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ANNUAL MEETING

TUES, March 3, 2020 6:30 pm
Peter's Elementary Cafeteria

Our CAHOA will be having its annual meeting. Topics to be discussed include:

- *CAHOA Calendar Events*
- *Electing additional Officers*

Speakers at the Annual Meeting will be: Captain Brandon Smith of the BAFD; Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist BAPD; and our Country Aire BAPD Beat Officer.

We hope to see you there!!

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 3 (Tues) Annual Mtg/Election	6:30-7:30 pm - Peters Elementary
Mar 19 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Lutheran Church (145th)
April 4 (Sat) Easter Egg Hunt	10 am - Peters Elementary
April 16 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Lutheran Church (145th)
April 25 (Sat) Garage Sale!	All Day - Addition-Wide
May 14 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Lutheran Church (145th)
Jun 18 (Thurs) Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Lutheran Church (145th)
June 20 (Sat) Summer Block Party	10:00 AM - Country Aire Park
July 20 (Mon)	Fall BREEZE Issue Deadline

*** Immanuel Lutheran Church Library address:**
400 N Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

ADDITION-WIDE! SATURDAY 4/25/2020

The SPRING garage sale is scheduled for Saturday April 25th. The CAHOA places ads in eight 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.

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FROM THE PREZ

by *Bill Thomas*

As my first year as CAHOA Board president nears its end, I can say that it's been an interesting and educational year. I volunteered to join the board a few years ago, at the prompting of my wife and my neighbor, both past board members. I didn't do very much the first year, content to listen and watch others that love this neighborhood, and to offer my help occasionally. This year, I've heard from many neighbors looking for help with a variety of issues including potential code violations, trash and dead tree limbs in neighbor's yards, park drainage issues and dissatisfaction with playground equipment. I know much more now about how this HOA and Board operate, how many different tasks there are, and how hard some volunteers work for the good of this entire complex. Now that I am mostly retired, I have more time to invest in this organization, but like all of us, life can become very busy. However, the needs of our neighbors and our neighborhood continue. I am amazed and appreciative at the effort our board members and other neighbors provide so this neighborhood community can thrive.

In case you weren't aware, our neighborhood CAHOA received national attention this July from a Reader's Digest article recognizing the Nicest Places in America; your CAHOA in Broken Arrow is the Oklahoma winner. For more information, see the article in this Breeze.

The link on **our website** at ***cahoa.org*** for online dues payment now works fine for normal dues payments plus any added donations you may consider; online makes it very easy. If you prefer, however, the CAHOA Membership payment coupon in this Breeze allows you to pay dues via the U.S. mail, and that full payment comes to us without the fee charged for the online collection service.

I hope you enjoyed the **Christmas lighting** provided at each of our 7 entries. They were installed by a resident of CAHOA, John Zuniga. Typically, the electric power for this lighting is donated by one of your neighbors near one of the seven entries. To those of you who donated electricity for this purpose, Thank You very much. This board also coordinated Yard of the Week awards for homeowners with seasonal light decorating talents. Hopefully, you saw the award signs proudly displayed in a neighbor's front yard. We had some impressive lighting displays this year, more than seen in the past.

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approved and purchased two new pieces of playground equipment – a small slide and climbing element for toddlers and a swing set for older kids. Park Dept. crews should install those new playground pieces before too long. We hope that installation is completed before Summer begins.

As noted in the Fall Breeze, **BA Stormwater Dept. agreed to regrade the drainage ditches** in our CAHOA Center Park to eliminate areas of standing water that can host mosquitoes. So far, the very wet Fall and Winter have interfered with that being accomplished by city crews, but they tell me it is still on the schedule, only waiting for drier weather. The primary problem now is that the park soil needs to dry some so their heavy equipment doesn't generate ugly ruts. *(If you walked our central park recently, you may have noticed ruts left by late-night 4-wheel-driving vandals off-roading on the wet park turf. BA Park personnel brought in topsoil to fill in and level out many of those ruts, forced into using your tax money).*

BA Stormwater crews are installing an additional culvert under the paved walking trail, just south of Fir Avenue, that extends West to 71st Street, with the intent to reduce localized surface flooding. They may also regrade the small stream that flows along part of that walking trail.

