

MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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GET INVOLVED!

2025-2026 MPNA ELECTION

by Justin Brannon

It is time to elect another board of directors and officers for MPNA! The 2025 slate will be posted on the website, and all active MPNA members should watch their inbox for the ballot in May. If you are not an active member, we'd love to have you join or renew! You can do so at <https://www.mestapark.org/membership>; please message membership@mestapark.org with any questions.

HELP US PLAN MESTA PARK'S 2025 EVENTS!

by Justin Brannon

We are beginning to plan our annual events (Mesta Festa and the Holiday Home Tour), and we could use your help! Please e-mail Justin Brannon at president@mestapark.org if you're interested in getting involved or have a home you'd like to have featured on the tour. It takes a village, and we would love to work with you!

Dates to Remember

60+ Event

NEW LOCATION: 326 NW 21st St

Friday, May 2

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Annual Picnic
Perle Mesta Park
Tuesday, June 17
6:00 pm

30th Annual Mesta Festa
September 2025

Young Adult Social

912 NW 22nd St

Friday, May 16

7:00 pm

Ice Cream Social
Perle Mesta Park
Tuesday, August 19
7:00 pm

Holiday Home Tour
December 2025

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GET PROUD!

MESTA PARK RESIDENT NICK GALLO SCORES BIG WITH THUNDER FANS

by Ryan Fogle

If you've tuned in after an OKC Thunder game lately, chances are you've seen a familiar face delivering smooth, insightful postgame interviews, one that might just pass you as you're walking the dog or enjoying a coffee on your front porch here in Mesta Park. Nick Gallo, a longtime resident of our historic neighborhood, has become something of a local celebrity as the Thunder's trusted sideline reporter.

Known for his thoughtful questions and calm, upbeat demeanor, Nick has built a strong rapport with both players and fans. His postgame interviews have become must-watch TV, offering a rare blend of smart basketball analysis and genuine human connection, without ever stealing the spotlight. Whether he's drawing out a rookie's emotional first win or unpacking a strategic shift from Coach Daigneault, Nick brings a journalistic grace that makes Mesta Park proud.

What many may not know is that Nick's love for the Thunder is matched only by his love for this neighborhood. A frequent fixture at seasonal porch parties, block cleanups, and neighborhood strolls with his wife and kids, he blends seamlessly into the community fabric. He's as likely to ask about your garden as he is to talk playoff seeding.

As the Thunder continue to chase greatness, we'll be watching with pride, not just the team, but our neighbor, Nick, representing Mesta Park with confidence and class.

So next time you see him at Perle Mesta Park or grabbing takeout in Uptown, give him a high five - no need for a full interview.



GET INVOLVED!

by Justin Brannon

SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Each summer at the Annual Picnic, five new board members are elected to the board of directors for the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association. This group is responsible for maintenance of the park and lighting, putting on annual events like Mesta Festa and the Home Tour, and building community in the neighborhood. If you're looking to get more plugged-in with Mesta Park, we would love to have you!

Expectations include:

- 3-year term
- Attend board meetings (~6/year, 1 hour in duration)
- Serve on the planning committee for one of our major events (Mesta Festa or Home Tour).

If you would like more information on joining the MPNA board of directors, please reach out to Justin Brannon (president@mestapark.org).




Happy Hour For 60+ Gathering

At NEW location – Hosts Mary Bingaman and Jim and Emily Dunagin

326 NW 21st, OKC

Friday, May 2nd

5:30 – 7:00



*Please join us for a
Young Adult
Mesta Park
Neighborhood
Social*

MAY 16 AT 7:00 PM

912 NW 22ND STREET



PLEASE RSVP USING THE QR CODE ABOVE



Join us for an enjoyable evening in the park with our neighbors!

SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Annual Picnic

MORE DETAILS TO COME
ON SOCIAL MEDIA & FLIERS

06. 17. 25
TUESDAY
6PM

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ENJOY FOOD & FUN



GET PROUD!

