



# LP FUN-TIMES

*Friendship Unites Neighbors*

Lancaster Park  
Homeowner's Association  
4309 W Freepoint St  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival was deemed a success. We had 34 children aged from a few months to nine years old enter the contest. All paraded across the bridge in their costumes and were awarded treats and prizes. Thanks to our judges: Suzanne Mobley, Isolde Ozolins, and Keith Davenport.

We also were able to collect about 5 full crates of canned goods for Broken Arrow Neighbors! Thank you to all who donated!

The Scariest House contest winner for the 2009 Harvest Festival was the Sawyer-Jones Family at 4409 W. Detroit St. Their yard was full of skeletons/witches/bloody hands, etc... Congratulations to them! They won a \$25 Home Depot Gift Card. Honorable Mention went to the homes at: 4213 W. Freepoint and 224 N. Butter-nut! Thank you all for participating!



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! On behalf of the 2009 Board of Directors, I would like to thank you all for a great year! We have accomplished a lot but there is much more the Board would like to get done for the Lancaster Park neighborhood.

This past year's improvements include: 1) the park underwent major landscaping to help reduce vandalism and also improve the appearance 2) branches and broken limbs were trimmed and the tree line was raised in the trickle channel and detention pond 3) the Harvest Festival was added and attendance increased by 40%-100% at our now three annual social events 4) the Board of Directors grew from five to nine members (although we are losing one in December so, if you could volunteer, we can use your help!) 5) the 71st street wall damage caused by an auto wreck was repaired 6) to keep you more informed, we increased newsletter frequency to 5 times per year plus postcards 6) LOTS

of lightbulbs were replaced (we are responsible for 18 of the streetlights in the neighborhood) 7) maintenance issues throughout the neighborhood were dealt with, including mowing, electrical work, sprinkler problems, vandalism, etc. As you can see, much on our list has been accomplished.

In 2010, we have several issues to address including: 1) beautifying the front entrances 2) hosting the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade and Harvest Festival 3) maintaining the common areas 4) working to repair problems in the trickle channel due to erosion, loss of ground cover, and root invasion, as well as similar problems in the detention pond 5) working to deal with lighting issues both at the front entrance and maintaining the 18 lights we are responsible for 6) safety issues in the park due to vandals 7) making the neighborhood more attractive.

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Obviously we have a long list that we would like to work on. These things, though, need help and participation! If you can even give one hour a month to helping with some of the various committees we have (listed later in this newsletter), we are sure to achieve our goals! Please consider donating your time.

Thank you again to those of you who have helped this year, including the GREAT Board of Directors I work with: Jim Davis, Richard Vogt, Chuck Keller, Brian Treat, Chris Matthews, Mitchell Metcalf, Keith Davenport, and Jeff DeGiulio. Special thanks to Maintenance Chair, Rod Reusch Newsletter editor, Dorothy Urquhart, and Welcome Committee, Jane Treat. Without volunteers, nothing would be accomplished! Have a WONDERFUL holiday season! Hope to see you at an event in 2010!

Valerie Welker, President

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP OPENING

We are in need of one new Board Member to join us for the 2010 year. The commitment is one meeting (of about two hours) per month (the 2nd Monday of the following months: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec from 7-9 PM) plus one or two special assignments over the course of the year for another two to five hours. If you are available and would be willing to help, we would love to hear from you! Please send an email to [valeriewelker@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriewelker@hotmail.com) to get further information or to volunteer. Thanks!

## ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

The 2010 Lancaster Park Homeowners' Association annual assessment is set at \$218. Please mail your payment to Lancaster Park Homeowners' Association, Inc, at 4309 W. Freeport Street (or put your envelope in the mailbox by the gazebo) by January 1<sup>st</sup>. To ensure proper credit, please ensure that the street address of your Lancaster Park home is shown somewhere on your check.

## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting was held on Nov 9th at the Liberty Church on Garnett. Unfortunately we had only 30 of the 350 homes represented, so there was no quorum. We did host Ken Yazel, Tulsa Co. Tax Assessor, who was there to speak to us/advise us how to reduce our property taxes.

