

THE COUNTRY AIRE BREEZE



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BY DIANNA BURRUP

After 26 years and 77 issues of the BREEZE, the time has come to pass the torch. This issue will be my final one, and I want to express my gratitude for all that have contributed to making it such a fine publication over the years. We currently have the most remarkable Board of Directors, who contribute newsworthy articles and stay actively involved for all of us. Thank them for the volunteer job they do, it's tremendous.

It is the Board's wish to continue with the Breeze, and ideally someone from our neighborhood, but not required. If anyone is interested in this twice a year, paying contract job, I will provide past newsletter templates in Adobe InDesign and all artwork, or a new template in other layout programs in an option.

A complete job description and details can be found on the website here:

<http://www.cahoa.org/breeze-editor-wanted.html>



ADDITION-WIDE! SATURDAY 9/18/2021

The garage sale will be held on Saturday, 09/18/21, rain or shine. The only exception might be a government mandate or other recommendation to not hold the event. In that case, it will be rescheduled to another date, and we will again publicize it.

The CAHOA places ads in five community newspapers, including the Tulsa World in their print and on-line editions. The Tulsa World also sends out a text alert the day of our event to subscribers to the World. In addition, the CAHOA places an ad on Craigslist, which has proven to be a big draw to the Sale. We also hang huge banners along the entrances.

Our neighborhood has a great reputation and when people see the advertisements (*and banners*) they make sure to come.

The garage sale is on the day advertised, come rain or shine.

2020-2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 19 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
Sept 16 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
Sept 18 (Sat) Garage Sale	All Day - Addition Wide
Oct 21st (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
Nov 18 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
Jan 20 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
Feb 17 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
Mar 1, 2022 (Tues) Annual Meeting	7:00 pm *

* See CaHoa.org home page for Board Mtg Location.

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FROM THE PREZ

by Bill Thomas

The Positives of the new year of 2021.

- We have a full complement of 9 CAHOA Board members, plus one emeritus board member. Most of our committee positions are filled.
- Our board, even seniors like me, are now more educated on remote meetings and online shopping and I can now use emoji's in place of words and thoughts.
- All our CAHOA **entry planter beds** are cared for and look very good.
- Our neighborhood perimeter is well mowed and trimmed regularly... thank you Country Aire resident John Zuniga!
- Our Spring **Garage Sale** was very well attended. The Fall Garage Sale should be even better.
- **Area employment is back up** in general. (*I hope that includes your family*).
- **Government payments** improved the average family income of Oklahoma. (Maybe good, maybe not, depending on your point of view and family condition).
- Local **public schools** are scheduled to open this Fall. Yeah for the kids and for the moms and dads. Home schooling is hard unless you planned to do it and like doing it. Not all do. I understand that most USA families now deeply appreciate sending their children off to a safe, structured school environment 5 days per week.
- **Home values** in our neighborhood have risen dramatically in the past 6-12 months. Many homes for sale are not on the market very long, often less than a week if in good condition.
- Home gardens and our entry planters are doing extremely well this year with all the early rainfall and now recent rains. Several of my neighbors have record tomato production. (*I'm hoping they share a little bit of their excess wealth*.)
- The squirrel and little green frog population has increased dramatically this spring / summer. (*So have the mosquitoes, however; I hope the frogs like mosquitoes*).
- **With more people staying at home**, sometimes even working full time from home now, improvements have been made to home appearances, fencing, concrete driveways, etc. Fencing and window companies, painters and home repair contractors have been very busy. (*The government payments were clearly useful for some*.)
- With more people staying home, appearance issues with adjacent house and yard were recognized and discussed with the neighbor or resolved via Broken Arrow Code Enforcement.
- More people at home meant more interaction with neighbors and friendships developed.
- A high percentage of our senior population, including my family, received the vaccination and are now back out interacting in the world.

- Our favorite **Broken Arrow Police Department** contact with the city, Lisa Ford, was elected as a new City Councilor. So even though we lost a skilled friend at the BA Police Department who knew how to keep our neighborhoods safe, we gained a champion in the city government. Ethan Hutchins now acts as our "new" Community Outreach Coordinator for the Broken Arrow Police Department. He is a very aggressive and positive person and seems to be a good replacement for Lisa. You can contact him at:
ehutchins@BrokenArrowOK.go • 918-451-0979.
- **Broken Arrow curb trash and recycling** has become more of a standard in our lives, and the pickup days and hours are mostly known. Overall, more recycling was generated city wide until the recent problem with the major fire at the Tulsa recycling plant. The plant is scheduled to be back online in December 2021. The M.E.T Recycling Center still operates at 302 N. Elm Pl.



