MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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GET PROUD! PELOFSKYS MAKE ANNIVERSARY GIFT

If you've driven by lately, you may have noticed a little more sparkle in the SW entry to the park. First there were pansies last Fall, and Spring flowering bulbs in March, followed by an assortment of Summer annuals including Sunpatiens, begonias and other plant materials in June. Rather than give another 'bauble' or trip to celebrate their anniversary, Dr. Stan and Raina Pelofsky have instead made another generous gift to our neighborhood park that will be enjoyed by current residents and generations of Mesta Park residents to come.

by JB Schuelein

Over the past 20 years, the Pelofskys have made transformative gifts to Perle Mesta Park – beginning with a 'master plan' developed by John Fluitt and Garden Design Associates in 2004. Their donations include the entry on the SW corner of the park (2007), the terracing and bench seating in the SE corner of the park (2013) – and virtually all the other improvements our neighborhood has made – lighting (2010), irrigation (2016 and 2019), picnic tables (2017) and landscaping.

On the occasion of their 23rd wedding anniversary June 12, the Pelofskys donated three spectacular maple trees to replace some of the trees we lost in the 2020 ice storm and the Arctic temperatures in Feb 2021. Their gift also included enhancements (a "makeover") to the SW entry. This involved some major pruning of the mature junipers, reworking the irrigation system, soil amendments and the addition of an assortment of perennials and annuals to create a 'garden' in the park – Raina's garden.

Mesta Park is fortunate to have benefactors like the Pelofskys, whose generous gifts will keep giving for years to come. To the Pelofskys, we extend our deepest gratitude for your generosity and warmest congratulations on your anniversary!

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AT LAST!

by JB Schuelein

After more than two years of trials and tribulations "Deep Roots," our neighborhood's first public art project was installed in the SE corner of Perle Mesta Park on Sunday, June 5th. The sculpture honoring the life and legacy of long-time neighborhood resident Anita Irwin is a gift to the neighborhood from Anita's daughter Melinda Irwin and her family and friends.

Sculptor Morgan Robinson was selected through a design competition coordinated by Robbie Kinzle, Director of the OKC Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, in the Fall of 2020. The selection and approval process was long and arduous, requiring presentations and consideration by the OKC Arts Commission, the OKC Parks Commission, the OKC Historic Preservation and Landmark Commission, and finally the OKC City Council. Robinson's proposal received unanimous approval from each public body that reviewed it.

Our neighborhood is fortunate to be the beneficiary of this generous gift from the Irwin family honoring Anita and her faithful canine companion Jake. Many thanks to Melinda Irwin and her family for this beautiful and lasting gift.









GET INVOLVED!



2022-2023 MPNA Election of Directors and Officers

DIRECTORS

by Lindsey McCarty

Annual elections were held in early May by e-mail and the proposed slate was passed. Congratulations to our new and returning directors and officers; thank you for committing your time to our beloved neighborhood.

Each year we elect 5 new directors (3-year term) and 4 officer positions (1-year term). If you are interested in getting involved, please e-mail president@mestapark.org. We would love to work with you!

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2025	Olivia Mitchell	OFFICERS	
2025	Justin Brannon	President	Lindsey McCarty
2025	Debbie Wince	Vice President	Julie Watson
2025	Mary Clark	Treasurer	Kyle Hazelrigg
2025	Susan Ownbey		
2023	Dave Beylund	Secretary	Beth Wilson



Ice Cream Social Tuesday, August 16, 7pm

Mesta Festa Sunday, September 18

Watch Mesta Park social media for more details to come on all these events!

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