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

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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

December 2: Holiday Home Tour Cocktail Party

December 3 & 4: Mesta Park Holiday Home Tour

Get Involved!

MESTA PARK HOME TOUR by Reagan Bradford

Mark your calendars for this year's Mesta Park Home Tour! The dates are **Saturday, December 3 (3pm to 7pm) and Sunday, December 4 (1pm to 5pm)**. If you would like to get involved, it's not too late! **See page 5 of this newsletter for more information on how to get involved**, or call Reagan Bradford at 405-820-4401.

MESTA FESTA by Dana Meister

What an incredible event Mesta Festa turned out to be! The weather could not have been better, the music was amazing and the company – superb! I would like to take a few minutes of your reading time to thank everyone who made Mesta Festa 2011 such a great success.

Let's start at the top with the music. Thanks go to Harry Meister, Derek Brown, and Scott Booker, the director of the Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma. This world-class organization has partnered with Mesta Festa to provide some of the best musicians in the region! We truly appreciate their incredible talents!

Mesta Festa 16 had more than our usual brew providers this year! Thanks go to Coop Ale, McNellies, Louie's, Bricktown Brewery, The Blue Note, Hueberts Brewing Company, Belle Isle Brewery and the Battered Boar Brewery for providing the diverse offerings! We would also like to thank Sand Hill Vineyards for sharing their award winning wine! Committee member Harry Meister was responsible for getting the breweries this year with much appreciated help from Cathi Reznecheck.

The food, as always, was outstanding. Thanks to The Deep Fork Group, Big Truck Taco and our cup sponsor Hideaway Pizza! I would like to thank Bill Donnelly and Harry Meister for contacting those vendors!

A great big thank you goes to Rob Miller for all his talents putting together the t-shirt. These things are becoming collector's items!

Mesta Festa could not have happened without Mike Menser acting as site manager each year! Along those same lines, what a treasure Don Hawkins is! Having a qualified electrician on site is a bonus!!! And don't forget John Clark! Chief of the porta potties! Thanks John!

Mary Jane Southwick did an outstanding job herding all the volunteers together! Cam Husted - all the way from Las Vegas - did an outstanding job with the Michael Person's Memorial Chili Cook Off! If you haven't participated in this event yet, mark you calendars for next year. Michael was a wonderful neighbor and Mesta Festa is honored to remember him and his talents each year.

We appreciate, as always, the help from The Sunbeam Home and Heritage Hill's Neighborhood Association with the generous sharing of their tables and chairs.

I'm sure I've forgotten someone; if so, I'll catch up next newsletter. I would just like to say it's been an honor working with all of these neighbors, and I hope next year new friends will step up to help make Mesta Festa 17 as great as 16 was!

Get Proud!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE by JB Schuelein

Thanks to the following neighbors who have joined or renewed their membership in the past month. If you haven't sent in your dues yet, please do so at your convenience – and be part of all the good things that are happening in the neighborhood!

Jeremy & Inger Aliason
Neal & Regina Bircham
Reagan & Keri Bradford
Rick & Linda Fennell
Douglas Fix
Michelle Fowler
Brent & Cary Freeman

Scott & Lyon Guillian
Karen Johnston
Jesse Lumpkin
Mark & Janie Reeser
David E. Remy
Ashley & Tony Schender
Zachary Smith
Barry Thurman

Get Secure!

SECURITY UPDATE by Ann Dell

Thanks to our new HNSA members this month. Your memberships will help us maintain our patrol hours during the holidays when there are often strangers lurking about our neighborhood. Please be extra careful in this festive time. Keep doors and gates locked, be alert for people coming to your door with requests for help or money. Do not let strangers into your homes! Tell them that you will call someone for them, and will call the police if they need additional assistance. If you are a security patrol member, you can call the patrol if you see something or someone suspicious or 'out of place'. Again, thanks to our new members. Be sure to use the house check service if you are going to be out of town. Happy Holidays! For information about HNSA, call 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 compliant@mestapark.org. With historic preservation questions, contact Mary Bliss Hassell at hp@mestapark.org. **Get informed and stay compliant!**

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Don't Miss This **BLACK FRIDAY SALE!**



SPECIAL EVENT NOV 25-26, 2011
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Mesta Park Holiday Homes Tour



Cocktail Party

Friday, December 2, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

930 N.W. 19th Street

(Home of Don Hawkins and Mick Shirron)

Party festivities include hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a **Ticket** to the Holiday Homes Tour (a \$12 value).

