MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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The MPNA Newsletter is published six times per year (bimonthly) by the MPNA. Neighborhood meetings, board meetings or social events occur monthly.

GET INVOLVED!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

by Lindsey McCarty

As we kick off a new year in Mesta Park, we are beginning to put together committees for our large events. Not only have these weekends become beloved community traditions, but the bulk of MPNA funds are raised in these few days of the year. Funds are used to keep Mesta Park looking great, maintain our unique neighborhood lights, support community organizations like Wilson Elementary, and much more. The planning and execution of these events require help from many volunteers; if you are interested in learning more about Mesta Festa (September), the annual home tour (December), or the annual volleyball tournament (May), please e-mail president@mestapark.org and we will let you know when and how to get involved. We look forward to serving with you!



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MAINTENEERS ADOPT THE PARK

If you've visited the park this Fall, we hope you have noticed the changes. After months of delays, the SE entry to the park is finally complete. Lighting and landscaping were installed in September – completing the gift of public art from Melinda Irwin and her family – honoring her late mother Anita Irwin. We also have some beautiful new trees in the park thanks to Dr. Stan and Raina Pelofsky and the OKC Community Foundation. The flower beds are also planted and manicured, shrubs trimmed and the leaves and debris removed from the gazebo, sidewalks and picnic areas. One big change is in the overall appearance of the park - and is thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers organized by Raina Pelofsky.

The "Mainteneers" devote a few hours each week to maintain one or more areas in the park. Raina has set the standard with her efforts on the SW entry. Over the past year, she has single-handedly transformed the corner to a beautiful, peaceful and relaxing place where people now stop by regularly to reflect and meditate – earning it the designation as 'The Sanctuary.'

Inspired by her efforts, Raina has recruited several friends and neighbors to join her. Cindy Knox, Patty Phelps, Lynette Mathis, Katie Huskerson, Rhonda Woods, Bonnie Rennels, Dave Beylund and JB Schuelein have collectively donated hundreds of hours to the park this Summer. Each member of the group agrees to donate a couple hours/week to weed, trim, water and maintain one or more areas of the park. By spreading the work among more people it has made a big difference in the appearance of the park. Each member of the group agrees it has been fun and rewarding – as people who use the park genuinely appreciate our efforts. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Raina at (405) 990-5068, or JB at (405) 525-2059



by JB Schuelein

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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST RESULTS

by Lindsey McCarty

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the 2nd Annual Mesta Park Holiday Decorating Contest! It was a great success that raised \$400 to help fund the ongoing street light restoration. We love our neighborhood's enthusiasm and are so grateful for your willingness to participate in what has become a beloved holiday tradition. Thank you, again, to all who entered, as well as our judges!

The results in each category are as follows:

RESULTS:

Griswold Award Winner: 719 NW 16th Runner-Up: 801 NW 17th

Best Character Use Award Winner: 900 NW 19th Runner-Up: 1815 N Olie

Traditional Award Winner: 815 NW 16th Runners-Up: Three-way tie! 801 NW 17th, 720 NW 16th, 927 NW 16th

North Pole Award Winner: 1000 Block of NW 18th Runner-Up: 700 block NW 16th

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!





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CHEERS TO THE 43RD ANNUAL MESTA PARK HOME TOUR! After a two-year hiatus, the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association celebrated another successful Home Tour on December 3 - 4 thanks in large part to the amazing homeowners, sponsors, and volunteers who dedicated their time and support to make a difference in the community. Guests came from all over the state to enjoy the charm of the Mesta Park neighborhood, sip warm beverages from the Junction Coffee bus, and eat delicious cookies from the refreshment porch (with a visit from Santa Claus himself to boot!).

The purpose of the tour is to show the value of urban living, historic preservation, and community. Additionally, as the neighborhood's largest fundraiser, the tour's profits support most endeavors made by the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association (a nonprofit organization). This includes donations to our local public elementary school (Wilson Arts Integrated Elementary School), improvements and maintenance for Perle Mesta Park, neighborhood beautification, and sponsorship of community events. Many thanks to the Kirkpatrick, Jones, McComas, Deatsch, Young, and Carter families for opening their beautiful homes for the neighborhood, city, and state residents to appreciate!

The Home Tour would not be possible without its countless volunteers! Thanks to all who helped throughout the weekend, and a special thanks to the following individuals:

Home Tour Committee: Amy Dalebroux Taylor Miller Rachel Lawler Amy Fisher Shaundra North Alicia Harris Lindsey Clinton Sarah Jordan Julie Watson Lindsey McCarty Home Captains: Debbie Wince Taylor Miller Julia Assef Jane Cragun Sarah Jordan Floyd Simon Mary Clark JoAnna Blackstock

Finally, a HUGE thank you to the Home Tour's sponsors (see next page), who made this wonderful neighborhood tradition possible! If you are looking for a fun way to get involved and meet people in the neighborhood, or if you want your home to be considered for the next tour, email mestahometour@gmail.com for more information!





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example, dues funded volleyball court improvements and sprinkler system installations in 2020)	Who is eligible to be a member? All residents of Mesta Park
 Enable the continuation of signature community events like Mesta Festa and the Mesta Park Home Tour 	Where do I join or renew?
 Provide each member household with one vote at our annual meeting to elect our Board of Directors 	Using mail-in form below, or online with a credit/debit card (www.mestapark.org/membership)

THANK YOU to those who renew their membership year after year! If you are not a member: please consider joining the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association. Dues are just \$60 per household each year and help keep Mesta Park one of the most sought-after residential areas in Oklahoma City. **To join or renew, simply return the form below or register and pay online at www.mestapark.org/membership.**

MPNA activities & efforts:

- · Easter egg hunt (annually around Easter)
- · Picnic & election of officers/directors (annually in June)
- · Ice cream social (annually each summer)
- Ongoing support to important local organizations
- Mesta Festa (annually in September)
- Mesta Park Home Tour & cocktail party (annually in December)
- Maintain and improve park and medians

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