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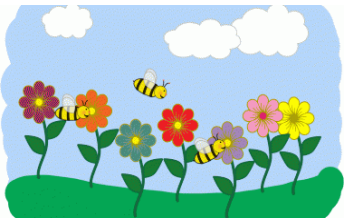

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## COUNTRY AIRE GARAGE SALE

## SATURDAY, April 22, 2017

**Attention Country Aire Residents!** This is an opportunity for you to have your own Garage Sale without even having to advertise! The Board will take care of placing ads in eight area newspapers—both print and online editions, including the Tulsa World print and online editions. There will also be signs around the perimeter to attract potential buyers.

***All you have to do is get your things organized and be ready on the 22th. You set your own hours!***

## 2017 Upcoming Events

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|---|---|
| Mar 7 (Tues) Annual Mtg/Election | 6:30-8:00 pm - Peters Elementary |
| Mar 16 (Thurs) Board Meeting | 7 pm - Lutheran Church (145th) |
| April 8 (Sat) Easter Egg Hunt | 10 am - Country Aire Park |
| April 22 (Sat) Garage Sale! | All Day - Addition Wide |
| May 18 (Thurs) Board Meeting | 7 pm - Lutheran Church (145th) |
| June 10 (Sat) Summer Social | Time TBA - Country Aire Park |
| Jul 20 (Thurs) Board Meeting | 7 pm - Lutheran Church (145th) |
| Jul 17 (Mon) Breeze Fall Issue Deadline | 9 am |

*** Immuanuel Lutheran Church Library address:**
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## ANNUAL MEETING

### TUES, March 7, 2017 6:30 pm
### Peter's Elementary School Cafeteria

*Please mark this date / time on your Calendar and attend the Annual Meeting.*

**All residents of Country Aire I through VI should be in attendance at the meeting as this is our election of Officers and the Board of Directors for the 2017 year.** There will also be a discussion of several items that affect our neighborhood.

An invitation has been extended to our Broken Arrow Chief of Police, David Boggs, or Deputy Chief Berryhill, to attend our meeting and provide us with an update of BAPD activities and information pertaining to the Country Aire area. There have been several burglaries and other criminal activities in our area. We have also extended an invitation to Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist Community Liaison to provide us with information regarding the Citizens Police Academy and other events of interest to our residents.

The most important activity at our Annual meeting is the nomination and election of Officers and the Board of Directors for Country Aire Homeowners Association, I through VI. There are several positions that need candidates for the New Year. It is time for residents to step up, become involved, and run for an office. The purpose of the Association is to promote the common good and general welfare of the community by means of engaging in activities designed to bring about civic betterment and social improvement within the Country Aire Estates Additions to the City of Broken Arrow and surrounding area.

Again, mark the time and date, and attend the Annual meeting of your Homeowner's Association and run for an office or board member.

*John Maxwell, VP CAHOA*

# CAHOA Board - 2016-2017

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# Current Ad Rates

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*CAHOA Paid Members Receive 10% off these rates.*
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# FROM THE PREZ

by *Bobby Liniger*

Hope everyone had a great holiday season and were able to enjoy the warm weather, though it didn't seem like Christmas. I hope everyone has enjoyed the winter so far.

Things have been going well for our neighborhood. For the Home Owner's Association winter is typically a nice break for us. Now, we are gearing up for 2017 and the annual meeting on the first Tuesday of March (7th). We need at least three volunteers to step up to be on the board this year. The current board has been working hard for several years and several are in need of a break this next year.

Being an officer or board member is pretty easy. We were meeting once a month (the 3rd Thursday at 7pm), but we just changed it to only be odd months. The board works in several different ways, but a quick summary is approving expenses such as mowing, coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Social events, entrance maintenance, and setting up advertising and signs for the bi-annual garage sales.

We have several events throughout the year and we are trying to be better at providing that information to you, but because the Breeze newsletter is only twice a year that is a lot of time between. So a few ways to be informed are by using our website ***www.cahoa.org*** or ***countryaireestates.nextdoor.com.*** We have over 900 homes in our neighborhood and just over 300 neighbors on nextdoor, so that is encouraging.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting March 7th at Peters Elementary School.