It won't be long before we will award a **new mowing contract for our perimeter grass areas**. But before that starts, we plan to install Spring flowers in our entry planters, as noted in a CAHOA Beautification article. Our limited CAHOA budget doesn't allow us to hire a contractor crew to plant and maintain our planter beds to the level we prefer. Therefore, we solicit and welcome a few hours of your time, working with neighbors, to clean up the beds and plant new flowers.

Our neighborhood Spring Garage Sale is coming up in April. Talk it up with friends and coworkers to increase the attendance. We erect signs, banners and provide social media advertising for this semi-annual event.

To encourage your business, many local companies provide incentives, such as discounts and coupons in the Breeze; some are even your neighbors in CAHOA. Give them a consideration.

The dates and location for our **Annual Meeting** and for our monthly CAHOA board meetings are provided on the front of the Breeze. I hope to see you at one of these. This volunteer board needs your input and your participation. Or if you have an immediate question, please call me or any other board member at the numbers provided in the Breeze.

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SUMMER 2020

BY BOBBY LINIGER

Once again, we are planning our annual CAHOA **Summer Block Party, to be held in our central Country Aire Park at 10:00 AM, June 20th**. If it rains that day, the block party will be delayed a week to June 27th.

We will provide free cold treats and look forward to meeting many fellow residents. We invite you to come hang out, bring your kids, and have some fun. New park playground equipment, that was obtained through the cooperation of the BA Parks and Recreation Department and your CAHOA Board, should be in place by then. We want this to be an opportunity for neighbors to meet and for kids to play together. The schedule of party events will be posted on our website www.cahoa.org and CAHOA Facebook page when we get closer to the event. We hope to include events like challenge basketball and sand volleyball, as well as drawings for coupons, gift cards, and passes to area businesses. We look forward to meeting you and your family at this yearly CAHOA Summer Block Party!

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CAHOA President Bill Thomas (center) is shown presenting a check for $250 to Captain Brandon Smith (left) and Firefighter Garret Blocker (right) at Country Aire's own Broken Arrow Fire Station #5, to help show CAHOA' s support of the Broken Arrow Firefighter's 2019 toy drive.

Country Aire Home Owners Proudly Support The Broken Arrow Firefighters Annual Toy Drive

The board members of the CAHOA voted unanimously to show support for our Broken Arrow Fire Department's Annual Toy Drive in December 2019. The board voted for and allocated $250 to help the Broken Arrow Firefighters in helping needy children receive toys for Christmas. In talking with the Broken Arrow Fire Department it was learned that the toys they collected were given to, and distributed by the ***Saint Francis Children's Hospital*—Toys for Tots,** and **B.A. Neighbors**. According to the Fire Department spokesperson, the 2019 Drive netted more than 3,500 toys for needy children. Toys donated and delivered this year were the largest amount ever collected by the department.

Captain Shaun Christmas of the Broken Arrow Fire Department was the principal heading up the toy drive. Shaun said, *"I am extremely proud of the Country Aire Homeowners for stepping up and helping us in assisting needy Broken Arrow children and families have a Merry Christmas. Country Aire has shown what a special neighborhood they really are!"*

CAHOA President Bill Thomas shared his thoughts on why the CAHOA helped in the Broken Arrow Fire Departments annual toy drive. Bill said, "*We as a homeowners association and neighborhood see the wonderful and courageous dedication and hard work the Broken Arrow Fire Department does for not only Country Aire, but our entire community, every single day of the year. Our support of the toy drive is just a small way of all of us saying thank you to our BA Firefighters.*"

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by Julie Liniger

In **October 2019, Julie Liniger was approved by the CAHOA Board as new Treasurer** to replace the departing board treasurer who resigned. The past year was particularly challenging because of several small fraudulent bank charges by unknown parties which required us to close our original bank account, open a new account at Arvest, and struggle with a few other minor financial issues now resolved. As an added precaution for our future finances, the Board added a new separate non-Board position of Financial Officer to audit our monthly bank statements and review the monthly financial report with the Treasurer.

