

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
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MESTA PARK LIGHT UPDATES

by Jackie Arnold

New globes for our lightpoles have arrived and are being installed throughout the neighborhood. They look fantastic! Many thanks to Buz!

If you are interested in making a donation for a new globe or updating the light pole to LED please contact Jackie at lighting@mestapark.org. A new globe and installation cost \$124. Thank you to neighbors who have already offered funds for these updates and new globes!



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OU BIG EVENT - 2021

by JB Schuelein

Since COVID forced the cancellation of the Big Event a year ago, Perle Mesta Park had gone two years without a thorough Spring cleaning. The Big Event is a day of community service when OU students and staff volunteer at local non-profit organizations across the entire Oklahoma City metro area. Nearly 6,000 students representing more than 100 campus organizations participated in 2019.

Fortunately, for Mesta Park, the Big Event returned Saturday morning, April 10. In addition to the usual leaves to rake and flower beds to weed, this year there was an additional layer of litter from the devastating ice storm last October. It would take our neighborhood Parks Committee weeks to clean up, but with the assistance of 50 students and staff from OU, we weeded, trimmed and raked 75 bags of leaves and sticks and cleaned all the curbs and storm drains.

Each year, Big Event organizers send representatives from different campus organizations to Mesta Park. Three groups were represented this year: an Asian fraternity and Asian sorority from the Multicultural Greek Council and staff from the Center for Faculty Excellence. They worked tirelessly for several hours giving up their Saturday morning to make our neighborhood park cleaner and safer. Mesta Park sincerely appreciates OU and the Big Event. We can't thank you enough!



EASTER BUNNY VISIT

by Amy Dalebroux

The Easter Bunny paid a visit to the Mesta Park and Heritage Hills neighborhoods on Saturday, April 3! A special thanks to Andy Bowman (and his awesome helper, Nora) as well as David and Patty Phelps, who generously offered up their truck to chauffeur the Easter Bunny around the neighborhood. Finally, many thanks to Steve and Lynette Mathis who kindly donated, in partnership with Historic Preservation, Inc., to make this event possible. Happy kids (and adults) all over the neighborhood enjoyed waving hello and snagging Easter treats on the streets to kick off spring in OKC.

If you are interested in getting involved in future Mesta Park Neighborhood Association events, please contact OfficersandBoard@mestapark.org. Happy Spring from the MPNA!



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DONATIONS INVITED TO MAINTAIN THE PARK

by JB Schuelein

A couple months ago, you should have received a flyer in the mail encouraging you to join the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA). For the first time, as residents complete their Membership application or renewal, they are also invited to make a donation to maintain Perle Mesta Park and Shartel Boulevard. Our goal is to raise enough money to assume responsibility for mowing and trimming the park this Summer. With enough donations, we could also include maintenance of the beds in the park and leaf removal next Fall.

The MPNA partners with the OKC Parks and Recreation Department through a Landscape and Maintenance Agreement. With approval from the Parks Department, the MPNA plants trees and makes other landscape improvements to the park. In 2019 and 2020 we made several improvements – expanding the irrigation system, rebuilding the volleyball courts and adding the new sign/entrance on the NW corner of the park. Under the provisions of our agreement, the MPNA assumes responsibility for watering the trees we plant and maintaining the flower beds. Our agreement does not include mowing or tree trimming.

The Parks Department maintains 6,200 acres and 166 other parks across the metro area and mows once every three weeks. They try to coordinate their mowing schedule around neighborhood events in the park (e.g., our annual picnic, ice cream social and Mesta Festa), but they cannot mow more frequently than once every three weeks. That leaves the park looking pretty ragged in the Spring and during rainy periods at other times of the year.

Have you wondered why Shartel Boulevard looks so nice compared to Perle Mesta Park? One obvious reason is irrigation, but another is that it is mowed and line-trimmed weekly. The Shartel Boulevard Development Authority, of which MPNA is a partner, maintains the Boulevard from 13th and Shartel to 18th and Classen - not the Parks Department, so the Boulevard is mowed weekly. When MPNA fundraising returns to pre-COVID levels, we'll likely expand the irrigation system again to improve the turf and reduce erosion in other sections of the park. Until then, we can make a dramatic improvement to the aesthetics of the park by assuming responsibility for mowing and line trimming more frequently.

Please complete and return your membership application/renewal as soon as possible. The MPNA depends on your voluntary dues more this year than ever. And along with your dues, please consider a one-time, tax-deductible donation to maintain Perle Mesta Park and Shartel Boulevard. It will make a big difference.



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF MPNA

by Anne Zachritz

In conjunction with the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.'s annual meeting (to be scheduled), we will also hold an election for Officers and Directors to fill open positions. Eligibility requirements for nomination: Anyone who lives in Mesta Park and is a current member of Mesta Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. (see page 7 or 8 of this issue to join!) is eligible for election. Please note, however, that there are other requirements of Officers and Directors beyond payment of MPNA dues. The job description for Directors and Officers, as set forth in MPNA's Amended and Restated Bylaws, is set forth below. More information about the annual meeting will be posted on the website once a date and format are determined.