CAHOA Membership

We currently have 363 paid members. This is 40% of the total homes and ten less than the 2020 year, however this year is not over yet. If there is something the CAHOA can do to encourage your financial participation we would love to hear from you. Through the generosity of members paying over the suggested \$25, we have brought in several thousand more in dues so far in 2021.

With this money the CAHOA maintains the beautification of seven entrances, mows the perimeter of our beautiful complex, publishes the bi-annual, Breeze, organizes an annual "Summer Block Party," produces the best Easter Egg Hunt in the area, promotes two annual garage sales, and there's much more CAHOA volunteers would like to do with your help.



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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I'm not the best to speak of such things, because it took a couple months to meet one of my neighbors, though the pandemic is probably partially to blame. Country Aire is a really large neighborhood with multiple people available to build

friendships. Maybe try to start with your immediate neighbors, or those in your area. We have a great community. We have lots of people who are regularly out going on walks or visiting the parks and an active nextdoor.com site. I just saw a post today for a backyard play date, how cool is that?

Being a friendly neighborhood is great. One of the ways I try to encourage this is waving and taking time to be out, and talking more with those around me. I help set up the events of the Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Block Party, and love seeing and meeting people there. They don't take much time, and it is a fun environment for kids too. If you are interested in helping out with an event, or have suggestions, let me know. I'm Bobby Liniger, send me an e-mail at bjliniger@yahoo.com.

WAYS TO CONNECT



One goal of CAHOA is for the neighborhood to be a welcoming and helpful community. The best way for this to happen is for us to connect with one another. Here are some easy ways to do that!

CAHOA Facebook Page - Did you know that we have a FB page? It is, <https://www.facebook.com/CountryAireHOA/>. Please like the page so that you can be alerted when we have upcoming events or have opportunities to serve the neighborhood. If there is something else you would like listed, such as a personal garage sale or something send a message and we'd be glad to add it to the page's feed.

CAHOA website - We have updated the CAHOA website with new information and the option to pay the \$25 dues with credit card. Check it out at www.cahoa.org.

Nextdoor - Our HOA has a nextdoor site that is private to residents, but also allows us to share with nearby neighborhoods if we want. The site is countryairestates.nextdoor.com. Many of you already use this helpful resource to alert neighbors of activities in the area and express needs. A reminder when reporting crimes, the police do not see your posts, though they can post to our feed, so if you see something suspicious, call 9-1-1. Then post an Urgent Alert so that your neighbors will be notified of the situation by both email and text message. If it is not currently happening, post it, but not as an Urgent Alert.



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Thank you so much to the volunteers who selected the summer winners. We appreciate your help so much. However, WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! You'll be given a folder to write down the winning homes and a sign to move from house to house. You get to select any resident you want, as long as it looks awesome and didn't win last year (see folder). This is a fantastic way to meet people in our neighborhood. The summer rotation goes from the beginning of June through the end of August and the winter rotation is from the weekend after Thanksgiving to after New Years. Please contact us at www.cahoa.org if interested in serving.

The CAHOA Board would like to thank all of our neighbors who water their leafy babies and maintain their yards. You help make our neighborhood beautiful! Since the summer season isn't completed when writing this article, it seems most fair to list all the winners in the next Breeze article. Then we will publish both the summer and winter addresses. However, check out our CAHOA Facebook page to see some of the winning homes right now!

Thank you so much to Teresa Schrum, Bobby/Julie Liniger, and Linda/David Webb who selected the award winning homes each week. The CAHOA Board appreciates your services. If there is anyone else who would like to participate in distributing the awards the next rotation is after Thanksgiving to New Years. Contact us through the CAHOA Facebook page or website listed herein.



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EVENTS and Activities:

- Easter Egg Hunt in the Park (before Easter)
- Bi-Annual Garage Sales (April and September)
- Summer Social Block Party (Early June)
- Annual Meeting (1st Tuesday in March)

Beautification:

- Mowing the Perimeter (our largest expense)
- 7 Beautiful Entrances with Signs
- Christmas Lighting (at all 7!)