All proceeds will benefit Mesta Park neighborhood improvement projects.

But of course! Please make reservations for:

_____ **Hostess with the "Mostess" (\$100 per person)**

_____ **Duke or Duchess (\$65 per person)**

_____ **Socialite (\$40 per person)**

Name(s): _____

(As you would like your name(s) to appear on a nametag)

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please return form and payment by December 1, 2011 to Reagan and Keri Bradford, 615 N.W. 16th Street, OKC, 73103

Call 820-4401 or e-mail president@mestapark.org for more information.

All tickets will be held at the door.

Thank you for supporting MPNA, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization!

Get Involved! (cont'd)

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

The Holiday Home Tour planning is in full swing! We want to extend a huge thank you to the following homeowners for opening up their homes on **December 3 & 4** for the **33rd Annual Mesta Park Holiday Homes Tour**. Without their generosity, this just wouldn't be possible:

- 714 NW 21st – Wayne Fawcett
- 721 NW 19th – Nathaniel & Amanda Harding
- 718 NW 22nd – Karl Call
- 400 NW 22nd – Zeb Wilson & Frank Troutman; 404½ NW 22nd – J.B. Schuelein
- 528 NW 17 – Brian and Ann Dell
- 2215 N Walker – Wilson Arts Integration School

For those of you who have helped with the home tour in the past, you know what a wonderful event this is to get out and meet and greet neighbors as we work together to host the most historical and profitable event each year for our neighborhood. As we raise money to support street lighting, sidewalk improvements, park and boulevard beautification, historic preservation, and our local school among others, we are also raising morale. It is these very attributes that brought most of us to the neighborhood. We love these old houses and they need the love! Though we tire sometimes of the seemingly endless list of things to work on or the time and resources that these houses take, now is the time of year to take a step back and look at what wonderful progress is being made! Well-lit streets from beautiful historic street lights, wheelchair/stroller accessible sidewalks/curbs, neighbors talking to one another from their front porches, landscaped public spaces with sprinkler systems, and houses that have new coats of paint are all items that make life more pleasant in Mesta Park. So let's show it off!

Tickets are now available for \$12 from all board members / officers and at the following locations:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ● Homeland (18th/Western) | ● Forward Foods (on Western) |
| ● 23rd St. Antique Mall | ● French Cowgirl |
| ● Prairie Thunder Baking Co | ● Courtyard Antique Market |
| ● Cobblestone Gifts and Interiors | ● Mister Robert |
| ● Full Circle | ● Langhorne Antiques Place |

If you are interested in helping out, here are some of the many ways that we need you:

1. **Help sell tickets:** Please contact Karen Zimmer at klzimmer@jazimmer.com or Reagan Bradford at 820-4401 and we will make sure that you get tickets! This is huge – remember your family, colleagues, and social circles.
2. **Attend the pre-party:** See the invitation in this newsletter. Hope to see you there! Contact Reagan Bradford at 820-4401 or president@mestapark.org for late RSVPs.
3. **Route preparation:** We need 5 more people to help make sure the tour route looks great (trash pick-up, leaf-raking) and to help deliver tour programs, signs, and benches to each house as well. Contact Reagan Bradford at president@mestapark.org if you can help!
4. **Clean up the neighborhood:** Make sure your property and those around you look their very best by Saturday, December 3rd. Rake leaves, trim trees so people can walk on sidewalks safely, park cars in garages/driveways to free up street parking for tour-goers. Help neighbors that may have difficulty with this task.
5. **Put out your holiday decorations:** Hang your lights, etc. to help everyone get into that “Holiday Spirit”!

We would like to thank everyone who is helping with this year's tour. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Reagan Bradford at 820-4401 or president@mestapark.org.



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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!