MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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

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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! CHANGES COMING TO THE NEWSETTER IN 2021!

The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors has decided to transition the newsletter from print to digital only beginning with the January 2021 newsletter but we will continue to have print and digital editions until the end of the year.

This can't happen without your help!

Please visit the news -> newsletter tab at MestaPark.org to provide your email address so that you can continue to receive the newsletter!

Also, please include your current email address when you renew your Mesta Park Neighborhood Association dues.

See page 5 of this newsletter for more information!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ON THE MPNA BOARD

The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association Board has vacancies for certain Committee Chairs, which gives you an opportunity to serve! The election of officers and directors for the 2020-2021 year will be held at the annual meeting in June. If you are interested in being on the Board, please contact any Board member to add your name to the slate of candidates.

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MISS JACKIE

On April 1, Mesta Park lost a dear friend and neighbor when Gloria Simpson, known to her many friends as Jackie, passed away peacefully and joined her beloved husband of 74 years, JD.

Together the Simpsons were a foundational part of life on NW 16 th street for over seventy years. Born in Fayetteville, TX, the last child of a large farming family, Jackie rose from humble beginnings to a successful, rich and meaningful life through boundless energy and an unshakeable belief in her ability to shape her future to match her dreams.

Jackie shaped the lives of generations of families on NW 16th street, especially neighborhood children who knew her as "Miss Jackie." She was the consummate neighbor, keeping a watchful eye on everything on the block from her front porch. She baked cookies for neighbors and prepared meals for the elderly. She was always willing to help and lend an ear to anyone who wanted to talk.

> Jackie was immensely proud of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma Sooners, and Mesta Park. She gave unselfishly to her family and friends and shared wisdoms that will continue to guide all those fortunate enough to know her.

Thanks Miss Jackie for a life well-lived and for over seven decades as our friend and neighbor. You will be missed. Jackie is survived by her children J. Dee Simpson, Rick Simpson and Cindy Knox, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



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CHANGES COMING TO THE NEWSETTER IN 2021 We Need Your Email Address to Make It Happen!

The Mesta Park newsletter has been a part of life in our neighborhood for as long as most residents can remember. It takes a lot of time and effort to produce the pages you receive every two months. We hope y'all have looked forward to getting the newsletter in the mail to catch up on things happening in the 'hood.

The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association has made the difficult decision to go digital with the newsletter starting with the first issue of the new year. The newsletter breaks even financially, but the thought is that without the expense of printing and distributing the physical newsletter we can keep more money to improve the neighborhood.

This will only work though if we can increase the number of email addresses we have on file for residents (home owners and renters alike).

<u>Fun Fact</u>: There are approximately 800 doors (ie 800 residences) within our boundaries. We have email addresses for fewer than 10%. This transition needs to collect as many email addresses as possible for it to be successful. We would love to get *at least* HALF of our neighbors to send in an email address. This is not only to get the newsletter to everyone but to allow us to send informational emails about neighborhood events and updates on issues that come up.

We will never sell your email nor share it with anyone else. More importantly, we will not (I REPEAT ABSOLUTELY NOT) inundate you with too many emails, ever.

A second issue is the unknown future of fundraising and whether or not we can even put on our two main fundraisers this year, Mesta Festa and the Home Tour. We intend to at this time, but the future is very unsettled right now. Sponsors may be hard to attract this year, and visitors may not show up either. We encourage EVERY resident (owner and renter alike) to become a member of the neighborhood. It costs \$60 a year. For that \$5 a month (one latte a month), you help put on both Mesta Fest and the Home Tour plus an Easter Egg hunt with the Easter Bunny, an ice cream social, and a picnic.

In addition, your membership, along with funds from SSM (St Anthony's) and Heritage Hills, helps provide money for the upkeep of the Shartel Blvd median. We provided partial funding for the new volleyball courts and nets, new sod, and new sprinklers, and we continue to provide the water for the park (we pay the bills, not the city) and other improvements. No one on the board gets paid, so 100% of your tax-deductible membership goes to work improving the best neighborhood in OKC. That's why we live here, right?

All who wish to receive the newsletters via email should promptly visit the news -> newsletter tab at MestaPark.org to provide your email address so that you can continue to receive the newsletter! Do it now before you forget. And why not renew your membership in the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association - or join, if you're not yet a member - and include your current email address that way as well.

Thanks, and lets all work together to make beautiful Mesta Park an even better place to live and raise our kids.

by Steve Mathis

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We encourage you and your children to participate in our daily fun and engaging activities!

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