

# 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.

**Find Dates to Remember on  
page 4 of this issue!**

## GET INVOLVED!

### CHANGES COMING TO THE NEWSLETTER 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 you can continue to receive the newsletter! Also, please include your current email address when you renew your Mesta Park Association dues. **See page 5 of this newsletter for more information!**

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ON THE MPNA BOARD

The 2020 election of officers and directors is being conducted online only due to the unprecedented circumstances surrounding COVID-19, following the mandates of local and state health authorities, and the CDC guidelines for gatherings and community events. Eligible members of MPNA (residents who are current on their MPNA dues) may vote online for officers and directors, and to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws, from **June 17th through July 7th**. Vote here: <https://www.mestapark.org/agm-voting>.

The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association Board has vacancies for certain Committee Chairs, which gives you an opportunity to serve! We currently need volunteers to chair the following committees:  
Home Tour, Lighting & Signs, Membership, and Security.

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# GET COMPLIANT!

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: MESTA PARK PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

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](mailto:s.r.stalcup@gmail.com)

### Dates to Remember

It's a new fiscal year! **Renew your MPNA Membership** using page 8 of this newsletter or by visiting [www.MestaPark.org/Membership](http://www.MestaPark.org/Membership).

**The Annual Picnic** is cancelled due to the unprecedented circumstances surrounding COVID-19, following the mandates of local and state health authorities and the CDC guidelines for gatherings and community events.

**The Election of Officers and Directors** will be held online only.

*Be sure to vote before the July 7 deadline!*

See <https://www.mestapark.org/events> for more information.

**The Ice Cream Social** is cancelled due to the unprecedented circumstances surrounding COVID-19, following the mandates of local and state health authorities and the CDC guidelines for gatherings and community events.

# GET INVOLVED!

## CHANGES COMING TO THE NEWSETTER IN 2021

by Steve Mathis

### 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).***

Fun Fact: 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 Festa 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.



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