The Country Aire BREEZE

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Saturday, June 13th, 11-2 pm

EAST SHELTER!

MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL!

It is time once again to save the date for the Country Aire Membership Social. This year's event will be held on June 13th from 11:00-2:00 at Country Aire Park. Members of the Union High Steppers will be painting faces and the Shriner's are going to bring popcorn. A prize drawing will be held for paid members and those who pay their $25 membership dues on that day. This is a great time for us to meet our neighbors or visit with friends from the neighborhood. You might consider bringing a lunch to eat, letting the kids play in the park, or going for a swim on this day. Let's celebrate together what a wonderful neighborhood in which we live.

Other events and activities pending!

CITY SWIMMING POOLS OPEN MAY 30TH!

Broken Arrow Farmer's Market Now Open!

THURSDAY Evening:
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
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SATURDAY's:
8:00 PM - NOON
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Upcoming Events

May 21 (Thurs)	Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Peters Elem
May 30 (Sat)	Pool Opens	Country Aire Pool
June 13th (Sat)	Membership Social	11-2 pm Park
June 18 (Thurs)	Board Meeting	6:30 pm - 404 S Elder Ave
July 16 (Thurs)	Board Meeting	6:30 pm - TBA
Aug 20 (Thurs)	Board Meeting	6:30 pm - Peters Elem

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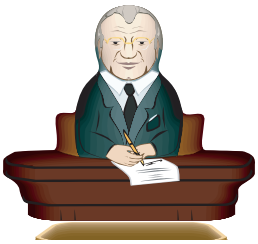

FROM THE PREZ

The new board is in place and working to see what new ways we can increase our membership this year. Be sure to attend our new second annual revised summer activity; there is an article in this issue, sounds like fun for the whole family. We had a great time last year, so be sure to plan to attend.

I still hope this year we can top the 500 mark for members, we have got close a few times, but have not went over that mark. Please make sure all the people on your block are members; lets see what we can do to make it happen this year.

Again if anyone wants to take care of one of the entrances please let us know. We need help in maintaining the flower beds.

Remember our annual summer Yard of the Week contest will be starting soon. This year contest will start the weekend of May 30 and run through August 29, so get your yards ready and have a great summer. This year should be a big year, after the spring rains; there will be some good-looking yards.

There are several people in our addition that need some help on many different things, if you know of someone in your block, lets try to get some ideas on how to help these people. I know of several, where the person is handicapped and cannot mow his yard. The past several years we have had some neighbors help these people. This is another area where it would be nice if someone would step up and give us some ideas.

If you want to help out on any projects please contact any of the board members who will be happy to get you in touch with that committee.

Give some feed back my email is genredbird@valornet.com.

Gene Redford, Cahoa President

BA Farmers Market Live Music Schedule!

Thursday unless otherwise noted

***June 4th* - Smith Brothers** *- brother duo doing Eagles, James Taylor era folk*

***June 11th* - BA's own Acoustic Mojo** *(Dianna Burrup/Bryan Huling/ Jeanne Stover; Rhythmic Folk Originals)*

***June 18th* - Kelly Spradlin** *- Christian folk*

***June 25* - Sarah Huhn Barker**

***July 2nd* - Karry Kofr** *(Celtic/Folk)*

***July 9th* - PrairieDawgs** *- Americana/Bluegrass*

***Saturday - July 11th*- Rockin' Acoustic Circus** *Official Grand Opening*

***Aug 16th*-Smith Brothers** *- brother duo doing Eagles, James Taylor era folk*

***July 23* - TBA**

***July 30th* - BA's own Acoustic Mojo** *(Dianna Burrup/Bryan Huling/ Jeanne Stover; Rhythmic Folk Originals)*

***Aug 6th* - Sarah Barker**

***August 13th* - Chad Meier** *- new age acoustic guitar*

***Aug 20th*-Smith Brothers** *- brother duo doing Eagles, James Taylor, Simon & Garfunkel era folk*

***Aug 27th* - Karry Kofr** *(Celtic/Folk)*

***September 3rd* - PrairieDawgs**

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CAHOA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - SUMMER 2009

John Maxwell, Treasurer

Country Aire Homeowners Association held the annual meeting on March 3rd, and the Officers and Board for 2009 were elected. We welcome some new members to the Board and are looking forward to working with them. They are getting involved quickly with the working of the association and will appreciate all assistance you could provide when they require assistance. Ginny, has agreed to be chairperson for the entrance beautification committee and Kathy will be working with Dave on the welcoming committee. If you can work on the entrances to our area, please contact Ginny at 760-9899. Also watch for announcements of work parties on the association's web site: www.CAHOA.org.

