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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 21st and Lee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2: Park Clean-Up, 9am, Perle Mesta Park

October 5: Neighborhood Meeting, 6:30pm, Sunbeam Family Home at NW 21st & Lee.

October 9: Mesta Festa, 12-6pm, Perle Mesta Park

MESTA FESTA 2010! by Dana Meister

The fifteenth annual Mesta Festa will be held **Saturday, October 9th at Perle Mesta Park**. The event will begin at noon and end around 6:00pm. As always, the best in local entertainment will be on hand along with OKC's best breweries. Beer and wine tasting will be provided by Bricktown Brewery, Coach's, Belle Isle Brewery, Texas Sux Beer, Coop Ale, James E. McNellies Pub House, The Blue Note, Mustang Brewing Company and Battered Boar Brewing Company. Deer Creek Winery will provide wine tasting again this year.

What would any festival be without great food? Back by popular demand, The Prohibition Room, located at 23rd and Classen, will be at the park serving up their delicious Chicago Dogs. Big Truck Tacos will make an appearance as well. They are a local favorite and made a great contribution to the festive atmosphere last year. For something sweet, Bella Crema Gelato will be back for their sixth appearance at Mesta Festa.

The **annual Chili Cook Off** takes on all new meaning this year. As many of our neighbors know, Michael Persons was one of the founding members of the Mesta Festa Committee. Michael was very active in the neighborhood, having served on the board and participated in many fundraising events. Michael passed away suddenly in December of 2009. **To honor Michael and his contribution to Mesta Festa, the Chili Cook Off will be known as the Michael Persons Memorial Chili Cook Off.** Everyone is welcome to participate and compete in the cook off. **Registration begins at 11:30** the day of the event at the park. **Entry fee is \$5 per crock-pot of chili.** Prizes and bragging rights will be given to Best in Show and several other categories.

Wilson Elementary School will once again be conducting the children's activities, and a good time is promised!

Summer Steele has worked long and hard to get artists for the event. It's not too late to enter your work in the art festival/sale/contest. Contact Summer Steele at ksummersteel@yahoo.com or meisterdana72@yahoo.com.

Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, kites, footballs, hula hoops, friends, neighbors, relatives – anything and everything to make this a memorable event!

The event is free with a suggested donation of \$12.00. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Mary Jane Southwick at 850.4920

Get Proud!

YOU'VE BEEN "FLAGGED"! by Laura Jergensen

American flags have been popping up in yards in our neighborhood and around town! They don't stay for long, only for a couple of days, and then they are passed along to another yard. Is there any rhyme or reason to their placement? Yes, indeed. In their endeavor to get to the World Jamboree in 2011, the Boy Scouts of Troop 15 in Oklahoma City have embarked upon a way for neighbor to honor neighbor for their contributions to the community!

So, if you see a yard that has been "flagged," congratulate the homeowner on their honor and thank them for being such a great contributor to making our community a better place. And if you have been "flagged," congratulations to you! Thank you for your great work. Enjoy those flags for a couple of days, and then pass that honor along to another amazing resident of Oklahoma City!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE by Janice Menser

We are having a great response to the membership drive which runs from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. Thank you so much to the following for joining the 2010/2011 Mesta Park Neighborhood Association in September:

Eric and Laura Jergensen
Teresa Leake
Celeste and Brett Johnson
Larrie Cates
Michael & Janice Menser

Wayne Fawcett
Her-shef and Maatet Ra Tem
Elyssa Faison and Zoe Sherinian
Joe and Cheryl Denney
Lisa Mullen
Warren and Pam Shoulders

Your support of 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 by Ann Dell

The last couple of weeks have seen the thefts of copper downspouts from some residences in our neighborhood. A silver truck may be involved, so watch out for your own property as well as any neighbors who have copper gutters and downspouts. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious. If you are a member, you can call the security patrol to investigate the situation. Please consider joining Historic Neighborhoods Security Association and help keep us all more secure. For information, contact Neighborhood Services, 348-1436, or email security@mestapark.org.

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 compliant@mestapark.org. With historic preservation questions, contact Raina Pelofsky at hp@mestapark.org. **Get informed and stay compliant!**

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