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Become a Member of EPPI in 2009!

by Mark Clopton, president@edgemerepark.org

Please be on the lookout for your annual EPPI membership dues invoice that will be mailed out soon. Membership dues are only \$50 per year and make up the majority of EPPI's operating income. In 2008, only half of Edgemere Park residents paid membership dues and we would very much like to see that figure improve. It is an easy and effective way to support our neighborhood and our volunteer block trustees who are donating their time as well as financial resources.

EPPI membership dues help provide:

- Our neighborhood directory
- Welcome baskets for new neighbors
- Park and flower bed maintenance
- Water and electric utilities for the park
- Eppilog newsletter
- Street light maintenance
- Social functions such as the July 4th Picnic, Oktoberfest and Holiday Party
- Website maintenance

Also, residents will have the opportunity on our membership invoice to give toward our current capital campaign for new streetlights, trees for the park and landscaping our neighborhood entrance at 36th Street & Robinson Ave. We are especially close to our goal for streetlights and if every household pitched in \$50 we would be done! All donations are appreciated!

A New Sheriff in Town at the Edgemere Park Security Corporation All Cheer the House of Plafker!

Scott & Kendra Plafker, 417 NW 34th Street



On Wednesday, February 18th the EPSC board voted unanimously to bestow the position of president to Scott Plafker and the position of treasurer to Kendra Plafker. The Plafkers hail from the Northeast, have lived in Edgemere Park for over five years and are no strangers to working together. As an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cell Biology at the OU Health Sciences Center, Scott runs a lab currently focused on macular degeneration and Kendra manages the lab operations. They also share one car and make it to the gym together 6 times a week for Scott to pound out his 150 daily pushups and Kendra to do her yoga. They are no slackers.

They are also familiar with helping Edgemere Park. Scott has been a stalwart member of Mere Men, while Kendra has worked on the Yard of the Month committee for many moons and both of them have helped to setup almost every social event we have held in their five years here. EPSC is thrilled and grateful to have Scott & Kendra leading the charge for the Security Corp. If you too are concerned about security in our neighborhood then please give the Plafkers a hand on the committee when needed and make sure to become or remain a security member!

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You can call the Action Center at 297-2535 to report problems in your neighborhood or get information about City services. Your call will be answered by an Action Center staff member Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours or on weekends, you can leave a message explaining your problem and we will handle your request the next working day. You can also report problems online using our online service request at www.okc.gov. We can also send you a letter to let you know the City is working on a solution. We track your request to make sure you get the help you need, and we can explain what action has been taken on the issue.

The Action Center is a division of the Public Information and Marketing Office of The City of Oklahoma City.

Also, please remember that City parks are for everyone to share and enjoy! Please help keep them clean by picking up any trash, pet waste or discarded items you may have brought with you.



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Edgemere Park Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2009 6:30 PM

Iron Starr Urban Barbeque

- I. Welcome and Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Mark Clopton. Present: Mark Clopton, Jann Hook, Rita Benischek, Bret Streetman, Petra Cox, Joseph Arguello, Randy Johnson, Bernest Cain, Lindsay Neal, Elizabeth Bullen, Eric Howard, and Cindy Garrett
- II. Treasurer's Position. Mark Clopton introduced resident Bret Streetman as an interested candidate for EPPI treasurer. Bret is an attorney with MidFirst Bank. Streetman was unanimously approved for the position.
- III. Treasurer's Report & 2009 Proposed Budget. J. Hook for J. Jungman. Total assets for EPPI: \$33,280.70 as of 31 January 2009. R. Benischek moved to approve the balance sheet and income statement for January 2009. Eric Howard seconded and motion approved.

The 2009 proposed budget was discussed. Recommendations were made on revising the expense allocations and for Bret Streetman to review the proposed budget. Budget tabled until next meeting.

- IV. Resource Development Update & Fundraising Discussion. Clopton reminded committee of funding priorities for Edgemere Park per the EPPI strategic plan. The priorities are (1) trees in the park (2) ornamental lighting (3) EPPI Endowment (4) new signage and gateways (5) park benches (6) additional park trails.

Edgemere Park capital campaign goals still require the following funding: trees, \$1,685; streetlights, \$12,012; and 36th Street Project, \$15,600.

Jann Hook discussed the proposed design of the 36th Street entrance project: The project is divided into two phases. Phase I primarily covers infrastructure and is completely funded by \$40k from ODOT. Phase II has \$9,000 in funding with additional funds of \$15,600 needed. Rita Benischek suggested that someone within the neighborhood be appointed to coordinate and oversee the 36th Street project execution.

Trustees discussed including information about the capital campaign with upcoming EPPI dues statement providing options to those residents who would like to contribute. Liz Bullen suggested that we focus on the streetlights and ask each household to contribute \$50.