(Click on the blog link, and if you haven't signed up to receive these messages as they are posted, please sign up on your next visit to the web site.)

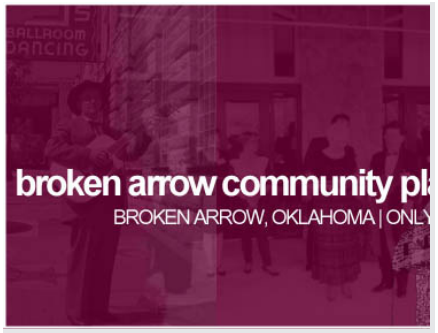
The Officers and Board are again putting together a Spring/Summer membership social, which will be on the 2nd Saturday in June (13th) and will be held at the East Shelter at Country Aire Park. The hours will be from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and we are still putting together activities and events. If you have suggestions or recommendations, please contact one the Officers are Board members. But, most of all, mark this activity on your calendar and drop by and meet your neighbors and friends in Country Aire.

Speaking of neighbors, do you know your own neighbors, and most of all, do they know you. It is recommended that you and your neighbors get acquainted and exchange telephone numbers, as your neighbors get to know others down or across the street, they expand the listings. If something happens at your home or at your neighbors, they can either contact you, one of your other neighbors, or even the proper authorities, for example the police or fire departments, and possibly prevent or halt incidents. You may have unlisted an unlisted telephone number, and this process still protects this fact, but a neighbor can contact you if necessary. This is going on in several areas of Country Aire, but it needs to be expanded. It does help all of us in the neighborhood.

Dues invoices have been sent to all residents in Country Aire I through Country Aire VI, but there are many that have not paid their 2009 homeowner dues. We do utilize the fees to maintain the perimeter of our area, maintain the entrance way, maintain the web site, and activities such as or Easter Egg hunt, Santa, in the Park, and other activities. So if you have not remitted your dues for 2009, we would appreciate your payment.

Remember this is your neighborhood association and we all want to work for the betterment of our largest investment, the home, and the surrounding area to keep up the value of this investment.. Remit your dues and then become involved in our association. The association is what you make it and we all want it to be the best. We are the largest homeowner association in Broken Arrow and we are asked by others how we operate. We need your ideas, help, and participation in seeing that we are constantly improving.

The Late Louis L'Amour is one of the best-selling authors of all time. Nearly 230 million copies of his books are in print worldwide, and every one of his more than one hundred books is still in print. When asked the key to his writing style, he responded, "Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on." Turn on your faucet, start the flow and become involved in your neighborhood association!



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Ideas for recycling organic/garden waste:

- Local pig farmers often appreciate any kitchen scraps that you can offer them. If you know of any in your area, get in touch with them and find out if they are interested in your kitchen scraps.
- If you've done any trimming of trees and hedges, contact the local Zoo to see if they can use these for their animals, either as food or environment improvement.
- Avoid using kitchen waste disposers and compost food scraps instead. This reduces the load on sewage treatment plants and local government can concentrate on the treatment of real sewage.
- If you need leaf mulch for your garden approach a local school and ask what they do with the leaf litter. Some schools throw theirs away.
- Get a couple of hens for the household. They eat all the kitchen scraps and provide fresh eggs as a bonus.

General tips for recycling and avoiding Trash:

- Buy a smaller trash container for the kitchen. This makes you to remember to recycle.
- Make sure bottles and tins are clean before putting in the recycling bin. This prevents flies both at home and the recycling station.
- Reorganise the kitchen so it has an efficient recycling area with good sized bins to help with sorting and holding. This will encourage other members of the household to contribute and help share the work instead of it being reliant on one person.

