

# MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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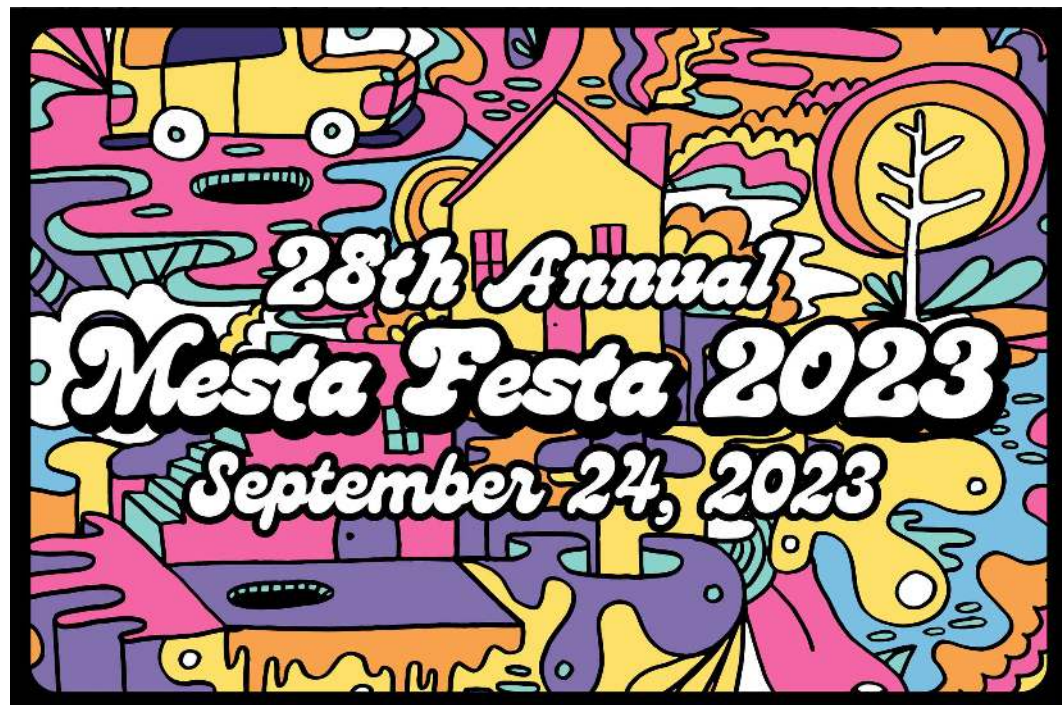
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**Find Dates to Remember on page 4 of this issue!**

## GET INVOLVED!

28th Annual Mesta Festa  
Sunday, September 24, 2023  
12 - 6pm



# GET INVOLVED!

## MESTA FESTA 2023

by Lindsey McCarty

The Mesta Park Neighborhood Association is excited to present **2023 Mesta Festa**, which will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 24th** from **12pm - 6pm** at **Perle Mesta Park!**

Mesta Festa is free and open to the public, and will include outdoor activities, yard games, pop-up booths for shopping, local artists, live music, food trucks, and samplings from many local breweries. To enjoy samples from the participating breweries, a wristband must be purchased from our event table. Wristbands will be sold for \$25 per person. Only those 21 years of age and older with a valid ID may purchase a wristband. Additional items being sold during the event include our 2023 Mesta Festa event t-shirts and past Mesta Festa shirts, and beer vendors will be selling cans of select beers to enjoy at home!



Mesta Festa is an integral part of the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association's annual fundraising efforts. Please encourage your neighbors, family, and friends to get out and enjoy a day of fun at the park!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!** To ensure the event is a success and runs smoothly, we need volunteers for event setup, during the event, and breakdown. Please use the link below to sign up for a shift. All volunteers will receive a free event t-shirt and wristband to enjoy the breweries. Please stay tuned to our social media pages for additional details, or visit [www.mestapark.org/mesta-festa-2023](http://www.mestapark.org/mesta-festa-2023). We can't wait to see everyone in September!

# GET INFORMED!

## PERLE MESTA RESTAURANT

by Ryan Fogle

Oklahoma's only James Beard Award winning chef, Andrew Black, recently announced his newest restaurant concept will be named "Perle Mesta" in honor of the daughter of W. B. Skirvin.

The Jamaican immigrant has called Oklahoma City home for the last 16 years and has worked at some of the most esteemed restaurants worldwide, including the Peabody Hotel in Memphis and the Ritz Carlton in Paris. He has since opened several elevated dining concepts in Deep Deuce and Downtown, including Grey Sweater, Black Walnut, and Gilded Acorn. "Chef Black brings a world of culinary talent and vision to our team," said Chase Rollins, Skirvin general manager. "Chef Black is the perfect person to bring an unmatched dining experience to life – and to further our mission to make Skirvin a luxury and culinary destination."

