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Neighborhood meetings, board meetings or social events occur monthly.

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on page 6 of this issue!**

## GET INVOLVED!

### UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

by Holly Jarolim &  
Lindsey Clinton

Hello neighbors! A huge thank you to those of you who were able to make it to our neighborhood picnic in June. We had a wonderful turnout, and it was a joy to get together.

We have a couple of events on the social agenda in August. We hope you are able to join us!

#### **Tuesday, August 16:** Ice Cream Social

Come to Mesta Park at **7:00pm** to enjoy your favorite ice cream with neighbors. It will be a great time to kick off the start of the school year and cool off from the summer heat.

#### **Friday, August 23:** Movie Night

Mesta Park/Heritage Hills joint neighborhood movie night at the Overholster from **6-10pm**.

Join us for a fun night of lawn games, food trucks, and a movie in the Overholster carriage house! This will be a great event for both neighborhoods to come together and enjoy a summer evening.

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# GET INVOLVED!

## “FINISH THE PARK” CAMPAIGN APPROVED

by JB Schuelein

The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association Board has responded to the neighborhood survey on our park with an ambitious plan to “Finish the Park.” The Board hopes to lean on our partnerships with the OKC Parks and Recreation Dept, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, and private donors to address most of the issues raised by respondents to the survey.

More than two-thirds of survey respondents wanted Irrigation Expansion and Trees, Flowers, and Shrubs. The Board approved an expansion of the existing irrigation system to water the turf in sections of the park where grass cannot grow due to dense shade. The project will also address an erosion issue that continually accumulates silt and mud along the east side of the park and plugs the storm drains.

We’ve recently learned the Brownie Troop at Wilson School heard our request for more flowers and raised funds (\$500) to purchase an assortment of Spring flowering bulbs for the park. The bulbs include daffodils, muscari, and crocus. Watch for details on a planting effort this Fall – and thanks to the Brownies for their donation that we will enjoy for many years.

We will finally have an entrance to the park on the NW corner – incorporating a new Perle Mesta Park sign. Thanks to a generous donation from a private donor (to be announced), the entrance will incorporate the design elements of the entries to Shartel Boulevard and the entry on the SE corner of the park. The design is subject to approval from the Parks Department and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Finally, the volleyball courts will get a makeover. We plan to partner with the Parks Department and apply to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation Parks and Public Spaces Initiative to bring the volleyball courts up to standard with a low, flat concrete border around both courts to keep the sand in and the bermuda out. Low black fencing (not to exceed 42-48”) will be installed (pending approval from the Parks Department and the Historic Preservation Commission) on the ends of the courts to prevent the balls from rolling into the street. The fence will be hidden from view with landscaping.

These projects are being funded from the proceeds of our successful Holiday Home Tours, Mesta Festas, and generous donations from friends and neighbors of the park. We hope to match MPNA funds and private donations with the grant from the OCCF. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to help our campaign to complete our neighborhood park, you can donate on-line or make checks payable to the Mesta Park Neighborhood – Park Fund.

### Dates to Remember

**August 16: Ice Cream Social**  
7pm, Perle Mesta Park

**August 23: Movie Night**  
6pm - 10pm, Overholser Mansion

**September 22: Mesta Festa 2019**  
12pm - 6pm, Perle Mesta Park



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