# **MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

News and information for ALL residents of the Mesta Park Historic Preservation District



# **GET PROUD!**

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

#### MESTA FESTA 2021 WRAP-UP

by David Carlson Another Mesta Festa has come and gone, and we are so thankful to all of those who came out and showed their support. It felt so good to gather back in the park again!

This year's Mesta Festa was a great success, raising over \$17,500 for our neighborhood!! A special thank you to all of our sponsors, vendors, and volunteers for their support and participation. Also, a BIG thank you to the planning committee for their time and support in organizing the event. It's been an honor to serve as the Event Chair the last two years, as well as to

have the opportunity to give back to the neighborhood my family and I love so dear. If you are interested in helping to organize next year's event, please email mestafesta@mestapark.org.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2022! Cheers!



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#### MESTA PARK VOLLEYBALL RETURNS

by JB Schuelein

Building on the success of its inaugural tournament in May, Perle Mesta Park hosted its second sand volleyball tournament September 24-26. The event included competition in two divisions – Men's 3x3 and Co-ed 4x4, and concluded with the quarterfinals and finals on Sunday, Sept 26, coinciding with Mesta Festa.

Organizers were pleased with the turnout and hope to host another tournament next Spring in late April or early May 2022 before the school year ends for Summer break. The event was also a financial success, raising several thousand dollars for maintenance of the park.

Despite a significant step up in the level of competition, the Burnett brothers again dominated the field by winning both divisions.

Winners of the Men's 3x3 competition were Andy Burnett, Blair Humphreys, and Justin Wilson of OKC; Runners-up were David Burnett, Cam Clifford and Matt Clouse of Edmond.

Repeating as winners of the Co-ed division were: David and Lindsey Burnett and Cam and Keri Clifford of Edmond.

We are grateful to sponsors of Mesta Park's sand volleyball tournaments: Chris George Homes, Rad City, Burnett Equity, Vanessa House Beer Company, Oklahoma Shirt Company and Dental 32. Their support is greatly appreciated!



Mens 3x3 winners:, L to R Cam Clifford, Blair Humphreys, Andy Burnett. Justin Wilson. Matt Clouse and David Burnett

Co-Ed 4x4 winners L to R: Cam & Keri Clifford, Lindsey & David Burnett



# **GET COMPLIANT!**

#### MESTA PARK'S PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

by Anne Zachritz

As an historic preservation neighborhood, Mesta Park has a neighborhood preservation review committee (PRC) and we are looking for new members. The purpose of the PRC is to provide guidance and to answer questions for homeowners regarding their project applications as well as to review applications for Certificates of Appropriateness which have been submitted to the Planning Department by homeowners or their representatives. The PRC reviews each application, supporting documents and the Staff Report and recommendations on each application and provides opinions to the Planning Department staff and the applicants, which is shared with the Historic Preservation Commission members prior to each Commission meeting. The PRC Chair also acts as a spokesperson regarding Historic Preservation matters.

The PRC meets virtually for 1-2 hours once monthly on the weekend before each scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of each month (generally). If you have an interest in getting involved, please email Anne Zachritz at aezachritz@outlook.com.

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#### DONATIONS BENEFIT PERLE MESTA PARK

by JB Schuelein

During our annual membership campaign last January, MPNA leadership made an appeal for donations to maintain Perle Mesta Park and other public areas in our neighborhood. Without our annual Holiday Home Tour (our biggest fundraiser) and a 'virtual' Mesta Festa due to Covid- 19 in 2020, the neighborhood association hoped our friends and neighbors would respond by helping 'fill the gap' in our neighborhood budget.

The appeal raised more than \$2,200 from over 20 households with donations ranging from \$40 to \$500. Proceeds were used to plant a variety of perennials (dwarf Nandina, Echinacea (cone flowers), Sedums, Scutellaria and Thyme) and annuals (Lantana and Penta) around the new entrance sign. The funds were also used for supplemental mowing to enhance the appearance of the park.

For the first time in the history of our park, the MPNA sought bids from several neighborhood landscaping firms for supplemental mowing and line trimming. Our plan was to augment the Parks Department's mowing schedule. Due to budget and hiring constraints, the Parks Department can only mow once every three weeks, which is clearly not enough during the Spring and other rainy periods during the Summer months.

Urban Lawn and Landscape was selected and did an outstanding job. In addition to mowing, edging and trimming, Jeff Ebb's crew manicured all the flower/crepe myrtle beds and even cleaned along all the curbs and storm drains. Urban Lawn performed an additional 'clean up' immediately before Mesta Festa – as part of their sponsorship for the event.

We want to express a heartfelt thanks to nearly two dozen donors including: Ann Bohanon, Ed and Mary Clark, Claudia Connor, David and Jane Edmonds, Maddie and Nick Gallo, Keith Greer, Sam Gresham and Lyn Adams, the Jada Foundation, Ed Oakley, Mark and Cathy Pierce, David and De Anna Remy, and Anne Zachritz and Jane Ann Norris. Your donations made a huge difference in the overall appearance of the park this Summer.

#### That makes us all proud!





Donations to the park are always welcome. Mesta Park is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so donations are tax deductible as allowed by state and federal law. If you would like to donate, go to www.mestapark.org/donation or mail your check to: Mesta Park NA, PO Box 61095, Oklahoma City, OK. 73146-1095.



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