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**Happenings in the 'Hood**

by Jann Hook, [president@edgemerepark.org](mailto:president@edgemerepark.org)

**36<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance Landscape Project** - As is the norm these days, the bid received by the Department of Transportation and their contractor, Duit Construction, for the project exceeds the \$40,000 in funding ODOT will provide. Getting power and water to the site contribute significantly to the cost of the project. We are working with ODOT on ways to eliminate some of the overhead costs and looking into grant opportunities to supplement ODOT's contribution.

**Strategic Planning** - While the official plan is not yet finalized, the Resource Development Committee is moving forward to plan for funding the neighborhood's high priority projects including replacing trees in the park, installing more streetlights, and increasing our endowment fund. You can be sure that you will hear much more about this in the coming months when the details are worked out. Please contact the Resource Development chair, Denise Waters (528.1097), if you would like to help with the planning.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Picnic** - A great Edgemere Park tradition continues! If you are new to the neighborhood, you won't want to miss watching or participating in our parade and enjoying games, music and food with your neighbors. It's always a wonderful event with plenty of community spirit. This year we will have a dedication for the new playground and pavilion . . . finally! More information and the schedule are inside. Part of the tradition and fun is everyone pitching in to help with the details. Our Social committee chairperson, Lindsey Pever, will need the usual assistance with purchasing supplies, set up, grilling, organizing games and of course, clean up. Call Lindsey at 206.9575 to let her know what you can do.

**EPPI Membership** - So far this year, 151 Edgemerites have joined or renewed their neighborhood association membership for 2008. This is a rather disappointing 47% considering what an extraordinary place this is to live and how savvy and astute the residents are. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of officers and board members that are putting in lots of time and effort to improve the neighborhood. Your financial support (and any volunteer hours you can muster) are needed and appreciated if we are to maintain and further improve our community. If you have not already done so this year, please complete and return the membership form inside. Can't remember if you paid your 2008 dues yet? Cindy Garrett, our Membership Coordinator, can tell you. She can be reached at 816.2710 or [cynthia1018@cox.net](mailto:cynthia1018@cox.net).


**EDGEMERE PARK PRESERVATION, INC.  
TRUSTEES MEETING NOTES  
Monday, May 12, 2008 6:30 PM  
Iron Starr Urban Barbeque**

- I. **Welcome and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Mark Clopton, President-elect. Self-introductions of attendees: Mark Clopton, E. Howard, R. Johnson, R. Harrison, J. Jungman, T. Jungman, L. Neal, M. Rittenberry, M. Surbeck, L. Arguello, A. Brown, D. Waters, B. Cain, C. Garrett.
- II. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from April 14, 2008 were accepted unanimously.
- III. **Treasurer's Report.** J. Jungman presented Income Statements for January - April 2008, Balance Sheet for April 2008 and Budget vs. Actual numbers as of April 30, 2008. Receipts from dues are approximately 80% of anticipated. All reports accepted unanimously.
- IV. **President's Report.** M. Clopton reviewed J. Hook's report in absentia.
  - A. The Strategic Plan is being processed by Georgie Rasco, Neighborhood Alliance. Final copy should be available for discussion by the June 9, 2008 EPPI meeting.
  - B. Billboard located at 23<sup>rd</sup> St and Robinson NW. No update.
  - C. Historic Districts Coalition organized by Neighborhood Alliance will be held at 6:30 PM, May 22 at the Overholser Mansion. This is an open meeting.
  - D. 36<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhoods Coalition. Grant Humphreys, the developer proposing changes located on 36<sup>th</sup> St between the I-235 exchange and Walker NW, will meet with neighbors about the impact of his proposals on Tuesday, May 13. Attendees voiced concerns about traffic, impact to homeowners and environmental impact. Some of Humphreys' ideas: straightening the creek,


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# 4TH of JULY CELEBRATION!

Friday, July 4th 9:30am

## Schedule

- 9:00**     **Parade Registration** At 34th and Hudson  
(Start getting your floats, bikes, tricycles and costumes ready!)
- 9:30**     **Parade!**  
Parade route begins on the west side of park at Hudson between 34th & 35th Streets, proceeds across the bridge, south on Harvey Pkwy to the playground
- 10:00**     **Cake Decorating Contest** (Turn your cake in by 10am)  
**Mark Clopton's Golf Challenge**  
**Cake Walk and Kids Activities**
- 11:00**     **Playground and Pavilion Dedication**  
**Live Entertainment!**  
**Pot Luck Lunch**  
Free hot dogs and beverages  
Even numbered addresses bring a dessert  
Odds bring a side dish or salad  
Bring lawn chairs or blankets

Don't miss the fun this year!  
If you are interested in helping in any capacity, call Lindsey 206-9575.