NOTES

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held this past April 4th with sunshine and wind but no rain. Our bunnies had a lot of eggs to hide, over 2,000.

We were so happy to see a lot of happy faces with many eggs in baskets. Let's see even more next year.

Many thanks to the kids and parents who emptied the candy and returned the eggs for use next year. Also, a big "Thank you" to our helpers who helped set up the different areas and hid the eggs. I also want to thank those who helped get the eggs stuffed and ready to go, their names are: Linda Sisney, Julie Kemper, Ginny Talley, Al Talley, Gerald Bolerjack and Kathy Dudley.

We treasure our volunteers, thank you.

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Broken Arrow Code Curfew for Minors

There has been some concern from residents in our subdivision regarding activities of minors, especially during late night and weekends. For your information the BA code covering the curfew for minors follows: (reprinted from the broken arrow web site.)

Curfew for minors

Sec. 16-21. Curfew for minors; exceptions.

(A) no person under 18 years of age shall idle, play, stroll, or wander about, in or upon the:

(1) Alleys, roadways, streets;

(2) Parks, play grounds, or other public grounds;

(3) Places of amusement or entertainment;

(4) Public places or buildings;

(5) Unoccupied residences or buildings;

(6) Vacant lots;

(7) Common areas of apartment complexes; or

(8) Other unsupervised places;

Within the limits of the city between the hours of 11:00 pm. And 6:00 am. On Sunday through Thursday, and between the hours of midnight and 6:00 am. On Friday and Saturday.

(B) those persons under 18 years of age excepted from the above provisions shall be those who are:

(1) Accompanied by his or her parents, guardians or other adult person having the care and custody of said minor;

(2) Engaged upon an emergency errand;

(3) Engaged in the performance of their employment duties;

(4) Traveling directly to or from his or her place of employment and residence;

(5) Upon legitimate business as directed by his or her parents, guardians or other adult person having the care and custody of said minor;

(6) In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

(7) Attending an official school, religious or other recreation activity which is supervised by adults and sponsored by the city of broken arrow, a public or private school, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;

(8) Returning home without any detour or stop from an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the city of broken arrow, a public or private school, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor; or

(9) Exercising first amendment rights protected by the constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech and the right of assembly.

(C) it shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian or other adult person having custody or control of any minor under the age of 18 to permit, or by inefficient control to allow, such person to be on the streets or sidewalks or in any other public place within the city in violation of section 16-21(a) of this code; provided that the parent or guardian shall be excepted from the provisions if a missing persons report on the child has been made to the police department.

(D) violation of this section (c) shall be a class a offense.

(Code 1970, § 14-11; ord. No. 1207, § 1, 2-23-84; Ord. No. 2129, § I, 1-20-98; ord. No. 2452, § I, 5-20-02; ord. No. 2522, § I, 3-3-03)

Helping Out in the Neighborhood

CAHOA is setting up a committee that will work with our neighbors that have difficulty in accomplishing some homeowner duties with their residences. We are looking at items that require physical type labor, on a small scale, such as fence repair, touch up paint work, trimming shrubs, etc. If you have a neighbor that needs this type of assistance, our if you are in need of some help, please contact us. Send email to: cahoaba@aol.com providing information as to the contact and details regarding the need.

We are also looking for individuals to work on this committee. Dave Laxon is chairing the committee and is requiring assistance from others in completing the work. If you are available, please forward your name and contact information to the email address: Cahoaba@aol.com.

Thanks

Dave Laxson

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

We have a new Landscape Coordinator, Ginny Talley, who has been busy at her new position. We are soon to see new plantings at 71st and our other beds are in line for new plantings. Thank you, thank you Ginny for volunteering to take this much needed position.

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

SUMMER GARDENING TIPS

June Reminders

After spring flowering bulb leaves have dried out, remove the foliage. Mark the spot where bulbs are planted so that you do not dig them later. It also gives you an idea of where the bulbs are when it is time to dig and divide in the fall.

Protect trees from lawn mower and string weeders by mulching out to the drip line, or using protective aerated covers.