Other Expenses:

- Insurance • Utilities • Postage • Printing
- 12-page Newsletter twice annually • P.O. Box
- Storage Rental • Website • Signs and Banners

Our other expenses are mostly minor and are a great service to the neighborhood.

Country Aire Homeowner's Association Membership Payment Coupon

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or Pay online: <http://www.cahoa.org/store/c2/Dues.html>

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- I would be interested in serving as an: Officer, or Board of Director of the Association.
- I am interested in serving on a nominating committee for selection of Officers
- I would like to help select Yards of the Week. Select Christmas Yard of the Week
- I would like to help with: Easter in the Park Entrance Improvement

Please return this portion of the invoice with your payment. Please make any necessary changes in the name or address area of the form. Thanks much for your support of the Country Aire Homeowner's Association. CAHOA Dues Invoice Annual Dues are \$25, Check Payable to Country Aire Homeowners Association or CAHOA. Donations are graciously accepted. Mail to: CAHOA, 2608 West Kenosha, Box # 470, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Secretary's Corner ...

Beth Yenca ~ CAHOA Secretary

Hello CAHOA residents! It is Summer 2021, and I am SO glad it is here. The year so far has almost seemed normal! We have had our Spring Garage Sale, Easter Egg Hunt, and our Summer Social. Each of these events has had a great turnout. I hope you have been able to participate in one or even all of the events. The CAHOA Board organizes, plans, and operates them with you, our Country Aire Community in mind. Do not forget that we still have our Fall Yard Sale as well on September 18th! Our Spring Garage Sale was a great success, so I anticipate our Fall one to draw even more people to our area. As usual, we will be advertising this event. We advertise the garage sales in the Tulsa World classified ad section — both the print and online editions, all of the Tulsa World “neighborhood” newspapers, and utilize the Tulsa World “text platform” text blast on the day of the event, Craigslist, and large banners at all seven of our entrances.

So now that the business is out of the way, I want to say that I hope you all are doing well this year. Fall is one of my favorite times. I grew up in East Tennessee in the Smoky Mountains and loved seeing the foliage change colors. Hiking is something I enjoyed as a child and still enjoy today with my children. In a time when we seem to always be on the go, let us take just a moment to slow down and enjoy the things around us. Go barefoot in your backyard in the morning dew for 5-10 minutes, sit in the sun as it rises and enjoy the blessing of a new day. Go for a walk around your neighborhood. Most importantly, take the opportunity to be thankful for all that we are blessed to have here in our community and country.

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CAHOA BOARD & COMMUNITY!

Hi CAHOA residents! How are you all? I hope all of you are doing good. I wanted to share some quick and easy ways to communicate with our board members and community. The board members’ names, emails, and phone numbers are printed and available for you in every BREEZE newsletter on the inside front page. We also have a presence on our Facebook site and email account. Our website is www.cahoa.org, and our email is cahoa5@hotmail.com. Should you have a concern or a question, you can reach out to anyone on the Board.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

As a board, we want to be good stewards of the monies received by the CAHOA, and to do everything we can to keep our year in a positive cash flow situation. As usual, our greatest expense is mowing. We are very thankful for *Hope Lawn Care* (a Country Aire resident) for providing us a fantastic service at an affordable rate! When we ask for and utilize volunteers for working at the entrances and their flower beds; this is one of the ways we maximize our funds by doing them with our resident volunteers. If you enjoy having a neighborhood that looks great and offers fun family activities, we ask you to please pay the \$25 annual dues. *A coupon is provided for your convenience on page 7 of this Breeze.*

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP

FREE DUMP DAY - SATURDAY OCTOBER 30, 2021 @ 7 AM - 4 PM

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contact Bill Thomas and / or Carolin Woodward on the CAHOA Board at the email address in the 1st paragraph.

After several years of inactivity, our Welcome Committee is coming to life again. We are assembling packets of information regarding our neighborhood, Broken Arrow, Tulsa, and OK, plus coupons from local retailers, to share with newcomers. In addition, if you like interacting with others, being active with neighbors, or in the community, this Welcome Committee could be a place for you to smile and meet our great neighbors. Please

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