A review of CAHOA finances over the past five years indicates that our annual end of year financial balance has varied as much as $3000 above the previous year to $900 below for 2019. (It was $3000 below in 2010). This past year we experienced a moderate decrease in funds from January to December, even with the favorable mowing expense bid received for 2019. 2020 has the potential to be even more financially challenging if mowing expenses rise, which we anticipate. Because this volunteer board must be good stewards of the dues paid to CAHOA, we will continue to evaluate expenses, as well as consider alternate approaches to provide the services required to maintain our neighborhood in good condition.

Last year, because of a shortage of volunteers to help with our entry planters, we experimented with including some planter maintenance work by a contractor. That wasn't as satisfactory as we desired, so this year we'll again be seeking volunteers to help maintain the planter beds at our entries. We greatly appreciate those who volunteer to make our neighborhood look special.

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HOLIDAY YARD OF THE WEEK WINNERS

By Julie Liniger

The CAHOA Board says "**Thank You"** to all of our many neighbors who decorated the exterior of their homes for the 2019 Holiday season. The lights and inflatables brought joy and life to our neighborhood. Quite a few Country Aire Estates homes went above and beyond the normal standards. The CAHOA wishes to recognize those families and their homes. The exterior holiday decorations at the addresses in the next column were awarded the ***"Holiday Yard of the Week"*** sign which was displayed at their homes.

Thank you very much to our volunteer judges, too - Toni Rhoades, Cory Allen, Teresa Schrum, and Amanda Sloan, who selected the award-winning homes each week from Thanksgiving thru the end of year. The CAHOA Board greatly appreciates your services.

If you would like to participate in selecting and distributing ***"Yard of the Week"*** award signs for the upcoming Summer season *(Memorial Day through Labor Day),* please contact our Board Secretary, Beth Yenca, or anyone else listed on the Board (pg 2). The signs are typically awarded weekly. It has become fairly common that judges partner with another person to allow for more time flexibility. Judging the Yards is a very fun event, and also rewarding in getting to know your Country Aire neighbors and our neighborhood. We welcome all who wish to help!

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CAHOA BEAUTIFICATION

(by Bill Thomas)

I hope you enjoyed the Spring flowers we installed in the entry planters to brighten and highlight our complex drives last April. They were Supertunias, a new hybrid recommended by our mowing contractor last year; they flowered all summer and even into the fall with superb colors and size. They were reasonably drought resistant also. We will consider this flower type and others in our planter beds this coming Spring.

Note that as good as we did on the Spring flower planting, we totally missed the window for planting fall flowers / plants / color this year, primarily because of my lack of knowledge about what to plant and when to plant it. I didn't realize how early in the fall we should consider replanting, probably because the Supertunias did so well until late in the fall.

Board member Sharon Plescia has agreed to coordinate volunteers to prepare and plant flowers in our entry planters this Spring. ***If you enjoy gardening, if you like digging, or you have gardening expertise that you enjoy sharing, or you just like to see the results of planting lovely flowers, please call Sharon at (832) 427-1112***, or alternatively, you can call Bill Thomas at (918) 521-9961 and I'll make sure that Sharon gets back to you. By working together, we can accomplish much more than we can individually – synergy.

If you currently take care of a planter bed, please call Sharon Plescia or me, Bill Thomas, 2019 CAHOA president, and advise us. Or if you took care of a planter bed any time in the past, but no longer do so, we would like to know that also. You are the experienced ones we look to gain knowledge from. We want / need your involvement, cooperation and history of the planter beds. We want to coordinate what is done at "your" planter bed with the rest of the entry planters for a coherent plan. We want to know what flowers have done well, what fertilizer has been applied and when it was applied. We don't want to "take over" from you, but just help you as needed and avoid over-doing, like accidently applying too much fertilizer or water because we didn't know that you were already caring for the planter bed. If we can provide flowers / plants less costly by buying in bulk for all the planter beds, let's plan it and do it that way. In addition, be aware that with advance notice and approval, CAHOA will buy or will reimburse you for plants, fertilizer and mulch in a CAHOA planter, if you submit receipts.