Directors whose terms expire at the end of the 2020-2021 term are:

Tyler Clinton

Lindsey McCarty

Sarah Jordan

There are also unfilled Director slots, so we hope to have at least five (5) nominees for three-year terms ending with the 2023-2024 term.

Officers whose terms expire at the end of the 2020-2021 term are:

President (Anne Zachritz)

Vice President (Steve Mathis)

Directors whose terms are expiring may be renominated for another three-year term or for any Officer position. The President and Vice President are not eligible to be re-nominated as the Bylaws provide for term limits.

Each Officer and Director is expected to:

1. Attend a majority of regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings during the term.
2. Accept and abide by the legal and financial responsibilities of the Board as outlined by the Association's charter, these Amended and Restated Bylaws, state and federal statutes and regulations.
3. Prepare for each Board of Directors meeting by reviewing the agenda, the Treasurer's report and any other circulated items for consideration prior to the meeting and have questions ready.
4. Vote according to one's individual convictions. Keep the interests of the Mesta Park neighborhood as a whole in mind. Challenge the judgement of others if needed, support the majority decision, work with all Board of Directors members and Committee chairs, and have a sense of humor.
5. Support the Association's fundraising by raising or contributing a minimum of \$250.00 each fiscal year to the Association. This can include the sale of neighborhood event tickets, newsletter ad sales, in-kind gifts or donations (such as renting Easter Bunny costume or providing supplies for the Association's Home Tour). Each Officer and Director must provide documentation for their contribution to the Treasurer.
6. Pay his or her Association dues in alignment on or before the start of the Association's fiscal year which begins June 1st of each year.
7. Avoid acting as a spokesperson for the Association or the Board of Directors and avoid entering into contracts on behalf of the Board or the Association unless specifically authorized by the Board to do so.
8. Chair at least one (1) committee or serve on two (2) committees.
9. Volunteer for the Association's Home Tour by accepting at least two (2) assignments during the Home Tour.
10. Agree to monitor and approve long-range improvements in our neighborhood by asking neighbors for input and desires for Perle Mesta Park and the neighborhood generally.
11. Enhance the Association's public image and help interpret the Association to Members and Mesta Park residents.

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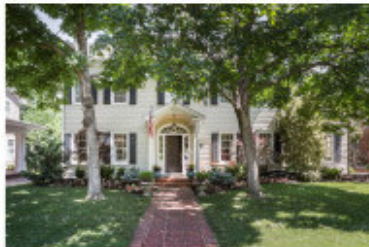
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Dear Neighbor,

Mesta Park is a wonderful neighborhood to live in, but WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT! To help our neighborhood continue to thrive, we need your voice and input to share ideas about how we can continue to improve the beautiful neighborhood that we all call home.

Beginning in 2021, the MPNA membership system changed to align with the calendar year to make it easier for our members to keep up with their renewals. Current members who joined/renewed in July 2020 or later will automatically remain current through December 2021.

Where do my dues go?

- Contribute to the preservation and enhancement of our neighborhood and local organizations (for example, dues funded volleyball court improvements and sprinkler system installations in 2020)
- Enable the continuation of signature community events like Mesta Festa and the Mesta Park Home Tour
- Provide each member household with one vote at our annual meeting to elect our Board of Directors

How much does membership cost?

\$60 annually

Who is eligible to be a member?

All residents of Mesta Park

Where do I join or renew?

Using mail-in form on page 8 of this newsletter, or online with a credit/debit card (www.mestapark.org/membership)

THANK YOU to those who renew their membership year after year! If you are not a member: please consider joining the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association. Dues are just \$60 per household each year and help keep Mesta Park one of the most sought-after residential areas in Oklahoma City. To join or renew, simply return the form on page 8 or register and pay online at www.mestapark.org/membership.

MPNA activities & efforts:

- Easter egg hunt (annually around Easter)
- Picnic & election of officers/directors (annually in June)
- Ice cream social (annually each summer)
- Ongoing support to important local organizations
- Mesta Festa (annually in September)
- Mesta Park Home Tour (annually in December)
- Maintain and improve park and medians

Visit our website (www.mestapark.org) for more information about Mesta Park, upcoming events, and our bi-monthly newsletter. Questions? E-mail us at www.mestapark.org/contact.



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MPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM January 2021 - December 2021

Yes! I'd like to join or renew my MPNA membership for 2021.

All donations are tax deductible!

\$60 check enclosed for my 2021 membership Name(s): _____

I would also like to donate \$_____ to help Address: _____
 maintain Perle Mesta Park and Shartel Blvd.
 (mowing, seasonal leaf removal, tree trimming) Phone: _____

I would like to volunteer! Please contact me. E-Mail: _____

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