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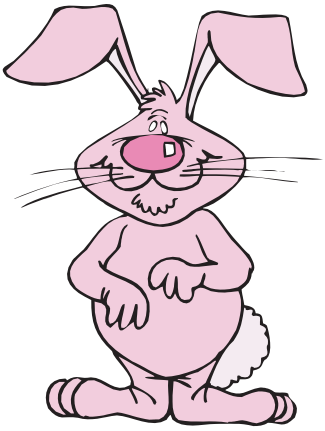
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!



Saturday, April 4th, 10:00 am

First, we have to stuff the eggs. That will take place at Frankie Bakers' home on March 26th, 7:00 pm. Please call *258-9939* if you can help. Last year we had a lot of fun. Then the big **EGG HUNT will be on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 AM in the Park**. All kids 12 and under are invited to attend. We are also looking for people to help hide the eggs on Saturday morning. — *Frankie Baker 258-9939.*

Upcoming Events

Feb 28 (Sat)	Homeowners Wkshp	9:00 am - see page 2
Mar 3	*Annual Meeting and Election*	7:00 pm - Peters Elem
Mar 19 (Thurs)	Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Frankie Baker's
Apr 4th (Sat)	Easter Egg Hunt!	10 am - the Park
Apr 16 (Thurs)	Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Peters Elem
Apr 25th (Sat)	Garage Sale!	All Day - Addition Wide
May 6 (Sat)	BA Spring Cleanup Day	All Day
May 21 (Thurs)	Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Peters Elem

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Spring 2009 GARAGE SALE! April 25th

Once again CAHOA is sponsoring a Spring Garage Sale.

This always draws lots of buyers and is a money-maker for our residents. This year's event is scheduled for ***Saturday April 25th*** *(You choose the hours).*

The Board will put ads in the paper, notify the media and put signs around the perimeter to advertise this event. *(Just remember if you put up your own signs please remove them immediately after your sale is over.)*

So there's no excuse for you not to get rid of all those items which have stacked up over the winter! Get busy & look forward to having a fun day and make plans for how you are going to spend all that extra CA$H!

CAHOA ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 3RD!

The meeting will be in the ***Gymnasium at Peters Elementary School***, with a start time of 7:00 PM. Arrangements have been made with Lisa Ford, Broken Arrow Police Department to be our Speaker. She will provide us updates on Broken Arrow activity and especially relating to Country Aire.

We will also have door prizes for the event!

Most important of all will be to elect new officers for CAHOA.

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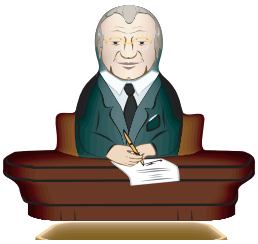

FROM THE PREZ

We seem to have missed the last ice storm with no problems. Glad that one missed us, seems like we are just now getting over the one last winter. I did have a chance to check out our smoke alarm at the start of the last weekend storm. Seems as though our furnace had a circuit board go out and sent smoke into the house for a minute before shutting down. Remember to have your system checked out from time to time, even though things seem to be working fine. No damage, just an early Saturday morning start and limited heating during that cold spell, until furnace was repaired.

This will be our last reminder about our next annual meeting, which will be March 3rd 2009. We have a committee working on a list for the 2009 board. The Election will take place this night to elect officers and board members. We are a very large homeowner association and would love to have some new faces on the board. There are lots of things that need to be decided on for next years budget. We hope to see you there this year.

Remember, we are now having our monthly board meetings at Peters Elementary School, starting at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome, so come by and see what is going on and bring some new ideas.

Please take notice that our web site is providing lots of good information, be sure to visit this site now as this is where you will find the newsletter, and let us know what more we can do to make it better. It looks real nice with all the color, the ads are sharper looking.

I want to thank all the officers and board members for all their help and support, this past year. Our treasurer John Maxwell, has made big improvements on how we invoice for our dues, we have been saving money on stamps. We have some hard working people covering lots of different tasks in order to keep everything in order and working. With the cost of everything going up it is hard to keep our cost down so we don't have to raise the dues again. We have made many more improvements this year and need much more done to make sure we continue to have the best homeowner association in Broken Arrow. This is why it is so important we have your support and help.

Thanks again to all the 2008 board members, Don Anderson our Vice President, John Maxwell Treasurer and Gerald Bolerjack as Secretary, you have made my job a lot easier.