# Saturday April 8th • 10 a.m.

## Country Aire Park!

April 8th, the Saturday before Easter, is our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is a great event for kids from toddlers to 8th grade. We meet at Country Aire Park and start at 10:00am. Different sections are roped off to divide kids by age, so please arrive a little early to be ready. The event is open to family and friends of residents, so bring the family and come gather a bunch of candy to celebrate with your neighbors. Just another note about being on time, these kids are incredibly fast at gathering candy so again, show up on time. It is over sometimes in ten minutes with these kids, and they all go home with lots of loot! We look forward to seeing you there.

Please Recycle.

# 2016 Final Membership Drive Update

*By Terry Bryan*

This year had a slight decrease for our membership numbers. We ended the year with 381 members out of 916 addresses. We had 388 in 2015. We would love to show at least a 50% membership for our association every year. Our dues are $25 annually, compared to neighboring homeowners associations that can run $85 and up.

We added the summer ice cream social in 2016 in an effort to attract members and get everyone out to meet neighbors. This was an extremely popular event many years ago. While we did have a nice turn out for the event it was a small gathering. If you missed it you can see pictures on our web page. We plan on having an even bigger and better social this coming summer. Please make plans to attend.

We appreciate all the members that accidentally paid us twice and told us to keep the extra check. And those that donated, paying $50 rather than our $25 dues.

The dues each of you pay are used to upgrade our entrances, mow the perimeter and hold several functions for the members each year. We also pay to maintain a permanent mailing address at the UPS store on 71st street as well as a storage unit to keep all of the banners, signs, decorations and other items that we use for various functions. We have a sprinkler system at our main entrance on 71st street as well as lighting for the main entrance sign, with monthly utility bills. We maintain a web page with useful information not only for the association but news on happenings in Broken Arrow as well as many contact numbers for various agencies.

We would like to say thank you to the many non-resident owners we have in our addition. There are a large number that faithfully send in dues every year. While most of these members come from Broken Arrow and Tulsa we also have members of our homeowners association in Florida, Missouri, Arizona, Texas and California. If they can pay dues to help maintain our neighborhood and make this a better place everyone who actually lives here should have no excuse for not paying.

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# Neighborhood WATCH

by *Bobby Liniger*

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 countryaireestates.nextdoor.com There are a few problems though, not with the site, but with how it is used. So I want to share some of the rules and guidelines.

Here is the first, "The crux of our Guidelines can be boiled down to one simple statement: Everyone here is your neighbor. Please treat each other with respect."

I know this can be hard, especially when someone disrespects you first. But if that happens, please just flag the message so a "lead" can take care of it. *(A lead is a moderator)*

For the most part people have done really well with this, so we should move on to the one that has been a problem, advertising. Basically you may not advertise your business or an event on the main news feed, BUT you CAN advertise when someone asks.

Here is the specific part on advertising your business:

You may add your business affiliation to the Biography section of your profile.

You may respond to requests for recommendations by offering your services like baby sitting, dog-walking, etc., as long as you are up front that it is you providing the service or that you are affiliated with the business you are recommending. See our policy on conflicts of interest.

You may not make unsolicited posts about your business or service in the main newsfeed.

You may not announce commercial events to the main newsfeed.

Last point I want to address is crime. We started our nextdoor site more for a neighborhood watch program that Lisa Ford addressed a few years ago at a neighborhood meeting. The police do not see your posts, though they can post to our feed, so if you see something, 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.

Hope this helps improve everyone's experience, just remember to be respectful.

Links to where I gathered this information: ***https://help.nextdoor.com/customer/en/portal/articles/2446947***

I hear you saying, but the paper isn't online, I can't just click the link and it is long. Not to worry, it is easy to get to. First login to nextdoor.com, then click the down arrow in the top right corner of the screen, and click "help". Now you just have to find the link for "Community guidelines."



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# PETERS NEWSLETTER

*By Chasity Gray, Principal*

Members of the Country Aire Community,

By now you've likely had a chance to read the Union Communicator and how much we rely on the annual bond election to help the costs and purchases of capital expenditures in our district and at our school. Such purchases include textbooks, instructional technology, equipment, and construction. You're probably wondering how this affects Peters, specifically. Just to name a few examples in recent years, the bond funding has helped by expanding and renovating both our east and west parking lots along with sidewalks, replacing unleveled and broken flooring in both our cafeteria and gymnasium, replacing our classrooms and offices with sturdy, new cabinetry and sinks, the purchase of student iPads to support our new science curriculum, and providing new chairs and furniture in our classrooms. These are just some of the many examples that have benefited our school directly.

