

# THE COUNTRY AIRE BREEZE



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## Country Aire Membership Drive An awakening!

by Dianna Burrup

I offered to write a front page article in the Breeze this quarter because I am convinced that many of us don't have any idea all the incredible things that are taken care of for us in the neighborhood through the efforts of the volunteer board. I am not on the board, but I have lived here for 27 years and have helped layout, and/or edit the Breeze for almost 15. I thought I knew all the things my \$25 a year dues were paying for, but now that budget items are being reviewed for elimination, I am more interested than ever in getting involved and helping to spread the good word about our neighborhood and the importance of this small but powerful monetary contribution we call *Voluntary Homeowners Dues*. There is no requirement for payment, unlike most additions that are built today, and I've read that they can actually foreclose on homeowners for nonpayment of dues, usually ranging from \$150 to \$1000 or more. (This is a little extreme I know, but just trying to show how little this board needs to do INCREDIBLE things!! They truly are amazing...)

I also offered to create a tri-fold brochure free of charge (included in this newsletter) that shows clearly what has been established for us as community residents. This is not everything, but it is many of the projects that could be discontinued because of lack of funds. During the creation of this tri-fold, I was truly overwhelmed with gratitude for the people that have served in Country Aire's community to make all of these things happen.

I have learned that a current item being reviewed for elimination is the perimeter mowing. It is by far the biggest expense to our Homeowners Association at almost \$5,000 per year. I personally did not know that the city did not pay for this, or the majority of it. The city only mows parks and trails, so we have 7 entrances that have to be mowed regularly during the summer on the 4 sides, LONG SIDES. I think you will agree that we always have incredible look-

ing entrances and this service is vital to the look and feel of our addition, our well-being, as well as very helpful to our property values. Everyone might even agree that it is worth \$25 a year just for the perimeter mowing!

Out of almost 1,000 homeowners, there are 185 that have paid dues this year, compared to 352 last year, so I can understand why there is concern. As I was driving around taking pictures of the perimeters that get mowed, (they will be up on website by June if you want to see all of them), I really looked around our neighborhood and noticed how much care and effort folks here have put into making their spaces so nice and I just appreciate it so much.

Hoping this helps everyone's understanding so we aren't singing along with Joanie Mitchell: "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone." All my best to you, great neighbors of Country Aire Estates, I look forward to seeing you at future events so that we can get to know each other better.

**PS: If you have paid, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!, If you would like to pay for the continued beautification of Country Aire, there are 2 coupons in this newsletter, one is located on the back.**



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## Upcoming Events

- June 16 (Thurs)** Board Meeting 6:30 pm - See Website
- July 15 (Thurs)** Board Meeting 6:30 pm - See Website
- Aug 18 (Thurs)** Board Meeting 6:30 pm - See Website

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## FROM THE PREZ

Our new 2011 board is in place and again we are working to see what new ways we can increase our membership this year. There will not be any summer activity in June, due to our budget. Our membership has dropped 50% over the last year or two, so we are starting to make some cuts in spending. This event has become too expensive, so we had to cut it out of our budget.

I want to thank last year's board members for all of their assistance in keeping track of our funds and keeping minutes of our meetings.

I was at our annual Easter egg hunt again this year and we had lots families turn out with approximate 1000 eggs to look for.

Summer will soon be in full bloom with all the yards looking good and competing for yard of the week.

I still have hopes we can hit the 500 mark for membership, maybe this year it will happen with your help. We have got close a few times, but have not gone over that mark. Please make an effort to remind all the people on your block that are not dues paying members; lets see what we can do to make it happen this year. Remember our dues are the best bargain going these days, as we have not raised our dues in several years, there is not much I can remember right now that the price has not gone up in the last year. So if you haven't already sent in your money, now is the time to take advantage of this great bargain.