Rita Benischek mentioned that the board was scheduled to review the idea of having a kitchen tour fundraising event in the spring of 2009. A motion was made to dismiss the Kitchen Tour. L. Bullen seconded the motion and the vote to dismiss was approved unanimously.

- V. Committee Reports.
 - A. Communications. J. Arguello has put together a group site on Facebook for Edgemere Park and requested board members review and provide feedback. The January newsletter had been mailed out. Submissions for the February newsletter are due by

Friday, 13 February 2009. Directories will be published this year and it was decided that a small committee would be formed for this purpose.

- B. Edgemere School. M. Clopton reported that Kelly Pearson is looking for assistance in leading The Friends of Edgemere School and its current project of raising funds for playground equipment for the school. Rita Benischek will be assisting with Edgemere Park School committee. Clopton reported that window shades are being provided to the school by Michael Smith with Design Resources.
 - C. Historic Preservation. J. Hook reported that Catherine Montgomery, formerly with the State Historic Preservation Office, is the City's new staff liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission and historic districts.
 - D. Park & Public Improvements. J. Hook reported that Mary Surbeck had been working with the Oklahoma City Parks Department about tree planting in the park. About thirty trees will be planted in the park using species similar to what's been previously planted: bald cypress, shumard oaks, caddo maple, and Valley Forge elms. The Park Clean-Up will take place Saturday, 28 March 2009. Volunteers are needed to supervise and assist OU students. Residents interested in volunteering need to contact Mary Surbeck or Jenifer Cawley.
 - E. Public Relations. M. Clopton reported that the chair for this committee is vacant.
 - F. Security. M. Clopton reported Scott Plafker is set to become new EPSC president and Kendra Plafker the new treasurer pending board approval. Clopton stated that the dues increase has not resulted in a decline in membership. Membership signs have been distributed and new residents who received a welcome basket in December would be contacted concerning joining if they have not already joined security.
 - G. Social & Special Events. Co-chairs L. Bullen and L. Neal reported that they are coming up with ideas for events.
- VI. Approval of Minutes. Eric Howard motioned to approve January minutes. Petra Cox seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved for January 2009.
- VII. Next Meeting. 9 March 2009, 6:30 PM, Iron Starr
- VIII. Adjourned at 8:20 PM by Clopton.

Submitted,
Cindy Garrett
Secretary

Congratulations, Edgemere Park

We have met our Endowment Fund and Edgemere School Goals!

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we are well on our way to landscaping the 36th Street Entrance, planting more trees and adding historic-style streetlighting to the park!

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Edgemere Park Preservation, Inc., P.O. Box 54655, Oklahoma City, OK 73154-1655



**ARE WE SHOVEL READY?
TREES AND THE BIG EVENT!**



Thirty trees and perhaps more will be arriving soon in Edgemere Park! Robert Hampton is marking placement of trees as this article is being written. Residents have a really good record of nurturing trees. We know that resurrecting old watering teams and creating new ones will be no problem for our neighborhood. In the early stages of growth, these new trees will need weekly watering. If the temperatures are high and there is no rain, they may even need twice weekly attention. Our three year olds – you know them by the gators they wear – may also need some watering depending on the weather. As you can see, the more volunteers the easier the job. We are planting new trees on the west side of the park and hope to engage any resident nearby to help with those.

If you served on a watering team, please reconnect with us as we plan again to put together maps and teams. If you have not watered before, we will train you and help you get started. The training is minimal. Please contact Mary Surbeck at 606-2917/528-2985 or via e-mail at m.surbeck@occf.org or m.surbeck@cox.net. While rain dances are creative and entertaining, we hope instead to rely on “boots on the park.” Once teams are identified, we will have an adult watering evening.

On Saturday, March 28th, students from Oklahoma University will descend on Edgemere Park. The “Big Event,” a community service project at OU has been assisting our neighborhood with mulching of trees, preparing the flower beds and picking up trash. It is an enormous service to us. We encourage you to meet at the bridge with wheel barrows and rakes to help move mulch. Supervision and tools are essential to the efficiency of the students. We look forward to seeing you then.

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 Enclose your check made payable to EPPI and mail to PO Box 54655, OKC 73154-1655.
 Donations can also be made online at www.edgemerepark.org

Edgemere Park Events

Monday, March 9

EPPI Board Meeting
Iron Starr Urban Barbecue
6:30 pm

Sunday, March 28

HP Committee Meeting
Sandra & Richard Marrison's
3600 North Harvey Parkway
6:00 pm

Monday, April 13

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Iron Starr Urban Barbecue
6:30 pm

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