We need someone available to the CAHOA Beautification Team with knowledge and experience with flowers garden planting; Master Gardener expertise would be terrific but certainly not necessary. We want to set up a calendar / schedule for planting so we avoid my mistake last Fall of waiting too late. We would also like to be aware of the annual Master Gardener Spring plant sale, and other local plant sales, so we can take advantage of those.

Another parting thought on neighborhood beautification, please honk and wave at those individuals you see walking our parks and streets, carrying a trash bag to pick up the constant litter found along the CAHOA streets and parks. They desire a clean neighborhood so much that they are willing to regularly pick up the debris thrown out daily. (You can join them if you desire, the exercise is great). And if you see the villains who litter, take a phone pic and let us know. Or if you have an irresponsible neighbor that has trash or other debris visible in their yard or drive, let us know for the betterment of our entire neighborhood. In some cases, we may be able to remedy the situation with a call to the correct BA City department.

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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 ***countryaireestates.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, *call 911*. 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.

CAHOA FACEBOOK PAGE - Did you know that we have a FB page? (***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 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**

Egg Hunt

APRIL 4th, 10 am!

By Bobby Liniger

It might be cold now, but Spring isn't far away. The CAHOA Board is truly looking forward to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We all enjoy this event for how much fun it is and for all of us having the opportunity to see the excitement and joy of the very large turnout of kids as they run, laugh, and pick up candy and eggs. If you have not come before, please come join us for this event. Our CAHOA Easter Egg Hunt has become one of our largest events we do during the entire year! It will be **Saturday, April 4th at the Peter's Elementary playground. We start promptly at 10: 00 AM.** Show up early and be ready, as the candy and eggs are swiped up in a blur!

We welcome toddlers to 8th graders to join in the fun and help collect eggs. We divide areas up by several age categories so the little ones don't have to compete with older kids. All age groups compete with kids their own age. It is a great time for all, and the event is open to friends and family too. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Country Aire Estates Named Nicest Place In Oklahoma

NEWS PROVIDED BY Reader's Digest
Jun 21, 2019, 13:54 ET

NEW YORK, June 21, 2019 / PRNewswire/ -- Reader's Digest has named the 50 finalists of its third annual search for "The Nicest Places in America," a national crowd-sourced effort to uncover places where people are kind and treat each other with respect. Over a submission period of 31 days, Reader's Digest collected more than 1,000 stories of places across America where people are kind and civility is winning.

From these submissions, Reader's Digest editors and a panel of judges selected 50 places – one for every state. This year's search brought in a record number of submissions with a final tally of 1,077 stories, nearly three times that of 2018.

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2020 UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

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The 2020 BA Homeowners Association Workshop is a great place to get helpful tips and resources for property owners, renters and those wanting information on owning a home within an HOA. Join the casual roundtable discussion after the sessions to discuss topics tailored to those attending and get to know your "neighbors." This is a great opportunity to network!

Date:	February 29, 2020
Time:	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location:	Stoney Creek Conference Center
Address:	200 W. Albany St. Broken Arrow, OK 74012
Cost:	The event is free and open to the public
Link:	http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/HOA-workshop

Broken Arrow Community Playhouse

And Then They Came for Me... Remembering the World of Anne Frank

By James Still

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at Woodward Park

May 7th -10th — ROOSTER DAYS

Event Downtown

June 6th — Camp Bandage

10 am - 3 pm @ Central Park Complex

CHALKITUP

May 29th — 31st ROSE FESTIVAL & Chalk it Up

Info: https://www.keepbabeautiful.org/rose-festival/

JUNE 5th — *Wine Eats & Easels*

$40 6-10 pm @ Farmer's Market Pavillion

JUNE 6th — Take Me Fishing Day 7-Noon @ Anderson Pond

For the kids! — Broken Arrow Events Complex.

JUNE 19th Woodcarvers Festival

Central Park Community Center

July 25th — TASTE OF SUMMER

Central Park

Broken Arrow PAC

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The Choir of Man	March 11, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
"Finding Neverland"	March 28, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

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