EASTER EGG HUNT A BIG HIT!

by Justin Brannon

Perle Mesta Park had a fantastic turnout at this year's Easter Egg Hunt, with an estimated 160 neighbors joining us in the park for a morning of springtime celebration. The energy was high, the weather was perfect, and the Easter Bunny was a hit with kids and grownups alike!

We loved seeing the community spirit on display, from kids sharing extra prize eggs with friends, to families helping collect and return plastic eggs for reuse. Parents and neighbors enjoyed refreshments on the McCarty lawn and at the Gazebo while kids posed with the Easter Bunny and explored the park in search of surprises.

A huge thank you to our incredible event co-chairs, Debbie Wince and Mallory Carter, for their hard work and organization in making this event run smoothly. From egg-stuffing to signage to setting up the prize table and beyond, their effort helped bring our neighbors together and we could not have done this without them and our amazing volunteers!

We're always looking for volunteers to keep these events going strong! If you're interested in helping out with future neighborhood gatherings, please sign up for our volunteer emails at MestaPark.org.



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GET SECURE!

HNSA HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE (AND WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN!)

by Mary Clark

Tall Lieutenant Tom Parks is the face of the Historic Neighborhood Security Association whose officers patrol Mesta Park and Heritage Hills. He's been with the HNSA almost since its inception in 2007 and has seen the difference this security presence has been. He reports, "we were very busy when I started with the HNSA – arresting burglars and chasing suspects. But over the years our presence has led to a significant decrease in crime."

The Association offers other services for the homeowner members. Besides an almost constant patrol of the neighborhood, the association will pick up your mail and packages when you are out of town and return them promptly when you get back. They will place any newspaper you receive out of sight. In addition, they visually inspect your house while you are gone. If you are in town but out of the house and a package is delivered, you can call the HNSA and they will either hide the package or put it on your back porch, at your discretion. Lt. Parks laughs that "we get lots of calls about missing dogs and cats and we are happy to watch for them. We even have a corgi dog now with no owner."

Lt. Parker is particularly proud of their new vehicle. It's a 2017 Ford Explorer with a police package and low mileage. The HNSA owns and insures the patrol vehicle which is marked with the HNSA logo. While they can't do traffic stops, they can still take law enforcement action if a crime is in progress. If that happens, the homeowner member should call HNSA and the OKC police. Often, HNSA arrives first.



Eight officers make up the HNSA force, all of whom are current or retired OKC Police Department officers who must meet continuing education requirements. The hours vary according to the day, but early mornings, days and evenings are always covered as are nights on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Newer residents of Heritage Hills and Mesta Park may not understand why the service is needed but Lt. Parks has seen the difference. He tells of the homeowner near Mesta Park who was ready to move because of the crime in the area but changed his mind once the HNSA was formed. "It made that much difference to him to have our presence in the neighborhoods and he stayed."

Lt. Parker does have some advice to residents. "The vast majority of crimes we are seeing, break ins/burglaries, are crimes of opportunity, a car door left unlocked, a garage door left open, a gate not shut etc. We encourage everyone to make sure car doors are shut and locked, including doors on houses, garages and storage buildings. Make sure bicycles or other toys or valuables are put up and secured and not left where they can be easily grabbed by someone walking past. Just an extra minute of care can prevent a lot of problems. "

Being a member is reasonable and helps keep the neighborhood safe. A monthly charge of \$60 gives members all of the above services. To join, contact Melody with Neighborhood Services at melodyp@neighborhoodsplus.com or call 405-920-2034. Your membership directly increases the HNSA patrol hours and ensures that HNSA remains a stable organization for years to come. Please join today.

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FAQ

Where do my dues go?

- Contribute to the preservation and enhancement of our neighborhood and local organizations (such as 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 below, 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 below 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 & cocktail party (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 quarterly newsletter. Questions? E-mail us at www.mestapark.org/contact.

Yes! I'd like to join or renew my MPNA membership for 2025.

All donations are tax deductible!

\$60 check enclosed for my 2025 membership

Name(s): _____

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

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