Mesta Park Neighborhood Association

Newsletter

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

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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 21st and Lee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1: Neighborhood Meeting, 6:30pm, NW 21st & Lee.

February 15: Mardi Gras Potluck, Overholser Mansion Carriage House, 6pm

April 23: Easter Egg Hunt

MARDI GRAS THEMED POTLUCK by Mick Shirron

There is no better way to get back in the swing of things and get rid of cabin fever than with the **Mardi Gras themed neighborhood potluck dinner on Tuesday, February 15th**. All residents are invited to the **potluck dinner and social** at the **Carriage House on the grounds of the Overholser Mansion located at 415 NW 15th Street**. **Social time will begin at 6:00 pm with the dinner scheduled for 6:30 pm.** Mesta Park residents are asked to bring their favorite dish/dessert to share with their neighbors. The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association will provide the ice, soft drinks, water, tea and coffee. Make your plans to enjoy an evening of great food and fellowship with your neighbors on Tuesday, February 15th. For more information, contact either Lisa Escalon at 602-8086 or Mick Shirron at 525-9521.

Also, mark your calendars for the neighborhood **Easter Egg Hunt**, to be held on **Saturday, April 23, 2011**.

MEMBERSHIP by Janice Menser

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

Damaris Brisco and Grant Schofield
Jana Pressler
Mike Lepak

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!

Get Secure!

HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS SECURITY ASSOCIATION submitted by Ann Dell

Historic Neighborhood Security Association is a security association of residents from Heritage Hills, Heritage Hills East and Mesta Park who want to keep our neighborhoods safe through the use of police officers that patrol our area. It is a not-for-profit organization. Members pay monthly dues to fund this effort. Police officers compensation, the patrols vehicle and associated costs, cellular telephone fees, and administrative fees are paid solely by the members of HNSA. The members of the HNSA board dedicate hours towards this effort. All residents in the neighborhoods benefit from a service paid for by a percentage of the residents.

The **current rash of home and car burglaries** we are experiencing should highlight why security is so important to all of us. Having had my home broken into in the early morning hours of 12-12-2010 while I slept, with personal property and my car stolen, certainly brought the necessity home to me. Walking downstairs to find the door and window wide open and knowing that thieves were in every room downstairs has been difficult to accept. Yes, I am very grateful that no harm came to me. Things can be replaced. Normally very diligent in setting the security devices, I simply failed to reset the alarms as I am sure many of you have occasionally forgotten.

We currently have enough funding to support approximately 18 hours a day service. During unusual times (rash of burglaries, ice storms, power outages, etc.), HNSA reacts swiftly to increase the security for the current emergency. HNSA balances those extended hours out in other months. Officers have been following vehicles that appear to be looking for their next target. The suspected vehicle exits the neighborhood quickly when our officers have followed it. Unfortunately the night I was burglarized HNSA officers were not on duty. **The current membership does not support a 24 hour a day service. Please join your neighbors in helping to secure your neighborhood.** For $35.00 a month you can be part of the solution. The fee may be paid yearly or monthly by electronic transfer. HNSA can only schedule hours supported by members' dues. You may call Sheryl Dolan (405-521-0119) or Neighborhood Services (405-348-1436) or email security@mestapark.org for more information.

We are ALSO currently looking for a new board member who is willing to develop a new membership drive. Each current board member has a continual duty they perform for HNSA, and we are looking for an HNSA member that has experience in promotion and marketing to join us.

Linda Adams

Vice President

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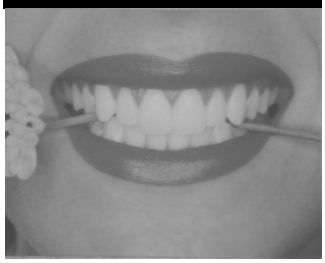
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