Cahoa President***Gene Redford, Cahoa President***

HOMEOWNERS WORKSHOP

The City of Broken Arrow's Annual Homeowners Association Workshop is scheduled for February 28, 2009 and will be at the Nienhuis Community Center, 3201 North 9th Street (Lynn Lane). Start time is 9:00 AM with Introduction by Mayor J. Wade McCaleb, Sr., and City Manager Jim Twombly and City Planner – Farhad Daroga. At 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 and 11:15 there will be Concurrent Workshop sessions that will cover 10 general areas. At 11:15 to Noon, a Homeowners Association Round Table is scheduled.

It would be nice to have a group of people from our organization in attendance!

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CAHOA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - SPRING 2009

John Maxwell, Treasurer

Welcome to 2009! We are working on getting the dues invoices mailed to all of the Country Aire homeowners, but we are running somewhat behind last year's schedule. The 2009 invoice is available by going to our web site: ***www.CAHOA.org***. Scroll to the bottom of the Home Page, then click on the ***"Here is One".*** When the form appears, scroll to the bottom portion which is setup to allowed to be filled in online. Complete the form, print a copy, and mail along with your dues check in the amount of $25.00, and mail to Country Aire Homeowners Association, 2608 West Kenosha #470, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

After payment of your annual dues, then go to your ***Calendar and mark Tuesday, March 3,*** and indicate "***Country Aire Homeowners Annual meeting at 7:00 PM.*** Our annual meeting will again be at **Peter's Elementary School in the Gymnasium**. The 2009 Officers will be elected at this meeting. Our featured speaker will be Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist Community Liaison, Broken Arrow Police Department, who will bring us up to date about our City, neighborhood, and discussion of items that effect our area.

Our association is looking for candidates for Officers and Board members for 2009. Step up to the plate, become involved in the happenings, events, activities, and matters that effect the Association, your neighborhood, and be a candidate for Office. We need additional involvement from our members.

North and South Fir Avenue has finally had the traffic control devices installed after more than two years of work obtaining the required signatures on the request, submitting to the City for processing, approval by the City Commissioners', and then the Broken Arrow Streets Department to make the installations. There have been numerous comments about the installation of the traffic control devices, with the most common statement, "why didn't the city install some by the Park." No answer to that has been offered as of the writing of this article.

Several comments and complaints were received about activity in the Park pertaining to the shelters and the equipment in the shelters, especially after school bus stops were consolidated to the Park area. Authorities were alerted, a blog was included on our CAHOA website blog, and we have not heard about the situation lately. Another area of concern was on the trail area between the park and Kenosha Avenue. This involved activity after curfew hours and on the more remote areas of the trail. Again we posted a note on the Blog and the BAPD was alerted regarding the alleged activity. We haven't heard much about the situation in several months.

Again, consider being a candidate for one of the Officers of our Association, then attend the annual meeting on March 3, and after elected, work for the betterment of Country Aire Homeowners Association. *See you at the meeting.*

FREE SPRING CLEANUP DAY FOR BA RESIDENTS MAY 2ND

RESIDENTIAL WASTE ONLY! Broken Arrow Residents may drop off pollutants for free. ***For More info call 259-8373.***

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Some of my Favorite Tips on Recycling and Living Simply

Organic Cotton String Bags for Shopping from www.reusablebags.com: I LOVE these bags and have been using them for over a year from a $25 investment. Folks are always asking where I got them. I can weekly shop for a family of 3 and get all my groceries in 4 bags. They will hold up to 40 pounds each. I also bag my own groceries because it is very difficult for checkers to get used to putting so much in one bag. I keep these bags in the car and you could scrunch them up to fit in a corner of your purse. I am also retraining myself to specifically tell the checker that I do not need a bag when I get under 4 items.

PLASTIC BAGS can be recycled at the front of the store at Wal-Mart and also Food Pyramid. This includes bread and all kinds of plastic wrappers!

New Recycler Found this Month - I've listed the things they accept that THE MET doesn't:

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Materials Collected / Services Offered:
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Milk and Juice Cartons
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ARPIL 22ND IS EARTH DAY!

Advertising Rates As Of January 2009

Business Cards $25
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CAHOA Paid Members Receive 10% off these rates.