How will Peters be affected should the bond pass on February 14th? One of the larger projects include an exterior renovation of Peters. This may include replacement of sidewalks, renovation of structural damages, and the possibility of fresh exterior paint or siding. We want your input! We know how important our school is to our community and we know how often the playground, soccer field, and walking trail are used by our families in the community. We ask that if you've noticed an area that could use some attention to the exterior, that you please notify us so that we might be able to consider such suggestions.

Did you also know that we have a site bond committee? That's right. Our site bond committee meets at least once per semester and discusses current needs relating to capital expenditures and we discuss and agree how those bond dollars should be spent at Peters. If you have any input for our committee, or would like to join our committee, please contact me by the first of March so that your voice can be heard.

As always, we appreciate your continued support for our students at Peters Elementary. Please do not hesitate to stop by and say hello or visit our school for a tour. We love to showcase our facility and make the community aware of all the wonderful things happening at Peters Elementary.

*We thank you for your vote at Union's school bond election February 14!*

*Report your Findings to the City!*

# See-Click-Fix App

**SeeClickFix** encourages residents to become citizens by participating in government and improving their community. We allow anyone to:

- **SEE** - *see a non-emergency issue in your neighborhood*
- **CLICK** - *submit a service request to local government*
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Broken Arrow, OK launched SeeClickFix, for its 100,000+ citizens. Citizens can now report issues, like potholes, graffiti, illegal dumping and more — and engage directly with their city goverment.

Broken Arrow is joining a growing list of ***SeeClickFix*** partners in Oklahoma, and their custom mobile app Action Center — Broken Arrow will give the government and citizens a way to work together on the community's unique and pressing issues. In addition to ***Action Center — Broken Arrow***, the city will also start utilizing government tools for managing workflow that wll help improve citizen services immediately.

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# 2016 FINAL TREASURY REPORT

*by Terry Bryan*

Our dues income for 2016 increased slightly from 2015 even though we had fewer members. The increase was due to the many homeowners who paid a little extra. Thank You!

We also had an increase in income from the ads in our Breeze newsletter. We added 2 additional pages to the Breeze to provide more articles and allow more ads in an attempt to make the Breeze self-sustaining. Please visit the merchants who advertise in our newsletter and let them know you saw their ad in the Breeze.

We used the same lawn service to do the perimeter mowing again this year. There was a significant increase in mowing cost due to the warm wet weather in both the spring and fall which required many more weeks of mowing. This is by far our greatest expense.

Our expenses this past year were $3,945 higher than in 2015. This was due largely to the larger bill for mowing. We also repaired and repainted all of the entrance signs. The Ice Cream social was another additional expense we incurred last year.

If we can get a few more members for 2017 we will be able to invest more in our neighborhood improvements and maintenance.

***Treasure's Final 2016 Report can be viewed here:***
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# Summer Social

Last year we had the return of a neighborhood block party under the name Summer Social. I learned that this is something the neighborhood did long ago but we haven't for several years. Things went well last year, but we recognized that you all needed advance notice. Now, we can let everyone know we are planning to have the event Saturday June 10th from 10am to 12pm at Country Aire park.

Unfortunately, we do not know all the specific activities, but we plan to do a drawing again and provide sweets. If you had something specific you enjoyed from the event please let us know, we will do our best to include it again. We will post the schedule of events on our website www.cahoa.org when we are closer to the event, so look forward to that.

We are also still looking for volunteers to help with the event. Help can range from planning and providing ideas, to setup and cleanup. Give me a call or text at (918)521-6859 if you are interested, or just have questions. This event will be a good opportunity to hang out with neighbors, hope to see you there.

## *Country Aire Homeowner's Association Membership Payment Coupon*

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## Advertising Rates As of January 2017

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# SAVE THE MONARCHS!