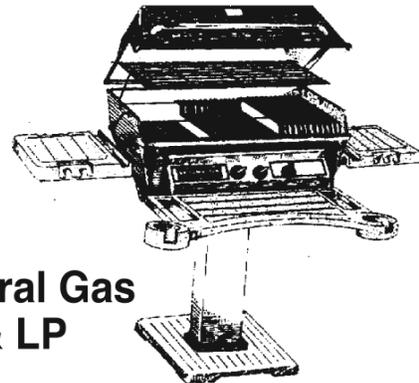
If you want to help out on any projects please contact any of the board members who will be happy to get you in touch with that committee. The board members are listed in the Breeze. My email is listed below.

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*Gene Redford, Cahoa President*

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# CAHOA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE, SPRING 2011

*John Maxwell, Treasurer*

I thought that the Easter Egg Hunt for the youth of Country Aire went very well this year thanks to the efforts of Board Member, Kathy Dudley, serving as Chairman of the event. Thanks to her committee, and I am sorry I do not know all of you that helped this year. We had a nice turnout of youth for the event this year. Mark the Saturday before Easter on your 2012 Calendar for the next one and the start time will be 10:00 AM at the Country Aire Park.

The Spring 2011 Garage sale is now history and we hope that all of you that participated had a great sale day and obtained a little extra spending money from your no longer needed items. Several of the residents held the sale on both Friday and Saturday, and it was reported that there were numerous customers and some great finds were made by your customers. The weather did cooperate with us for the sale weekend and that helped in your customers turnout. The signs were posted at the entrances on Saturday before the sale and ads were in the Tulsa World and Broken Arrow Ledger advertising the sale. Hopefully, you all remembered to remove your sales signs as were the Associations signs. Next sale is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September.

The above are just two of the events that are endorsed by your Homeowners Association and the dues made possible payment of the ads and purchase of signs and banners for the event. We will discuss the need for a couple of other banners to post at the entrances to Country Aire. We have 3 banners, but there are seven entrances to our subdivision and the ban-

ners are significantly more noticeable than the small signs that are utilized at other intersections. Again, your dues make the sale and all possible.

The seasonal mowing by our contractor began late March and will continue throughout the growing season which actually runs into November. This is one of the largest expenses encountered by the Association, and your dues do make it possible. We just need many more of the Homeowners to pay the yearly dues of \$25, so this work can be continued. If the membership continues to decline, some major adjustments on expenditures will have to be curtailed. This mowing also ties in with the Entrance Beautification Committee's work, which is another major expense encountered by the Association. Look at it in this aspect, a family is looking for a new home/residence and as they drive down the Streets and Avenues, an attractive entrance and perimeter is noticed by the family, who then state that appears to be a very nice neighborhood, and they then make an entry into the area. You could be one selling a residence in that area, and the first step of the process has happened. Your association membership dues have played a major part in this action. Another good return on your small investment has just occurred.

Speaking of the Entrances, special thanks go to board member Virginia "Ginny" Talley for heading up the Beautification committee. Ginny is always looking for help and assistance with the committee, so why not give Ginny a call and offer your help and assistance. Ginny's telephone number is (918) 760-9899. Make that

call to Ginny, and offer your help for this committee. (Again, this is another area where your dues are utilized, so remit your annual dues of \$25.00.)

All of us have heard of the 80/20 rule. Twenty percent of the people make things happen and Eighty percent let the world go by. In which area do you fall? If you invested \$100,000 in your home, would you like to have your investment say drop to \$80,000, or increase to \$120,000. These figures are arbitrary, and only utilized to help visualize what can happen to your investment. Homeowner's Association work to help enhance a neighborhood and it takes the majority of homeowners to make the association work. This includes the payment of dues, working with committee, attending meetings, and in general getting involved with the association. The Country Aire Homeowners Association needs your help in all areas and payment of the dues to make it happen for all residents. Let the Officers and Board of CAHOA hear from you with your thoughts, ideas, concerns, and participation in activities.

There are numerous ideas and suggestions that have been discussed by the Officers and Board of Directors, but we cannot accomplish them without membership dues payment to the Association. Remit your dues of \$25 for 2011, an invoice is available at the website: [www.Cahoa.org](http://www.Cahoa.org) or on the back page of the this Breeze.