## June 2008 Yard of the Month

At 237 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> street, the back yard is for the dogs' enjoyment but the front is definitely for the humans.

When Jason Opie moved from Crown Heights to Edgemere Park almost 2 years ago, he found a home that already had one of the prettiest yards in the neighborhood, but Jason managed to make the yard even prettier. With his busy schedule running the Papa John's franchises in Oklahoma City, Jason relies heavily on a "Jack-of-all-trades" named Manuel to make sure everything stays that way.

The foundation of nandina, multiple types of hosta, ferns, and variegated monkey grass nestle under a canopy of magnolia and sycamore trees with a stunning Japanese maple serving as the focal point of the flagstone-lined bed. Later this summer, the front bed will be chock-full of a variety of white annuals accented by a gold dust acuba, Japanese yew, a few azeleas, and purple shamrocks planted near the house. A weeping blue atlas cedar and blue spruce stand in front of the boxwood hedge that leads to the backyard where Jason's Mastiff and his roommate's Red Healer and new Great Dane puppy rule. Unfortunately, the dogs removed all the annuals that Jason and his girlfriend planted this year in the backyard. The dogs clearly prefer the "minimalist" look.

## Help Keep Edgemere Park Safe!

Become a subscriber to Edgemere Park Security Corporation!

Edgemere Park Security Corporation pays for private patrol services in Edgemere Park! Every new subscriber means more security in our neighborhood!

Call Mark Clopton (524-9558) or Jann Hook (524-2226) to become a subscriber today!



## Edgemere Streets – Meeting Our Neighbors

### Lindsey Pever

Lindsey serves Edgemere Park Neighborhood as Social and Special Events Coordinator. This Michigan native moved to Oklahoma when her family was transferred to Oklahoma. Both her Mom and Stepdad served in the Navy and were reassigned to Tinker Air Force Base.

Lindsey graduated from the University of Oklahoma and subsequently managed a political campaign. Her political and management activities provided her experience in working with volunteers and provided an opportunity for her to accept a position with the Arts Council of Oklahoma City.

This Spring, Lindsey was selected to participate as one of forty-three members in Leadership Oklahoma City's LOYAL program or Linking Oklahoma's Young Adult Leaders. LOYAL supports a platform for different skills relating to community leadership and development. Through classes, led by professionals from various fields and hands-on volunteering with local non-profit organizations, class members learn how to achieve success as a community leader.

Thank you, Lindsey, for being an example of the Arts Council and showing us their mission – “bringing the arts and community together.”



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commercial real estate.

- E. Playground and pavilion are near completion with the exception of electrical work. Members are concerned about the tables permanently installed in the pavilion with emphasis on damage that has already occurred. See: Parks and Public Improvement Report below.

