



Westlake

Homeowners' Association, Inc.
Westlakefamily.org

Newsletter

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Website

Check out our association's website at Westlakefamily.org

Annual Meeting Highlights

We had our annual meeting in September to coincide with Neighborhood Night Out, an opportunity for folks to get out and meet their neighbors. Thanks to Chris McCarty and Carole Plank for the refreshments.

OKC Police Captain Billy Walls and some of our local firefighters came by to answer questions and give us a close-up look at their fire engine.

The firefighters reminded us of some important ways to stay safe. Did you know that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors don't last forever? Even if the batteries are new, the detector itself might not function correctly when it gets old. The firefighters recommended replacing your smoke and CO detectors if they are more than eight years old.

Check the gauge on your fire extinguishers to see if you need to replace them.

Before it gets cold enough to need your fireplace, have your chimney inspected and then cleaned if needed. Get your furnace inspected soon, not only to prevent fires, but also to make sure there will be no toxic gases leaking out of it when you turn it on this winter.

Halloween News

We'll be trick or treating on Saturday, Oct. 30, not on Oct. 31. The City of OKC moved the date to accommodate families since Oct. 31 falls on Sunday this year. So remember, trick or treating is on Saturday.

Fried Turkeys?

If you plan to fry a turkey for Thanksgiving, what will you do with the five gallons of used oil when it's done? PLEASE do not pour it on the ground, where it will kill whatever it touches. And please don't pour it into a storm drain, which is the same as pouring it into a creek or pond—it will contaminate our waterways. And of course you already know that pouring grease down your sink drain clogs pipes and sewer lines. What to do? Pour it back into the original container and take it to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 1621 S. Portland. Bring a water bill to prove residency. If you just can't make it there, at least put it in your trash, which is better than pouring it down any drain or onto the ground.

McCarty's a Finalist

Congratulations to Chris McCarty for being named a finalist for OKC's Good Neighbor of the Year Award. Chris has lived in Westlake a long time and has served as a volunteer on the WHOA board for more than a decade. His expertise in accounting and his knowledge of the neighborhood have been invaluable and we all owe him our gratitude. THANK YOU CHRIS! We hope you win!

Yard Parking

Did you know that the City of OKC has dramatically increased the fine for yard parking? Besides being an eyesore and causing ruts in the ground which lead to stagnant water and mosquito breeding, a vehicle parked on an unpaved area can damage water and sewer lines. Therefore, the city now charges \$100 per ticket if you park in your front, side, or even backyard on an unpaved area.

Next Meeting

All members of our HOA are welcome to attend board meetings, to share ideas or just to listen. Meetings are usually the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Our next board meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:00 p.m., at 6709 NW 130th St.

Future monthly meeting locations can be found at our website, westlakefamily.org. Just check the calendar. Roll over the marked mtg date and the address of the mtg location will come up.

Neighborhood Contact

To contact the WHOA (Westlake Homeowners Association) Board, write a note to
P.O. Box 721064
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Or go to
Westlakefamily.org