MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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



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ANOTHER WONDERFUL HOLIDAY HOME

TOUR by Katie Huskerson

Thank you to the multitudes of neighbors and friends that opened their homes, volunteered their time, and helped continue this wonderful neighborhood tradition. The weather was perfect, the cookies delicious and carol singers filled the air with joyful sounds. If you didn't have a chance to read the home histories, you can find them on our MestaPark.org website along with info on this year's sponsors under the "Home Tour" menu tab. I am so thankful to call Mesta home and grateful to have neighbors that are so generous with their friendships, time and talent: 150+ volunteer spots filled, gracious home owners, awesome house captains, cocktail party committee, home history researchers, sponsorship committee and some super talented tech and design help. Cheers to raising a net profit of \$25,854. If you are interested in having your home on next year's tour, please contact Julie Watson at 918.781.3197.









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NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY

by Robin Rush

HNSA has had a busy Holiday Season! With so many of us travelling during this time, our Officers have had a huge increase in house checks and package pickups for our many Members in the neighborhood. If you don't already utilize this great benefit as a paid Member, or are interested in more information about becoming a HNSA Member, please call Melody Poor at our business office (405-348-1436) for more details.

There have been reported package thefts in the neighborhood in the last couple of weeks. Be aware, remind everyone to report suspicious activity, and visit with your neighbors about travel plans and visiting guests over the holidays. The most important thing is to get to know your neighbors! We are a stronger community because we know we can rely on each other!

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: MESTA PARK PRESERVATION By Sam Stalcup

Mesta Park is zoned as a Historic Preservation District. This designation means that significant changes to the exterior of our homes, as well as demolitions and new construction in the neighborhood, require a Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the City of Oklahoma City's Historic Preservation Commission.

Regular maintenance and simple repairs do not require approval from the city, but a Certificate of Appropriateness is required if proposed work will result in changes to more than 50% of any architectural feature on any one side of the structure. All work done must conform to the standards set forth in Oklahoma City's Historic Preservation Design & Sustainability Standards and Guidelines, copies of which are available online or from the City of Oklahoma City.

As part of this process, the Historic Preservation Commission empowers each neighborhood to appoint a Preservation Review Committee.

In Mesta Park, our Preservation Review Committee has two key roles. The first is to provide assistance to property owners as they navigate the historic preservation process. The second is to represent the views of the neighborhood on business being considered by the Historic Preservation Commission.

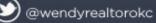
Membership on the Preservation Review Committee is open to any resident of Mesta Park. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email s.r.stalcup@gmail.com



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PRESERVATION OKLAHOMA

by Cayla Lewis

The Overholser Mansion serves as a community resource for the neighborhood, Preservation Oklahoma (POK) facilities, and local/regional outreach. Most recently, POK hosted a Wood Window Restoration Workshop in the Carriage House. POK has also hosted events such as annual Holiday and Easter Egg Hunt parties, Urban Campout, and its largest fundraiser, Summer White Party here. With so much regular activity, it is time for an update. Improvements will be made to the floors, allowing for a more accessible environment, easier cleanup, and opportunity for more activities. The floors, as well as much of the Carriage House, have not been updated in over 20 years.

Considerations are also being made for repainting the space and providing new lighting. The Carriage House serves as the meeting place for every Overholser Mansion Tour, and it also houses the museum exhibits. Updates here will provide a more welcoming experience for tourgoers, and also set the space up for success for enhanced and new museum exhibits, a Phase 2 project. Preservation Oklahoma will work with the Oklahoma Historical Society to create this.

With increased traffic and visibility to the Overholser Mansion and use of the Carriage House, Preservation Oklahoma will be making an earnest effort for improvement, which will also result in greater financial sustainability for the organization with the ability to offer more rental opportunities and income. Updates and improvements will set the Carriage House up to be a more attractive community resource and event venue.

Preservation Oklahoma is currently raising \$40,000 to complete these projects and needs your help. Sponsorship opportunities as well as more information are available on our website, https://www.overholsermansion.org/carriage-house-renovations. If you'd like to support Preservation Oklahoma's efforts in renovating the Carriage House, please contact Executive Director, Cayla Lewis, at director@preservationok.org







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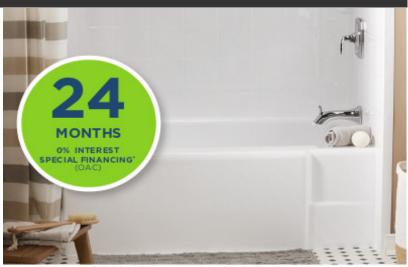
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