up on your porch or back yard, and "just happen" to try the door to see if it is locked, or who "just happen" to pick up some item that does not belong to them. If you are an HNSA member, you can call the patrol and have an incident checked out. Our patrol officers (trained police) are prepared to handle all types of situations and to look for known offenders. If you are not a member and wish to join to get all the benefits of a security patrol, please call Neighborhood Services, 348-1436, or email security@mestapark.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 3: Ice Cream Social,
7:30pm, Perle Mesta Park

Get Proud!

SHARTEL BOULEVARD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: HISTORY AND UPDATE by Renate Wiggin

For those of you who have moved to Mesta Park or Heritage Hills in the past few years and for those who might need a refresher course, here's a brief synopsis of the creation and maintenance of the Shartel Boulevard Median running from NW 14th to the corner of Western and NW 18th Streets.

To combat the increasing traffic through our neighborhood, HPI with the help of a traffic engineer designed a master plan about 20 years ago which, among other changes, reintroduced two-way traffic on all north-south streets, making Classen Drive and 14th Street into cul-de-sacs and creating a median on Shartel Boulevard. In 1996 Heritage Hills and Mesta Park met with the City and presented a conceptual drawing of Shartel. With \$40,000 in seed money from St. Anthony Hospital, the blessing of the City for a public/private partnership, and the establishment of the *Shartel Boulevard Development Authority, Inc.*, (SBDA), a 501(C)3 tax exempt corporation, several fundraising events took place to secure the resources for the project to commence. The neighborhoods came up with \$230,000, which the city matched, with the agreement that the neighborhoods would take care of the development and all maintenance of the median once the project was finished. Along with construction of the median, the City had to replace the sewer and water main and resurface the road, which resulted in a total cost of \$1,030,000.

The SBDA has a Board of Directors comprised of Mesta Park and Heritage Hills residents who handle maintenance issues such as broken sprinkler heads, watering cycles, mowing, tree replacement and annual flower planting. The annual operating budget of about \$20,000 + is funded through private donations from both neighborhoods, but all activities involving the medians are coordinated and managed by SBDA. The SBDA has established a Designated Endowment Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation with the hope that the project will eventually be maintained by the endowment in perpetuity, but they are far from reaching that goal.

Please visit the "donor plaza" on Trolley Park (the triangular park at the corner of NW 18th and Shartel), which has been greatly enhanced by the organization's work and the neighborhoods' support.

This unique public/private partnership has not only beautified our two neighborhoods and increased our property values but substantially reduced and slowed down traffic on Shartel Boulevard. In order to keep maintaining our little jewel, however, we do need your help. Please consider making a contribution, and make your tax deductible donation payable to SBDA, Inc., mailed to

SBDA, Inc.
c/o Renate Wiggin, Treasurer
301 NW 18th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73103

If you have any maintenance concerns, notice malfunctioning sprinklers or "mowed down" trees, please contact Lori Wrotenbery at 557-1558 (h) or 521-2302 (w). The more eyes we have the better.

Thank you so very much for your support!

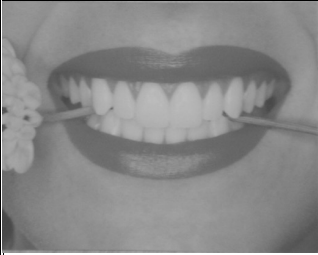
Get Compliant!

STAYING COMPLIANT

Mesta Park is a Historic Preservation neighborhood. If you have any questions or concerns with regard to code violations, please call the Action Center at 297-2535 or go to www.mestapark.org to contact the code compliance committee members. With compliance questions, contact Don Hawkins at complanct@mestapark.org. With historic preservation questions, contact Raina Pelofsky at hp@mestapark.org. **Get informed and stay compliant!**

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE by Janice Menser

WOW! What a great response to the membership drive which runs from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Thank you so much to the following for joining the 2010/2011 Mesta Park Neighborhood Association in June and July:

Veronica White
Greg Krempfle
Ryan and Jenn Tupps
Jeremy Johnson
Terry Dennison & John Doneti
Bryan and Timberly Eckelmann
Ruthe Demand
Mark and Janie Reeser
Jay and Lisa Escalon
J.D. and Jackie Simpson
Todd and Tiffany Davis
J.B. Schuelein
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Jacob and Charissa Dearmon
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Jackie and Kevin Johnson
Mike and Leah Casey
Michael Davis and Lou Ann Davis
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Mick Shirron and Don Hawkins
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Tim and Bridgid Cook
Raina and Stan Pelofsky
Fall Family
Mary Louise Khoury
Michael Grim
Kathryn Dean

Your support to our neighborhood goes towards maintenance and improvements to our park, boulevard, sidewalks, street lights and many other neighborhood projects and functions. Not sure if you have joined? Check at www.mestapark.org for a complete list of members. If you have not joined, please sign up today!



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MPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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)