Several home owners saved \$130 or more on "Homesteading" their house (ie. claiming it is their primary residence). If you have not done this, please contact the Tulsa County Tax Assessors office. You may also be eligible for redemptions if you are a veteran or widow(er). Additionally, if you are a senior citizen, you can "freeze" your taxable amount. If this applies to you, you should be able to save money. The assessors office is at 500 S. Denver, Rm 215, Tulsa, OK. Or by phone: 918-596-5169. Thanks to those that attended!

## A NOTE FROM THE ASSESSOR

Dear Lancaster Park HOA,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with your group about the assessment process in Tulsa County. I believe that serving the taxpayers is not just about attending meetings and sending notices. In my mind it is about being available to the public and making sure they know how their money is being collected and distributed. Again, I appreciate the chance to speak with your and to serve the taxpayers of Tulsa County.

Very Respectfully,  
Ken Yazel

Tulsa County Tax Assessor

P.s. Enjoyed the interaction. Thanks!

## THANK YOU LIST

Many thanks to those of you that have volunteered in various capacities over the course of this year! Thanks go to: Darlene Cardwell, Rod Einer, Richard Schaefer, Julie Mueller, Joseph Mobley, Suzanne Mobley, Danny Mills, Heather Ellis, Lynn Vendosel, Rex Morris, Michelle Matthews, Karyn Davenport, and Nancy Davis! You are the best! Our apologies to any others if we failed to list your contribution.



### COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

We are looking for help for the following committees for the Spring 2010 season, so please contact us if you would be interested in helping! This is a GREAT way to get to know your neighbors and make our neighborhood a better place to live. If interested, please send an email to [Valeriewelker@hotmail.com](mailto:Valeriewelker@hotmail.com) to be on any of the following Committees:

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** This committee helps with the layout of and hosting the Easter Egg Hunt. The event is going to be held this year on the Saturday before Easter. Time commitment: approximately one 1-hour meeting about a month before Easter. plus time at the event. The Hunt lasts about 30 minutes so the time commitment would be about 2 hours on that Saturday).

**FRONT ENTRANCE DESIGN COMMITTEE:** This committee will come up with ideas for inexpensive improvements and get proposals for a total makeover of the entrances. Time commitment is approximately 3-4 meetings plus some background information-gathering. We would like to do something in 2010. It may not be an overhaul, but we would certainly like to spruce it up. Additionally, should the committee desire to do so, they will be able to continue to help with decorating the front entrance for various holidays such as the 4th of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Halloween and Christmas.

**MAINTENENCE COMMITTEE:** This committee helps with scheduling contractors and dealing with issues that arise over the course of the year in our common areas. Time commitment is approximately 1-2 hours per month. Most meetings occur by phone or email.

**WELCOME COMMITTEE:** This committee goes out and welcomes new neighbors to the neighborhood (preferably within the first month of residence) with a packet of goodies. Additionally they would inform the new neighbors of ways to get involved and committees available to do so. Time commitment is less than an hour a month.

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

This is for you if you'd like to get the news out to the neighborhood (and get an early heads-up) about what the Board has been up to via the newsletter, the website, and various mailings throughout the year. Help is needed for simple things like making up signs for the Social events, the annual meetings, and yard sales, folding and labeling the newsletters, as well as collecting and/or writing articles, newsletter layout, photography, and assisting the Board with the annual meeting presentations and powerpoints.

**OTHER:** as we get further into the Spring, we will be looking for help with: the 4th of July Parade, a Gardening Committee (to beautify our common areas), and a Crime Watch committee...if you are interested in those please email and we will let you know when they will be active.

### THANKS FOR DECORATING

Thank you to the following people for helping to decorate the front entrances for the holidays: Rod and Meg Einer, Valerie Welker, Lynn Vendosel and Will Fournerat. We appreciate it and hope it helps to make everyone's holidays a little more de"light"ful!

### HOLIDAY HOUSE CONTEST

Don't forget, we are giving an award (\$25 Home Depot Certificate) to the most festively decorated house! Vote by putting a post-it with the address of your favorite decorated house/yard on your dues payment. All votes must be in by December 20th. The house must be in Lancaster Park (you are in Bretton Woods if the road is concrete). Hope your house wins! There are already several good looking houses out there!



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## HARVEST FESTIVAL PHOTOS

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