

MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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GET INVOLVED!

MESTA FESTA LEAD OPP

by Erin Lawrence

The Mesta Festa team is already getting amped up for Mesta Festa 2019! We are looking for a Team Lead Apprentice to join our festival planning committee this year, to work alongside and learn from the current team, with the desire to move into a co-leader role. If you are interested in being a part of the best neighborhood festival in OKC, please email us at OfficersandBoard@MestaPark.org.

PLEASE LEASH YOUR DOGS!

by Erin Lawrence

Leash Laws in Oklahoma City require that every dog be confined or on a leash, including on your front porch; the dog must be in the house, in a fenced yard, or on a tether. City ordinance gives Animal Welfare and police officers the authority to impound dogs that aren't confined or leashed. Our puppies may be loving at most times, but can react negatively to other dogs or people. Please be a responsible dog owner. We share the same space, so please be respectful.

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NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS SURVEY

by Erin Lawrence

The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association Board invites input from our friends and neighbors for future improvements to Perle Mesta Park. There are several projects that have been discussed and are under consideration.

Since 2001, the MPNA's fundraising efforts (Mesta Festa and Holiday Home Tour), along with your annual membership contribution, and generous gifts from friends of Perle Mesta Park have invested nearly \$150,000 in our neighborhood park. Past projects have included planting trees, beautiful landscaping, additional lighting, added picnic tables, improved safety; the list goes on.

We are ready to get to work for 2019 and our Parks Committee wants your feedback! We have a list of potential neighborhood/park improvement projects, and we'd like to know what is most important to you. Please give us your thoughts by completing our quick survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B2Y68NS>. You can also access the survey by scanning the QR code here with your smart phone camera.



UPTOWN 23RD NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Uptown 23rd

Uptown 23rd District Association is pleased to announce Riley Cole as its new Executive Director. As Uptown 23rd begins its implementation as a Business Improvement District, Riley's leadership will be the driving force for district management and community development in the district.

Uptown 23rd Board of Directors President JB Schuelein said, "The Uptown board is excited to have Riley lead our team. A lot of good things are happening in Uptown, and with her experience, she is well-qualified to meet the challenges of our emerging commercial district."

Riley is an Oklahoma City native. After graduating from the University of Central Oklahoma with a degree in Strategic Communication and Leadership Studies, she went on to work as the Events Coordinator for Downtown Oklahoma City Partnership. Her experience includes event planning, community development, marketing, social media strategy and more.

Riley is honored to join the Uptown 23rd community. "Uptown 23rd has been my second home for many years. I'm excited to walk alongside its community and contribute to its ongoing growth and revival of the vibrant corridor," Riley Cole, Executive Director, Uptown 23rd.

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NEW RULES FOR HOME SHARING RENTALS

by City of OKC

The Oklahoma City Council voted recently to approve new rules for people who rent houses, apartments and bedrooms to guests using home sharing services like Airbnb.

The new rules for home sharing will require people offering rentals to get a \$24 annual license. The rules will also require the properties to have working smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors.

Hosts whose property for rent is not their primary residence must also get a special exception from the Board of Adjustment. The filing fee is \$300, and the exceptions may be granted for up to 10 years.

All hosts in Historic Preservation (HP) districts must also get the special exception from the Board of Adjustment and pay the \$300 filing fee. Hosts in HP districts must occupy the property as their primary residence, and be on site at the time of the rental. Hosts citywide who as of January 15 have already rented a property to a guest do not have to get the special exception for that property, including hosts for HP district properties. The new \$24 annual license will still be required.

Everyone who rents a home, apartment or bedroom to guests using a home-sharing site must also pay applicable hotel taxes to the City and sales taxes to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Hosts may not rent the home, apartment or bedroom to guests for more than 30 consecutive days to each renter, and must comply with all applicable City building and fire codes.

Required forms and other information will be available when the rules take effect February 14.



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Joy Homes Sales January-February

Address	Status	List Price	Sale Price	Sold Date	Beds	Baths	Sq Ft
631 NW 17 th St	SOLD	\$639,000	\$625,000	02/15/2019	4	3.1	3,592
326 NW 22 nd St	PEND	\$575,000	-	-	4	3	2,108
615 NW 16 th St	PEND	\$495,000	-	-	3	2.1	2,061
823 NW 16 th St	PEND	\$469,500	-	-	3	2.1	1,896
617 NW 19 th St	PEND	\$589,900	-	-	3	2	2,226
805 NW 19 th St	PEND	\$825,000	-	-	4	3	3,068
1017 NW 17 th St	PEND	\$389,000	-	-	3	2	2,327
424 NW 15 th St	PEND	\$935,000	-	-	3	2.1	3,631
2203 N Hudson	PEND	\$875,000	-	-	4	2.1	4,516
809 NW 18 th St	ACT	\$795,000	-	-	4	4.1	3,106
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OU BIG EVENT RETURNS

by JB Schuelein

Perle Mesta Park will serve as a job site for the OU Big Event on **Saturday morning, April 14**. Up to 60 students will descend on the park and conduct a thorough Spring cleaning.

The MPNA Parks Committee will oversee the clean-up and invites everyone to join us to make our neighborhood park a cleaner and safer environment. Projects include raking leaves, weeding and cleaning the flower beds and mulching all the trees in the park. We'll also touch up the paint on the handrails around the gazebo and clean the curbs and storm drains. If we have enough help and equipment, we'll complete most of our work by lunch time! If you are unable to attend, we need wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels for the students to move tons of mulch. We'll see that your equipment is returned early Saturday afternoon.

As a gesture of appreciation to the students for giving up their Saturday morning for us, we provide bottled water, snacks and soft drinks. Any donations are appreciated. If you can provide snacks, please contact JB Schuelein at 525-2059, or bring them to the park by 9:30am on Saturday, April 14.

The Big Event is the University of Oklahoma's official day of community service. Every Spring, over 6,000 students, faculty, and staff go out across the Norman and Greater Oklahoma City metro area for one day of service. For the past nineteen years, students have participated in this event to show their appreciation to the surrounding community by completing service projects such as painting, yard work, and visiting with the elderly. This event is a completely student-run service project, allowing us to do our part for the community.

**Dates
to
Remember**

April 11: Uptown Uncorked, Tower Theatre
7:00pm

April 14: OU Big Event, Perle Mesta Park
9:30am

April 20: Easter Egg Hunt, Perle Mesta Park
Watch for details to come!

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GET SECURE!

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

by Erin Lawrence

Neighborhood safety requires team effort. Along with the help of the OKC Police Department and the Historic Neighborhood Security Association (HNSA), we have a responsibility to ourselves and to our neighborhood to keep Mesta Park safe. The following tips from safehome.org are great for keeping our own homes and families safe, but also for fostering a safe community. If everyone practices these simple tips and works together to be vigilant by looking out for each other, it can really make a difference:

- Know the people in your neighborhood
- Keep your vacation dates off of social media
- Make use of timers on indoor lights
- Lock all doors and windows (including vehicles)
- Utilize blinds and curtains
- Install motion-sensored lights and/or security system
- Put away bikes, lawn equipment, etc
- Keep your yard well maintained

While it's impossible to ward off crime 100%, it only takes one person to set a good example for the rest of us. By encouraging safety in our neighborhood, our neighbors will follow suit to make this community a more enjoyable place to live. Most of these measures are ultra simple, but may just require a reminder of every now and then.

Report Criminal or Suspicious Activity to OKC Police

- Call 911 in an emergency.
- Call (405) 231-2121 for non-emergencies.

And if you don't already utilize the great benefit as a paid Member of the HNSA, 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.



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