Remove tree wraps during the summer to avoid potential disease and insect buildup.

Stake tall perennials before topping winds arise.

Humming birds are here. Fill a feeder with 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. Heat until sugar is melted. Never use honey or food coloring. Change the sugar water mixture every 3 to 5 days, so that unhealthy mildew will not form.

Fertilize. About 7 to 10 days after planting, apply liquid fertilizer to bedding plants. Use a balanced fertilizer (30-10-10, 20-20-20). Continue to fertilize roses monthly, using a balanced formula (10-20-10) or a special mixture for roses.

Do not fertilize cool season (Fescue) grasses during June, July and August.

Fertilize Bearded Iris about one month after blooming. Use a high phosphorus blend. (10-20-10)

Water. As June begins to heat up, and the rains cease, watering becomes important. Grasses, both warm season and cool, need weekly watering. Apply about 1 inch per week to warm season grass if it does not rain. It is best to make two ½ inch applications. Deep watering will encourage roots to grow deeply into the soil where they will be protected when hot, dry winds come along during July and August. Cool season grasses require 2 or 3 inches of water per week during hot months.

Mulch. Most beds need mulch. Unmulched soil forms a crust and needs more water.

All mulching materials need to be completely dry. However, do not apply mulch to dry soil. Mulch beds with pine bark, straw or dried grass clippings to conserve moisture, block out weeds and keep plants cool. Other mulches to consider are: Oak leaves, pecan hulls, chipped tree trimming and cotton seed hulls. When using wood products for mulching, apply extra nitrogen during the season.

Mulch Dahlias and fertilize later this month.

The one exception: Bearded Iris. Do not apply mulch to iris beds.

Prune. Do not remove leaves from spring flowering bulbs. The foliage provides nutrition for next year's blossom.

"Pinch back" mums for a fuller bush and more blossoms next fall. Continue "pinching" until July 15th.

Deadheading (removing spent blossoms) is a sure-fire way to encourage a longer blossom season for both perennials and annuals. When annuals become "leggy" shear back by one-third. Fertilize with a balanced formula (30-10-10) and water in well.

Remove faded rose blossoms. Some roses will respond with additional blooms. Cut back to a leaflet facing the outside of the bush to encourage open growth and air circulation.

Cut back creeping phlox by one-third to renew growth.

Plant. Continue planting annuals to fill in the garden. Plants that love hot weather are such favorites as: Zinnia, Periwinkle, Marigold and Portulaca.

Pests. To test for spider mites, hold a piece of white paper under the plant leaves and shake. If small spots crawl around, you have spider mites! Usually, a strong spray of water from the hose every few days will control these unwelcome pests. Be sure to spray under the leaves.

JULY REMINDERS

Summer weather is hard on turf. Mow frequently and at the proper height. Keep the lawn mower blade sharp to reduce shredding the leaf. Do not remove more than 1/3 grass height at one time. Proper summer height for Bermuda is 2 inches. Mow Fescue and other cool season grasses to 2 ½ to 3 inches.

To catch weeds missed by pre-emergence application, apply a broadleaf weed killer.

During dry periods, trees shed up to 10 percent of their leaves. This shedding reduces water loss through transmutation and causes little or no harm to the tree.

Make fall garden plantings in late July.

Be careful not to cultivate too deeply, which can result in injury to plant roots. Azaleas have especially shallow feeder roots.

Fertilize. Keep fertilizing mums. Fertilize shrubs including Crape Myrtle. Fertilize annuals after shearing back. When fertilizing, do not apply directly in contact with plant roots or leaves.

Water. Water plants deeply and early in the morning, if it has not rained recently. Remember plants need 1 ½ to 2 inches of water each week. If your garden has clay soil, let it dry out between watering so it won't become sour.

Heat stressed plants have less water in their tissue and are more likely to be burned by pesticides. Water and wait several hours before applying pesticides.

Mulch. Mulch keeps the soil temperature cool. Mulch helps control weeds. Apply 2 to 4 inches of mulch to your vegetable garden, flowers, shrubs and young trees. You may use hay, wheat straw, chopped up leaves, cottonseed hull, etc. Do not mulch with sphagnum peat moss. It acts as a sponge and draws moisture from the soil.

