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THE COUNTRY AIRE BREEZE

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COUNTRY WIDE YARD SALE

SATURDAY, SEPT 17th

In case you are new to the area, this is an opportunity for you to have your own Garage Sale without even having to advertise! The Board will be responsible for placing ads in the area newspaper, notifying the local TV stations and placing signs around the perimeter to attract potential buyers. All you have to do is get your things organized and be ready on the 17th. You set your own hours.

Buyers generally show up early, so approximate hours are from 7 to 5 PM.

M.e.t. Fall Environmental Events

Household Pollutant Collection November 5-6, 2011

Enter at Tulsa State Fairgrounds,15th & Sandusky

Items accepted include: household cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, automotive fluids, cooking oil, batteries, all fluorescent light bulbs, small ammunition, smoke alarms, aerosol paint, hobby paint, pool chemicals, items containing mercury, and unused or out-of-date prescription medications.

Items NOT accepted at the event: latex paint, tires, computers, radioactive waste and commercial waste. Latex paint is not accepted because it is not hazardous. It is water-based and can safely disposed of by being dried out. Remove the lid and let the paint completely dry. Tulsa residents can place 2 cans of dry paint next to regular residential trash for pick up.

Transport pollutants to the event in the trunk of a car or the bed of a pick up truck. Trained volunteers will remove pollutants from your vehicle for you.

Broken Arrow Action Center: 918-258-3587

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Upcoming Events

Sept 22 (Thurs)	Board Mtg	6:30 pm - Coldwell Banker
Sept 17 (SATURDAY)	Country Aire Wide GARAGE SALE	
Oct 20 (Thurs)	Board Mtg	6:30 pm - Coldwell Banker
Nov 17 (Thurs)	Board Mtg	6:30 pm - Coldwell Banker
Dec 3rd (Sat)	Santa in the Park	

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FROM THE PREZ

Hello, I hope your summer has not been too hot. I would say this has been a hot one for sure. We had a cool wet spring and then summer hit early and has not stopped.

Remember our Fall Garage Sale is the fourth Saturday which is September 17, 2011. Another chance to go through your garages and attics to clean out what you missed when we had the spring garage sale, or decided now you can part with it.

I know you are tired of hearing about membership and dues, but it is sad to think we are about to lose what we have built up in our addition for all these many years, as our membership still continues to drop. We have dropped from approximate 450 members to below 250 members. There is also another message in this, and that is nobody reads the Breeze or pays any attention to what our association has been doing anyway. Our board has tried several things to get the membership up, but no luck. With this I assume nobody cares about how our addition will look. Starting in January we will have to stop the lawn care for all of the entrances and right a ways and most likely will have to stop printing the Breeze, too. We will be so low on funds by the end of the year and with no increase in members in sight, there are no more funds coming in to cover expenses.

I don't know if the present board will continue to meet or not, I know one member has said it is time to shut it down and let somebody else step up if they want. I for one will not stay on another year, as I am tired of nobody wanting to step up to the plate and help. I could also take this as a sign that I am not doing the job and it is time for a change.

Remember if you have any questions or ideas you can contact any of the board members and we will be glad to hear from you on what we can do to make some changes. We need some ideas on what to do in getting more members.

Gene Redford, Cahoa President

Broken Arrow PAC Events!

September 29, 2011	Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra featuring Wynton Marsalis
October 27, 2011	Cirque Mechanics BOOM TOWN
December 17, 2011	Ernie Haase & Signature Sound
January 31, 2012	Elvis Lives- Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Event
February 26, 2012	BLAST!
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CAHOA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE, FALL 2011

John Maxwell, Treasurer

Country Aire Homeowners Association is a voluntary membership, and covers Country Aire Estates I through VI, and was incorporated with the State of Oklahoma in October 1992. Country Aire Estates Plat was filed with the regulatory authorities in June 1973, with Country Aire II filed September 1976, with III, IV, & 5 filed in subsequent years with Country Aire VI being filed December 1979. There was no homeowners association set up during the periods indicated above. In the editions listed above there are over 900 homes, and this association is the largest in the area, and dues have remained at $25.00 per year since being organized. Again, this is a voluntary association with the Officers, Directors, and committee members are all volunteers that are interested in the common good and general welfare of the community by 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.