Become involved with the Country Aire Homeowners Association. If you are a member, talk to your neighbors about becoming a member of CAHOA.

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# Gardening Club Update

Our March meeting was at the home of Maxine Gage to plan upcoming events. The result from that meeting was an excursion to the Tulsa Garden Center on April 8th for the *Spring Fest Garden Market*. We really enjoyed shopping and touring the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. May 7th we are helping plant the 71st Street entrance to Country Aire. *Our next events are as follows:*

**June 11th** - Master Gardener's Annual Garden Tour

**July 18th** - A speaker has been requested from the Master Gardeners to discuss Oklahoma Proven Plants.

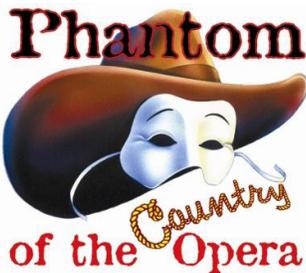
If you are needing more information on the club or events, contact Frankie Baker at 918-258-9939.



## Neighborhood Spring Planting Project

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the Spring planting of the the 71st (Kenosha) & N Fir entrance should be completed. We are conserving spending as much as possible. — *Ginny Talley.*

## Broken Arrow Community Playhouse!



**June 3-4, 9-11**  
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**June 12 matinee**  
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# BROKEN ARROW GARDEN TOUR

**June 4, 2011, 10:00am - 5:00pm**

Visit 5 gardens for one \$5 ticket.  
Tickets available at gardens on day of tour.

- 1604 W. Waco (Park on Florence)
- 1920 W. Broadway (Woodland Park at Aspen Creek)
- 1225 S. Tamarack Ave. (Lancaster Place)
- 7505 S. 4th St. (The Lakes)
- 7501 S. 4th St. (The Lakes)

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## SUMMER Yard of the Week

Summer is almost here and the yards are already looking good. I see a lot of work going on when driving around the neighborhood, people getting ready for our annual yard of week contest. Judges will award the yard of the week every saturday and sign will remain in the winners yard through the following saturday, when a new winner will get the sign for a week, etc.

We are asking for everyone's help this summer, in trying to keep our signs from disappearing. If everyone would keep watch when one of your neighbors has the sign or you have the sign. If you notice someone removing a sign, ask them, who they are. If they won't tell you then please take down description of vehicle or person and call the police. We need to catch whoever is taking these signs. The signs become very expensive when we have to replace them every year.

Several things are taking place here, when a sign disappears. It's not just taking a sign; they're trespassing on private property. Nobody has permission to remove the sign except the person who placed it there, or the homeowner.



Let's have a great summer and have lots of winners, we are planning to run the contest starting may 24th thru august 30th this year.

Keep up the good work and take some time to notice all the nice yards in our addition.

The judges try to be fair in awarding different yards from year to year, so keep this in mind if you don't win one year. It is not because you did not do a good job it may be that there were more yards to award the honor than there were weeks in the season. We want to be fair to all who put out the EFFORT TO KEEP THEIR YARDS NEAT.

*Chairman, Gene Redford*

## BLUE BELL'S TASTE OF SUMMER



**Saturday, June 25th,  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Blue Bell  
8201 E. Highway 51  
918.258.5100**

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*Cost is \$5.00 per person and children 6 and under are free!*

## Rockets Over Rhema



**Sunday, July 3rd  
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Church  
1025 West Kenosha**

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- one of the largest fireworks displays in the area
- an outdoor concert
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# EASTER IN THE PARK APRIL 2011

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 16th with around 50 children participating.

Many thanks to the kids and parents who emptied the andy and returned the eggs for use next year.

Thanks also to Sandra Finley, Lori Hall, Frankie Baker and Darlene McNutt for meeting at Kathy Dudleys home to fill the eggs with candy.