Prune. Cut back cannas for continuing bloom. Remove spent blooms and a new flower cluster will appear from this stalk. When the second cluster has bloomed, cut the stalk, leaving some leaves. New canes will produce more buds.

Continue to dead-head perennials and annuals. Shear petunias back, apply fertilizer and plants will re-bloom. Prune roses by one-third now for more beautiful bloom this fall.

Stop pruning azaleas now. Buds are beginning to form for next year's bloom. Pinch back mums for the last time.

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SUMMER Work Day

By Ginny Talley

On may 9th at 8:30am, we are going to have a work day for all the entrances around Country Aire Estates.

We will be planting flowers and replacing mulch on each of the 7 entrances. Carol Kennedy will be taking care of the 145th & N. College.

The girl scout's troop 2244 under the leadership of Diane Pugh, will be helping at the 71st *(Kenosha)* & N. Fir entrance, for their Earth Day Project.

Twice yearly, we will have an Entrance Workday. In October the beds will be prepared for winter and the date will be announced in the Fall Breeze.

Come & enjoy friendships.

Hope to see you all there, at the 71st *(Kenosha& N Fir)* entrance!

New Crime Report Program

The city of Broken Arrow has added a new computer program to help residents to see what incidents are reported by the police department in your area.

Go to ***CrimeReports.com*** and click on the map of the United States. Click on the state of Oklahoma. There are only two cities in Oklahoma that use this program: Broken Arrow and Muskogee.

Enter your street address and Broken Arrow. You can limit your search by several criteria. You will need to experiment to see what you want to know. You can limit the time you want to use, the distance from your home and type of crimes of which you want to be aware.

It's really a neat program. You can find out when the crime occurred, the address and the beat on which it occurred if you want.

Linda Ford, from the police department presented this at our annual meeting on the first Tuesday in March this year.

Crime Reports in Country Air Addition as Gathered From the Police Department

	Oct-Dec 2008	Jan-Mar 2009
Assault & Battery - Domestic	3	6
Burglary – Auto	2	6
Theft – Auto		2
Burglary – Residential	7	7
Break & Enter		5
Credit Card Theft		2
Domestic intervention	3	1
Destruction – Private Property	2	
Grand Larceny	2	
Runaway	4	
Sex Offence/Molestation	1	
Threat to Kill		2
Misc	10	1
Totals	34	32

I attempted to collect the information four times and keep getting different answers each time. I suggest that you use the CrimeReports.com program from the internet as estimate as what is happening in your area of Country Aire.

Gerald Bolerjack

Plant. Sow seeds of zinnia as late as July 4th. Time for the last planting of gladiolas. Plant red spider lily and surprise lily for lowers later.

Pests. Spider mites love hot, dry weather. Try a good strong spray of water from your hose to help control these pests.

To control black spot on roses, spray weekly with a fungicide. Keep the rose bed cleared of dropped leaves contaminated with fungus.

I hope these suggestions help you with your gardening questions. Have a great summer.

Submitted by Frankie Baker

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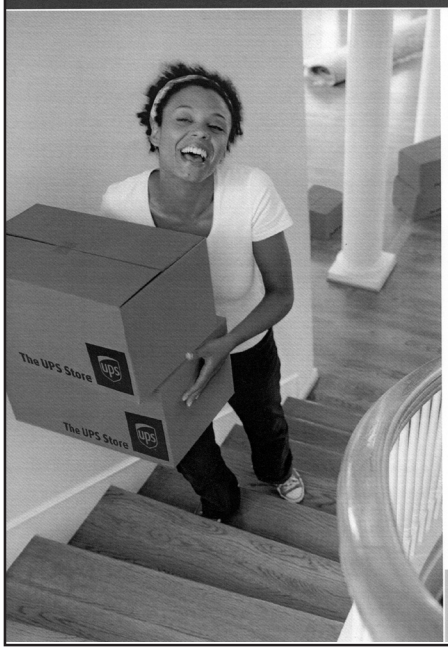

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