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Report for 2008 Income and Spending

1/1/2008 Through 12/31/2008

Category	Total
Income Categories	
Advertising Income - Breeze /Ads	$1,812.00
Association Dues CAHOA 2008	$10,510.08
Association Dues CAHOA 2009	$50.00
Total Income Categories	**$12,372.08**
Expense Categories	
2008 Membership Drive Function June 2008	$550.00
Bills / Electric - AEP / Web Site Expenses - K & L Enterprises	$188.73
Breeze Misc - Editing and Layout	$1,300.00
Breeze Printing Expenses	$703.05
CAHOA Garage FALL 2008 (SEP) Sale	$29.95
CAHOA Garage SPRING 2008 (APR) Sale	$29.95
Door Prize Expense	$100.00
Easter Festivities 2008 - Plastic Eggs / Candy	$162.17
Entrance Appearance Improvement	$421.88
Insurance/ Director's and Officer Coverage	$800.00
Insurance/ Officer Bonding for Association	$207.00
Lawn and Entrance Care - Contract for Premimeter / Right of way etc.	$5,225.00
Operational Costs - Self Storage Unit and Misc. Maintentance Supplies	$430.85
Operational Costs - Box Rental at UPS Store	$216.00
Operational Costs - Envelopes for 08 Membership	$101.74
Operational Costs - Envelopes for Membership Inv	$97.78
Operational Costs - Printing 2008 Dues Invoices	$35.26
Operational Costs -Entrances - Electrical Repair / Bulbs	$50.00
Postage	$420.00
Santa in Park 2007 Program	$35.71
Santa in the Park 2007 - Santa's Fee	$50.00
Santa in the Park 2008 - Santa's Fee	$50.00
Utilities Various Combined - City of Broken Arrow Utilities	$258.81
Welcome Committee Expense / Supplies	$12.60
Total Expense Categories	**$11,476.48**
Income Less Expense Grand Total for 2008 Calendar Year	**$895.60**
Balance forwarded from Previous Years Activity	**$11,695.70**
Account Balance as of 31 December 2008	**$12,591.30**

Signed: ***John W. Maxwell, Jr.*****, Treasurer** **1/31/2009**

From the OSU Extension/Tulsa Master Gardeners 2006-07 Calendar

FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS

1. If you haven't had a soil test within the past 5 years, now is a good time.

2. Begin spring garden cleanup. Take care not to disturb new plantlets when removing dead tops on perennials.

3. Any time is a good time to begin removing winter weeds.

4. Use tree wrap on new trees to prevent sun scald. Wrap from the ground up to the lowest branches. Check previously wrapped trees to confirm wrapping is not constricting growth.

5. Bring in a few branches of Forsythia or other spring blooming shrubs. Crush the bottom of the branch to facilitate water uptake. Place in a warm, sunny spot for a preview of spring.

FERTILIZE: Begin fertilizer program for houseplants. Fertilize spring flowering bulbs. Use a high Phosphorus fertilizer. (The middle number). February through March is a good time to fertilize trees and shrubs. Feed Crape Myrtle now. (Resist pruning until leaf break). When the crocus bloom, feed Iris. A 5-10-10 or 6-24-24 ratio is recommended. Spread fertilizer around rhizomes, but not on them. Water in.

WATER: If it hasn't rained for a week or 10 days, water. Even dormant grass will benefit. Don't forget the plants under the eaves.

MULCH: Continue inspecting plants for soil heaving. Keep mulch in place until soil begins to warm next month. Continue spading gardens when soil conditions permit. Cover with a thin layer of mulch.

PRUNE: Prune maples, birch and other "bleeders" this month. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as Forsythia and Spirea only after they bloom.

Wait until after bloom to prune Hydrangea if you must. These plants bloom on old wood so you will have less bloom next spring.

PLANT: If you missed planting your trees and shrubs in the fall, now is a good time to put in new trees. You can also plant Pansies, if you didn't do it last fall.

MARCH GARDENING TIPS

FERTILIZE: Fertilize cool season grasses. Use a complete N-K-P fertilizer. Apply 1-pound actual nitrogen per 1000sq. feet. A good liquid fertilizer on houseplants will bring them out of the winter doldrums.

WATER: In case it doesn't' rain, remember to water the usual 1 inch per week. Newly planted cool season grasses will need to be kept moist until roots are established. Newly divided perennials will need extra moisture. Don't forget to water and turn the compost pile. Avoid excessive walking and working in the garden when foliage and soil is wet because the soil compacts easily and disease can spread.

MULCH: Remove mulch from strawberries. A good rule to remember is mulch strawberries the day after Christmas and remove on St. Patrick's Day. Mulch newly planted roses with a mound of soil eight to twelve inches around and above the crown and branches of the plant.

PRUNE: Cut back mondo grass. Trim ornamental grasses to about 4/6 inches. A small hedge trimmer works beautifully. Prune roses (except climbers) around the middle of the month. Prune just above an outward facing bud. Prune away crossing or dead canes.

PLANT: Plant Evergreen shrubs, balled and bur lapped, and bare root trees and shrubs. Cool season vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, carrot, lettuce, onions, peas, spinach, turnips, etc. should be planted by the middle of March. Divide perennials such a daylilies, perennial phlox. Shasta Daisy, perennial asters, ornamental grasses, Columbine, Sweet William, ferns, true lilies and wild flowers. Pansies can still be planted. Get in the first planting of Gladiolas.