## V. Committee Reports.

- A. **Communications.** R. Harrison is completing a fee schedule for advertising for the *Eppilog* on Edgemere's website. A ½-page add in the *Eppilog* sells for \$65 each, four x 1/2-page ads per issue. Advertising and scale should be discussed directly with Harrison. Items for the *Eppilog* should be forwarded to Harrison by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- B. **Edgemere Elementary School.** M. Clopton stated that he received an email from Rikki Kelly, principal, following his and Westminster Church pastor's visit to the OKC School Foundation. The meeting was to apprise the foundation of Edgemere and Westminster's continuing support for the school although communications between the principal and neighbors has been nil.
- C. **Historic Preservation.** Three residents were invited to present their applications to the committee during the May meeting. One resident attended. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2008 at 3600 Harvey Parkway. Residents: contact S. Harrison at 521-0730 or email her at [sbenischek@cox.net](mailto:sbenischek@cox.net) for discussion about a Certificate of Appropriateness or plans to attend an historic preservation committee meeting.
- D. **Park and Public Improvements.** M. Surbeck.
  - 1. Pavilion in the park. Tables are permanently installed in the area although we requested that we be able to remove them as needed for events. Surbeck will ask for the tables to be removed. Damage and carving has already occurred to the tables and the slides.
  - 2. Retired Judge Ralph Thompson and two friends wish to donate a park bench, pad and plaque at 34<sup>th</sup> St in the park. Parks Dept. will order and install after donation is made.
  - 3. Electrical installation for the pavilion. Receptacles and meter/breaker box have been installed for electricity in the pavilion at a cost of \$2000 to EPPI. OGE can install a pole in the park with an overhead line running to the pole near the Grims for no charge. An alternative is to bore under Harvey Pkwy to connect to the same pole near the Grims. The cost to bore is \$1725. Motion made/seconded at the previous trustees meeting to spend \$2500. We have spent \$2000 of that amount to date. Motion made/carried to use the park fund.
  - 4. Damaged light fixture located in the 200 block 32<sup>nd</sup> St, Matt Wilson's residence. To replace the pole and lamp: \$2335. To replace only the pole: \$1017. Motion made/carried to spend \$1799 from the general lighting fund to replace the lamp.
  - 5. Sprinkler system for the 36<sup>th</sup> St and Robinson landscape area. Surbeck stated that a battery power pack could be used to actuate the sprinklers as opposed to an electrical connection and monthly service fees. D. Waters stated that the fee to transport our rock to location and engrave is \$8000. Note: The decision for this outlay is covered in the \$40K from ODOT.
- E. **Public Relations.** C. Garrett supplied the members with a printout of volunteers for specific committees. Committee chairs are expected to contact the individuals who indicated willingness to assist. Garrett indicated that welcoming baskets for new residents is being resumed as soon as possible.
- F. **Resource Development.** Resource Development. D. Waters will chair. The initial three initiatives based on results from the Strategic Plan are: 1) Increase our participation in the OKC Community Foundation Endowment Fund, 2) Increase the number of street lights, and 3) Replant the trees in the park damaged from the December 2007 ice storm. Waters plans a bundled campaign for the three initiatives. Her committee is developing a plan to target, 1) individual donors, 2) corporate donors, and 3) grants to our 501(c)(3) organization.
  - 1. The OCCF is offering a 1:1 matching grant program through Dec 31, 2008 from which EPPI receives a yearly dividend.
  - 2. Street light outlay is \$2335 for each lamp in addition to ~\$1000 for installation. A. Brown suggested that EPPI utilize the same black lamps used on Walker around the other boundaries of the neighborhood. OKC pays for the maintenance of these lamps. Research and opinion

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gathering continues on this topic.

- 3. Replanting of trees. D. Waters has some offers of financial help for this initiative and the Margaret Annis Boys Trust grant opportunity again. TLC nursery will donate one tree but EPPI should recheck at the end of the planting season and corporate donations are a consideration. The committee is planning a kick-off for the campaign and is shooting for 100% participation. She reminded the trustees that she needs 100% participation from the trustees as grantors question the input from an organization's board members.

**G. Security.** Clopton reviewed the rate increases from Wackenhut. He is preparing a survey to be distributed to all security members. Members should return the form to let the board know their wishes.

**H. Social and Special Events.** Clopton for L. Pever. Life-on-the Edge plans a social evening at the 51<sup>st</sup> Street Speakeasy, 1114 NW 51<sup>st</sup>, at 7 PM on May 31, 2008. All residents are invited. Individuals pay their own fees for food and drink. July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in the park will take place on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. 36<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Coalition.**

**VII. New Business.** Deferred.

**VIII. Next meeting.** Scheduled for June 9, 2008, 6:30 PM at Iron Starr

**IX. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM by Clopton.

Submitted,  
Rita Benischek  
[rlbenischek@aol.com](mailto:rlbenischek@aol.com)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to make Edgemere Park an even better place! Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

# Edgemere Park Events

**Monday, June 9**

EPPI Board Meeting  
Iron Starr Urban Barbecue  
6:30 pm

**Monday, June 30**

HP Committee Meeting  
Jann & Terry Hook's  
265 N. W. Eubanks  
5:30 pm

**Friday, July 4**

4th of July Parade & Picnic  
Edgemere Park  
Playground & Pavilion Area  
9:30 am

**Sunday, August 3**

HP Committee Meeting  
Sandra & Richard Harrison's  
3600 North Harvey Pkwy  
6:00 pm

**Monday, August 11**

EPPI Board Meeting  
Iron Starr Urban Barbecue  
6:30 pm

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