The restaurant will open in Spring 2024 and you may already join the waitlist at [perlemesta.com](http://perlemesta.com)



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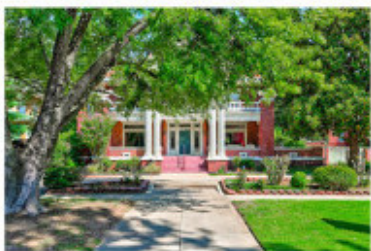
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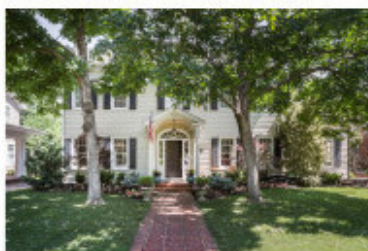
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## MESTA PARK HALLOWEEN DECORATING COMPETITION

by Jackie Arnold

It is once again time to transform our homes into ghostly graveyards and haunted havens. Join us if you dare...

The contest continues to be a fundraiser for our neighborhood's beautiful street lights. All entry funds will go to their upkeep and maintenance. You can either choose to enter your own home or nominate a neighbor! The entry fee is \$25. If this is a cause you would like to support further, donations in excess of \$25 are welcome and so appreciated.

You may register and pay online at [www.mestapark.org/events/halloween](http://www.mestapark.org/events/halloween). Registration is open until Thursday, October 26th.

Judging will occur October 27th through October 28th. Winners will receive bragging rights and a fa-Boo-lous yard sign to announce your win! We so love hosting the hundreds of kids that choose our neighborhood for their yearly trick or treating and cannot wait to see this year's chills and thrills.

### The categories are as follows:

**Graveyard:** Entries will be judged on sweeping graveyard theme.

**Too Cute to Spook:** Entries will be judged on family friendly fright.

**Scariest:** Entries will be judged on special effects and overall scream worthiness.

**Block of Horrors:** Entries will be judged on neighborly group ghoulishness.

We are dreadfully delighted that this night of fright will soon be upon us! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions. You may contact Jackie Arnold at [lighting@mestapark.org](mailto:lighting@mestapark.org).

## HALLOWEEN BLOCK CLOSURES

by Holly Jarolim

As we start to dream of cooler temperatures, scarves, changing leaves, and everything 'pumpkin', we know one thing is finally getting closer: Halloween Trick-or-Treat in Mesta Park! After two successful years, we are once again planning to help individuals who wanted to close their block to vehicular traffic on October 31st.

If you are interested in more details on how to close your East/West Block to vehicular traffic and provide extra safety during this year's Halloween Trick-or-Treat festivities, please contact Holly Jarolim via text 405.413.1991 or email [hollyjarolim@gmail.com](mailto:hollyjarolim@gmail.com).

More Details: Mesta Park Neighborhood Association is working with the City of OKC to obtain permits to close streets to any interested East/West Blocks for this year's Trick or Treat festivities. Each Block will be responsible for their portion of the cost of the barricades rental (approx. \$30-40 total) and for gathering signatures from each neighbor on their block. More info and guidance will be given to help. MPNA will help coordinate all Neighbors/Blocks, file and pay for the application fee and permit fee, and coordinate the rental of the barricades, including delivery and pickup.

## Dates to Remember

**Mesta Festa 2023**  
Sunday, Sept 24, 2023  
12 - 6pm  
Perle Mesta Park

**Decorating Contests**  
Halloween: Oct 27 - 28  
Holiday: Dec 15 - 17

**60 Plus Event**  
Friday, October 27th  
5 - 7pm  
910 NW 18th St

**2023 Cocktail Party**  
Dec 1, 2023  
**2023 Holiday Home Tour**  
Dec 2-3, 2023

*Watch Mesta Park social media for details on these events!*

# MESTA PARK BUSINESS PAGE

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Wilson Arts, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization that provides support for Wilson Elementary School, an OKCPS arts integration elementary school in the heart of Oklahoma City's urban core.



**Save the Date!**

**The 44th Annual  
Mesta Park Holiday Home Tour**

**December 2-3, 2023**



MESTA PARK 60 +

*Fall Happy Hour*

IS COMING!

Friday, October 27 from 5-7 PM  
Backyard of Claudia Conner & Jerry Carter  
910 NW 18th Street

Hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided

Come greet old friends, meet some new neighbors, and bring a friend!

We will retreat indoors if the weather refuses to cooperate.



# GET INFORMED!

## BICYCLES IN MESTA PARK

by Ryan Fogle

Have you seen ALL the bicycles? That's a group called "Hide and Go Bike". Over a hundred riders meet at the SE corner of Perle Mesta Park to embark on a weekly ride **every Thursday at 6:30pm**. It's a new route every time and is generally under ten miles and set at a leisurely pace, it's a free event and all are welcome. Mesta Park has always been popular for cyclists, however the city recently began making great strides in becoming more bike-friendly with the adoption of the BikeWalkOKC plan which identifies Shartel and Western as main bike thoroughfares.

If you have suggestions for improvements on sidewalks or bike paths, you may visit [okc.gov/bikewalkokc](http://okc.gov/bikewalkokc) as they are currently updating the plan and seeking comments through September 15th.



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## Your neighborhood needs you!

Join the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association today.

### MPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM January 2023 - December 2023

**Yes! I'd like to join or renew my MPNA membership for 2023.**

*All donations are tax deductible!*

\$60 check enclosed for my 2023 membership      Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would also like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help maintain Perle Mesta Park and Shartel Blvd.      Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (mowing, seasonal leaf removal, tree trimming)      Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to volunteer! Please contact me.      E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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