PESTS: Dormant oil spray can still be applied to control mites, galls, and over wintering aphids.

APRIL GARDENING TIPS

1. After danger of frost has passed. Indoor plants can be moved out. Place in a temporary shaded location for gradual longer periods for about a week.

2. For a good selection, buy caladium bulbs now. Wait until soil temperatures are warm to plant (mid-May).

FERTILIZE: Time to start lawn work again. Apply 1 pound of actual nitrogen per 1000 square feet. Use a complete fertilizer in a 3-1-2 ratio. (21-7-14,24-8-16) For April application on warm season grasses.

Fertilize Azaleas and Rhododendrons after flowering. Use a fertilizer specially formulated for Azaleas. Do not scratch in the fertilizer. Azalea roots are very shallow. Follow package directions.

Fertilize warm season annuals and vegetables after danger of frost has passed. Pelleted (time release) fertilizer is more expensive, but does not need reapplication for up to three months.

WATER. Always water in fertilizer that is applied to grass or other plants. Plants need 1 inch of water per week this time of the year. If you do need to water, apply ½ inch twice during a week period.

MULCH. To reduce weeds and retain moisture during dry periods mulch tree and shrub beds now. Wait until weather warms to mulch other garden beds.

PRUNE. Wait 3 weeks after bloom to prune spring flowering shrubs such as Forsythia, Azaleas, Quince, Spirea, Wisteria and Honeysuckle.

Allow spring bulb foliage to die back naturally. The green leaves feed the bulb for next year's bloom. It is wise to remove the spent bloom heads so that all strength can go to the bulb.

Prune out winter damage to shrubs.

Keep dividing perennials. It is a good way to increase your garden plants.

Wait until after bloom to prune Hydragea. These plants bloom on old wood. If you have staked a small tree in a pruning/training effort, loosen the wires or ties and inspect for rubbing or tightness. Loosen as required.

PLANT. April 15th is the average last frost date in our area. Set out tomatoes, peppers and other tender plants after the 15th. Wait until mid May to put in heat loving plants such as Periwinkle, Lantana and Zinnias, as well as cucurbit crops and Okra.

April is a good month to plant broadleaf evergreens. *(next page)*

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CAHOA CHRISTMAS YARD OF THE WEEK

Christmas has come and gone. Many new years resolutions have been made and broken. Once again in the middle of all this hectic time of year we had a great display of Christmas lights in our neighborhood. I heard from several judges that selecting the winners this year was much more difficult because there were so many wonderful houses.

We want to thank the people who took time each week to survey their neighborhoods and select the winner. If you know one of them let them know that they are appreciated. The judges this year were Linda Maxwell, Don Laxson, Gene Redford and Don Anderson.

If you are a neighbor to one of the winners congratulate them on a job well done!

AREA 1 WINNERS

Martha Gay
Khristian Praiswaer
Gail & Paula Gensicke
Kathy Freeman

AREA 2 WINNERS

Jim Wildman
Nigel Allen
Russ & Helena Girod
Charlie and Meg Deweese
Darryl Murdock

AREA 3 WINNERS

Damon & Deborah Green
Tony and Fawn Horn
Gary Hinnen
Rex & Barbara Green
Jack & Janelle Leverton

AREA 4 WINNERS

Chris Watkins
Kim Toppah
Bill & Jean Cvganovich
Dan Graham

APRIL GARDENING TIPS, Con't

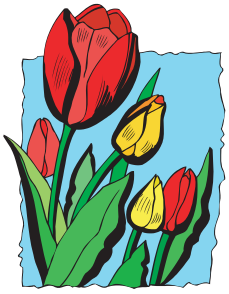
PESTS. Those orange jelly galls emerging on cedar trees are the cause of cedar apple rust on your fruit trees. Apply a fungicide to fruit trees when these galls are present. It may require more than one application.

Check plants for powdery mildew and other foliage deseases if heavy spring rains persist.

Lace bugs, aphids, spider mites, bagworms, etc. can start popping up later this month. Use mechanical, cultural and biological control options first. Call the MG office for Fact Sheets containing information on Earth Kind Gardening.

These are just a few of the suggestions I thought might help us as we head into spring.

