



# Newsletter

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 21<sup>st</sup> and Lee.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 1:** Park Clean-Up, 9:00am at Perle Mesta Park

**October 15:** Mesta Festa, 12:00-6:00pm at Perle Mesta Park

### MESTA FESTA by Dana Meister

Mark your calendars for this year's **Mesta Festa!** The date is **Saturday, October 15, noon to 6:00pm.** We will have beer sampling from OKC's favorite micro-breweries plus food from the Deep Fork Group. Everyone's favorite Bella Crema Gelato will return this year as well. Wilson Elementary will have lots of fun activities for the kids to enjoy, and everyone will love the music provided by some of the best musicians this side of Austin! This marks the second year for the Michael Person's Memorial Chili Cook Off; see specifics below!

If you would like to get involved, it's not too late! We're always looking for volunteers to help out the day of the event. Also, this year you or your company can get involved by being a sponsor! For \$150 you will get your logo on all promotional material which includes the t-shirt. This also allows you to have a table at the event. If you want to be a cup sponsor, it's a donation of \$500. This will put your company's logo on all of the souvenir sampling cups, as well as a table at the event. For more information on how to become a sponsor, call Dana Meister at 550.8974!

**See you on October 15<sup>th</sup>!!**

### MESTA FESTA 2011 – ITS COOK-OFF TIME!! by Cam Husted

After the horrible heat wave this summer, I'm sure everyone in Mesta Park is hoping for a chilly October. Well, there will be plenty of chilly at this year's Mesta Festa on October 15<sup>th</sup> in Perle Mesta Park, homemade chili that is! The traditional neighborhood chili cook-off has been around for 16 years, since the first Mesta Festa. Now the tradition carries on, renamed the **Michael Persons Memorial Chili Cook-off.** Michael would be honored; he won best of show several times over the years! So dust off those crock pots, dig out those great family recipes, and get cooking. The rules are simple: have your crock pot full of homemade chili and have a serving spoon at the event at noon. The entry fee is cheap, only \$5.00 per pot, due when you bring me your chili. The categories are, as always, Hottest, Most Unusual and Best of Show. The judging will begin at 1:00pm by everyone who tastes the entries and will end when the first pot runs out. So enter as many pots as you like and, who knows, you may end up with braggin' rights for the triple crown! If you have any questions call me at 405-820-7027.

# Get Involved! (cont'd)

## **PARK CLEAN-UP** by JB Schuelein

With Mesta Festa just around the corner, the Parks Committee is working hard to ensure Perle Mesta Park is ready for its biggest event of the year. We've checked the football calendar; Oklahoma State is off and the Sooners don't play until 6pm, so we hope you will plan to spend a couple hours with your friends and neighbors to **help clean up the park at 9am on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Plans for the morning include blitzing the park for litter and raking leaves; we'll also clean out all the planting beds, sweep the curbs and touch up the paint on the gazebo.

Everyone is welcome! If you are unable to assist with the clean up, please consider bringing juice, soft drinks, cookies or other snacks to the park for our volunteers. For more information, or to volunteer to bring food, please call 525-2059.

## **NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE** by Trina Morrison

A *new Newcomers Committee* is being formed. Please contact Trina Morrison if you are interested in welcoming new families to our beautiful neighborhood. We would also love to have anyone who has served on this committee before give us some pointers of what has happened in the past.

If you are new or know of any new neighbors that have moved into the neighborhood in the past few months, please let Trina know. We want to share all our great information about Mesta Park, ways to get involved, our fabulous holiday home tour, security patrol and Historical Preservation with all of our Newcomers!

## **WE NEED YOUR BEAUTIFUL MESTA PARK HOME** by Todd Davis

Even though it is only Summertime, we are hard at work and looking to recruit some homes for our annual Mesta Park Holiday Home Tour in December of 2011. As most of you are aware, our annual Holiday Home Tour provides a significant amount of revenue to keep our neighborhood running, and it is vital to the continued growth and beautification that we all enjoy. If you or someone you know is ready to showcase their home, please contact me at 405-834-3347, and we will be glad to get you introduced to our Home Tour Committee.

We are also in great need of volunteers to help with the Holiday Home Tour, so if you are unable to volunteer your home, please consider volunteering your time and ideas for our great neighborhood!

# Get Proud!

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** by JB Schuelein

Thanks to the following friends and neighbors who have paid their annual dues since the last issue of the newsletter:

Michael and Leah Casey  
 Josh & Jennifer Edwards  
 Jacqueline Fox, The Vintage at Mesta Park  
 Mark Gillett & Julia Jordan Gillett  
 Sam Gresham & Lyn Adams

Lori Hall & Brad Copeland  
 Rick & Jani Hill  
 Steve Powell  
 JD & Jackie Simpson  
 Dave & Layna Tedford

At only \$30 per household per year, membership is truly a bargain. Membership dues support a variety of neighborhood projects including publication of the newsletter, maintenance of Perle Mesta Park, Shartel Boulevard and our neighborhood street lights. If you have not renewed or joined, please do so today. Simply drop a check in the mail to our PO Box, or pay online by visiting our neighborhood website [www.mestapark.org/membership](http://www.mestapark.org/membership).

# Get Secure!

## SECURITY UPDATE by Ann Dell

The last month has been fairly quiet regarding security incidents. If you have not joined HNSA, please do so. The holiday season will be here before you know it, and we usually have more unfamiliar faces wandering the neighborhoods over Thanksgiving and Christmas. The more members, the more hours of patrol. For information contact Neighborhood Services, 348-1436.

Lately I've noticed an increasing number of residents walking in the street, rather than on the sidewalks. Incredibly, some people even push their babies in strollers down the middle of the street, and walk with the traffic rather than against it. We do have sidewalks in Mesta Park, and it is much, much safer to use them rather than the streets. Has no one told people how dangerous it is to walk where a driver may be texting and just not see you and your child? Please, please use the sidewalks, and don't put yourself and your kids in such danger.

**Application forms are below and on page 4 of this newsletter**, or for more information, call Neighborhood Services at 348-1436, or email [security@mestapark.org](mailto:security@mestapark.org).

### **Part 1 of Historic Neighborhoods Security Association Application**

#### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Part 2 of Historic Neighborhoods Security Association Application



### 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**

<b>HNSA Membership Registration Form</b>	<b>(Complete Fields Below)</b>
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))

<b>HNSA Member Profile Information</b>	<b>(Complete Fields Below - WRITE CLEARLY USING DARK INK this form may be transmitted electronically to the Patrol Officers)</b>
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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**WISHING FOR A MESTA PARK PLAQUE FOR YOUR HOME?**  
 The original plaques were done at Midwest Trophy. You can contact them directly at (405) 670-4545 to get information about a plaque for your home!

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# Get Compliant!

## **STAYING COMPLIANT** by Mary Bliss Hassell

Because we live in a historic district, the city has particular requirements whenever we have plans to change, add to, or make major repairs to the exterior of our homes, garages and landscapes. The Mesta Park Preservation Review Committee is set up to help you find out the particular guidelines and requirements that you may need to know about as you care for your property. They can also assist you in locating the paperwork involved and let you know who to talk to in order to get good help from the city's historic preservation department. They can make the process much less daunting! To contact them for assistance as you navigate the city's requirements concerning your plans to work on your historic home, you can email them at [hp@mestapark.org](mailto:hp@mestapark.org).



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### 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!)