The Monarch Butterfly is the iconic orange-and-black butterfly known for its extraordinary annual migration up to 2,000 miles one way from points all over the United States to overwintering sites in central Mexico. Over the past 20 years, the North American Monarch Population has plunged from a high of one billion to less than sixty million, due mostly to loss of critical habitat. Recent surveys of the wintering Monarchs in Mexico show the population has fallen to as low as ten percent of its 20-year average. A decline in milkweed and nectar plants in the Midwest has reduced the capacity of the population to recover to sustainable levels. Starting in September and October, eastern/northeastern populations migrate from southern Canada and the United States to over-wintering sites in central Mexico where they arrive around November. They start the return trip in March, arriving back around July. No individual butterfly completes the entire round trip. Female monarchs lay eggs for the next generation during the northward migration and at least five generations are involved in the annual cycle. The last generation makes the trip south into Mexico and can live up to eight months. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service set a Monarch population goal of 250,000,000 by 2020. Broken Arrow is an ideal location to help reach the USFWS goal and help the Monarchs because we are in the center of their migration paths.

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# From a Neighbor ...

I live near the community park near Fir and have noticed many people walking their dogs in the park. Many, however, are NOT cleaning up after their dogs. A plastic grocery bag will suffice in cleaning up the deposits and there are several trash containers are in the park in which these bags can be placed. Let's work together to keep the park grounds clean for the children who play in the park! They should not have to dodge dog deposits! I, myself, have a dog and am a huge dog lover. I try to make sure I carry a bag to clean up after her. *Please do the same!*


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## FOCUS NEWSLETTER TIDBIT
***(from 1/2017)***

To look into the best way to incorporate a recycling program with our current services, the City has formed a citizens recycling committee, which held its 1st meeting on November 29. This committee, made up of City officials and Broken Arrow residents, will spend the next nine months exploring curbside recycling options and recommending one that works best for our sanitation customers. The committee is expected to make a recommendation for a program by June 30, 2017. If the City Council approves the program, curbside recycling is expected to start in late 2017 or early 2018.

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# 2017 BROKEN ARROW UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING/SUMMER

**April 1st — OPENING OF THE ROSE DISTRICT FARMER'S MARKET**

**March 11th - ShamROCK the ROSE**
*(Downtown BA)*

**May 6th — ROSE FESTIVAL 8 am - 3 pm**
*A Rose Show, vendors, entertainment, children's activities and art and photo contest winners' work on display.*
*(Farmer's Market Plaza)*

**May 11-14 — ROOSTER DAYS** *(Downtown BA)*
**May 13th — ROOSTER DAYS PARADE**

**June 10th— LOCAL FOOD WEEK**
*(Farmer's Market Plaza)*

**June 10th — TASTE OF SUMMER** *(Central Park)*

**July 2 — Rockets Over Rhema**

**July 19– Turkey Shoot**
*(Central Park)*

**Aug 12, 11 am - 3 pm — SAND DAZZLE**
*FREE to the public. Come build a sky scraping sand castle with the family. Sand toys provided and free door prizes.*

## Tuesdays in the Park (FREE!)

**7 to 9 pm Central Park Community Center**
*1500 S. Main Street*

***Tuesday, June 6* - Grady Nichols** *(Jazz)*

***Tuesday, June 13* - Mary Cogan** (Country and Rock)

***Tuesday, June 20* - Starr Fisher Ensemble with Larry Stokes** (Rhythm & Blues)

***Tuesday, June 27* - Zodiac** (Classic Rock)

## Broken Arrow PAC

**701 S Main St, Broken Arrow**

**APRIL 1, 2017 7:30 PM**
***Greater Tuna***

***APRIL 23, 2017 7:30 PM***
***Pippin***

**MAY 6, 2017 7:30 PM**
***an Evening with Kristin Chenoweth***

## WHAT ARE MY $25 DUES FOR?

*Dues support an active homeowners association that is involved with the city. Thanks to the HOA we are a non soliciting neighborhood. Besides that your dues support the following:*

### EVENTS:

**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:

***7 beautiful entrances with signs • Mowing the perimeter***

### OTHER EXPENSES:

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

*Mowing is by far the largest expense. Our other expenses are mostly minor and are a great service to the neighborhood.*