On Saturday morning the willing helpers to get ready were Gene Redford, John Maxwell, Gerald Bolerjack, Dave Laxson, Frankie Baker and Ginny and Al Talley and Holly and Heather Hoover. Thanks again to everyone.



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## Crape Myrtles: Great Summer-Long Color

*By Dianne Nail (from the Tulsa MG Newsletter)*

The woody shrub that is the 'flowering' queen of summer has to be the crape myrtle, *Lagerstroemia indica*. The hotter the summer becomes, the more prolific the crape myrtle blooms, sometimes up until the first frost. It comes in many sizes and an array of colors. Hybridizers are continually improving the species by creating longer periods of bloom, larger flowers and colorful foliage.

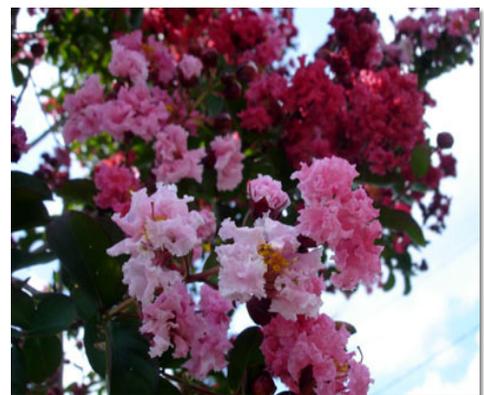
When choosing this super shrub, match the size to location. Crape myrtles come in 4 basic sizes-standard at 15-20 feet, semi-dwarf at 5-8 feet, dwarf up to 4 feet and miniature at less than 2 feet. In addition to the attractive blossoms, which is the Tulsa area's main color in summer, older plants often have very appealing exfoliating bark, an asset in all seasons. Some of the varieties also have colorful leaves in fall as an added bonus.

Establishment and care of crape myrtles is usually not a problem. We are at the northernmost range of their cold hardiness and some winterkill may occur in unusually cold winters. The good news is that these shrubs rapidly recover and both regrow and bloom in the following season. Powdery mildew on the foliage may be a problem. This is usually cultivar specific. If it recurs on a particular plant, preventative antifungal sprays are available, but it may be best in the long run to replace the susceptible plant with a disease resistant variety.

Do not prune crape myrtles without a reason. Many people over-prune either because their neighbor does it or they mistakenly think it increases numbers of blossoms. If the proper plant is selected for the area, no pruning is needed. If you do prune remove only the terminal foot or so of limbs in late winter or early spring before new growth begins.

After making your selection of crape myrtle based on color, disease resistance, and height matched for the location, sit back and enjoy the splash of color all summer long, brilliant fall color, and interesting silky sculptural trunks in winter.

[www.tulsamastergardeners.org](http://www.tulsamastergardeners.org)



*The point is that in your life, unless you make specific time for something that you feel committed to, you will always have other obligations and you will always be too busy. - DALAI LAMA*

# Tuesdays in the Park Concert Series



Cost: Free and open to the public  
Location: Central Park 7-9 pm  
1500 South Main Street  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012

Presented by the Broken Arrow Arts & Humanities Council. Those attending are welcome to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets, blankets and sit under the stars while enjoying musical entertainment. Concessions are available. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be moved to the North Intermediate High School Auditorium located at 808 East College.

- Date: 6/7//2011 7:00 PM • Entertainment: Salt Creek (gospel)**
- Date: 6/14/2011 7:00 PM • Entertainment: Mid Life Crisis (rock)**
- Date: 6/21/2011 7:00 PM • Entertainment: GC Greco (country)**
- Date: 6/22/2011 7:00 PM • Entertainment: Spectrum and Starr Fisher (jazz)**

# THURSDAY NIGHT THEATRE

Cost: Free and open to the public  
Location: Central Park 9 pm  
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Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012

- June 2nd - Wizard of Oz**
- June 9th - E.T.**
- June 16th - Karate Kid (2010)**
- June 23rd - Back to the Future**



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- 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  Santa in the Park  Entrance Improvement

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