Submitted by Frankie Baker



Broken Arrow Police Department - Helpful Numbers

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	451-8400
Crime Prevention	451-8213
Traffic Hotline	451-8357
Crime Line	259-1111
Police Records	451-8200 Ext 8502
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Trash Pickup Schedule - Litter in the Streets

We have a beautiful neighborhood but we are seeing more litter, garbage, etc., in our subdivision. It could be that residents are not aware of the the scheduled pickup days of our trash by the city. Currently in Country Aire, trash is picked up on Monday and Thursday. Some days, after trash trucks have made their runs, the trash starts accumulating again on the curbs and remains there for several days, which is an eyesore. When the bag contents are scattered by the wind or animals, it becomes quite a problem.

There are several residents that make their own trash patrol, gathering the trash on our streets, the parks, and the right of way. These residents deserve a huge,"Thank You" and we appreciate them so much. If we can all take action whenever you see a need for action it serves a great purpose. Please be aware that we are in a community together and we are each responsible for our own areas that affect the whole. In addition, moving trash out early mornings on Monday and Thursday would be ideal.

Below is a copy of the Broken Arrow City Holidays and information as to trash pickups. This is from the Broken Arrow web site, which there is a link from the Country Aire web site.

City Holidays.

If a holiday falls on a Monday, there will be no trash pickup that day. Those with Monday-Thursday curbside service will have trash picked up that week on Tuesday and Thursday. Those with Tuesday-Friday service will have pickups on Wednesday and Friday.

If a Holiday falls on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, customers who normally get curbside pickup on that day will have only one pickup during the week.

City Holidays for Calendar Year 2009

New Year's Day, January 1, 2009, (Thursday)
Martin Luther King Day, January 19, 2009, (Monday)
Good Friday, April 10, 2009, (Friday)
Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, (Monday)
Independence Day, July 3, 2009 (Friday)
Labor Day, September 7, 2009, (Monday)
Veterans Day, November 11, 2009, (Wednesday)
Thanksgiving, November 26-27, 2009, (Thursday & Friday)
Christmas, December 25, 2009, (Friday)

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Beauty Patrol report has mostly good news

Broken Arrow's Beauty Patrol Committee summary for 2008 contained mostly positive news on the visual condition of the community.

"We commend the neighborhood associations for paying such close attention to their entrances," said Beauty Patrol Chair Roger Finn.

City Communications Director Keith Sterling was impressed with the graffiti report.

"I think the lack of graffiti speaks to Broken Arrow's record as one of the nation's safest cities. Our police department is committed to preventing these types of offenses and criminals know it," he said.

Reports based on observations of committee members are compiled by volunteers on a monthly basis and submitted electronically to the city. Major problem areas cited are handled by city staff.

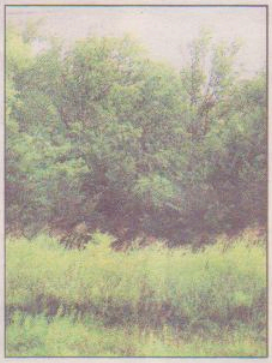
"We have been impressed by the city's attention to detail from our reports," said Peggy Striegel, a beauty patrol volunteer. "If we say there are unwanted signs at a certain intersection, the city sees that they are collected and disposed of. That is community action at its best."

Despite the city's energetic response to the sign issue, it remains the largest problem reported by volunteers. Striegel said the committee plans to make a recommendation to the city this year to increase penalties for signage in rights-of-way.

Citizens can also take a direct hand in helping eliminate this problem. "There is nothing prohibiting any citizen from removing any sign from a right-of-way. In fact, we encourage them to participate and help our crews," he said.

Litter and trash were also cited as problem areas, particularly in the spring when grass is first cut and trash remains uncollected from winter months. Nonetheless the number of below-standard areas dropped from 49 percent to 32 percent, according to the report.

Last spring, tree limbs were still a major issue from the 2007 ice storm. However, Beauty Patrol reports helped the city identify the worst areas so they could be targeted early.



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY — The BA Beauty Patrol saw it all last year, but its yearend report contains far more positives than negatives and reflects a great deal of optimism of renewed emphasis being placed on keeping Broken Arrow a visual delight.

Fence maintenance was an extremely improved area that patrollers watched over the year, Striegel noted. Repairs were made by Homeowner Associations as well as individual property owners helping take below-standard sightings to 14 percent from an opening of 24 percent..

Though grass and weeds require constant attention by city mowing crews, an improvement of 13 percent was seen over the period, the report indicated..

Beauty Patrol is a volunteer survey project of the Beautification Committee of the Broken Arrow Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the city of Broken Arrow. As it begins its second year, volunteers are needed for several survey sections.

Striegel said the time commitment for a volunteer surveyor is about an hour per survey per month. Those interested can contact Roger Finn at 355-1718.