There is another Country Aire Homeowners group, which covers Country Aire Estates VII, and that is a mandatory association, with yearly dues being more than double the voluntary dues. This association covers the south and west portions of Country Aire Estates and shares several streets and entrances to Country Aire Estates with our Association.

Pervious Breeze editions have highlighted various tasks, events, and activities that our association performs for our members. Most of these, especially the more costly, are undertaken to help maintain and increase the value and appearance of the neighborhood. The dues received for membership is the only way that funds are raised for the associations operations. There are ads sold for the Country Aire Breeze, but these funds only help offset the cost of the newsletter.

The above information has been provided as information for the newer residents in Country Aire and also to refresh the memories of some of the long time residents in Country Aire, and to provide some ground work for providing some answers to several questions that have been presented to the Association over the past couple of years.

As I stated at the start of this article, this is a voluntary association and what we get accomplished is due to volunteers. There are volunteers who have responded to requests to help with the entrances and with this association we have 7 entrances and two of these are ones that numerous residents forget about as they are not utilized by the majority of our residents. These entrances are (1) Olive (129th) and West El Paso and (2) Laurel and Houston (81st Street.) Previous years we have had volunteers that took care of these entrances, but we lack sufficient volunteers to cover all these entrances. The volunteers take care of an entrance and they will normally obtain the plants that are utilized at the locations and present the association with a receipt and are reimbursed for their expenses. We always have an item on the web site or an article in the breeze about entrance work. We have some volunteers and then often the chairperson of the committee takes care of the matter by contacting some of the residents who have volunteered. Other board members pitch in at times. Several of us handle various entrances, which includes transporting water on a regular basis to keep the plants going. The entrance at West El Paso and Olive has not been worked with this year due to the construction and the fact that it has been closed for a large portion of the construction until recently. Is there anyone who would like to be in charge of the beautification at this, or any other entrance? If so please let us know and the committee will work with you?

The Country Aire Estates signages that you see at the 7 entrances have all been purchased by the association to replace the large green letters that were at each entrance. The last of the green letters, or what was left of them were removed by several of the volunteers after a discussion that the entrances would look better with them all removed rather than the incomplete wording due to the missing letters. The signs cost over $1000.00 each, and there is one new sign at all locations with the exception being Kenosha and North Fir where there are two, one on each side of the signage in the middle of the road. Two entrances have a bare rock wall, where the individual letters have been removed. Replacement of these letters with new the new logo sign has not been made due to one large reason, the lack of funds due to the drop of paid membership into the association. The officers and Board are aware of the need for signage at these two entrances. It would also be great to have new signs at 4 of the other entrances, but these locations would require construction of a mounting base and area to match the existing one. Again, this cannot be accomplished without the proper funding, which again comes from membership dues being paid.

As to "Yard of the Week" and to the "Christmas yard of the Week" programs that are set up by our association, again, the judges for these programs are volunteers from Country Aire Estates. Country Aire is divided into 4 areas with a judge for each area. Judges make their weekly rounds in their assigned section, and their selection is their decision based on many factors. If someone is interested in being a judge for either of the contests, please let us know.

Now that brings us back to the Homeowners dues! The association cannot accomplish all that we would like to do, as we do not have funding. From the beginning days of the association, we have not had full participation of all homes in Country Aire. Up through 2006 we had over 50% of the homeowners paying the dues of $25.00. The percentage of members has continued to drop each year, therefore our available funds have continued to deteriorate and the association has had to pass on some of our projects.

As we have stated in the past, it takes all residents to help keep a neighborhood retain and increase its value. Your home is your largest investment and we all want that to increase, or at it worst retain its value. It takes all of us in Country Aire to make it happen. During late June and early July, out of 4 closings on homes in Country Aire, 1 home sale closed at $138.000, 1 home sale closed at $125,000, 1 home sale closed at $77,400, and 1 home sale closed at $55,000.

Protect your investment, help our homeowners association, volunteer and help with some of our projects, both old and new, if we can increase our revenues, and remit your 2011 dues of only $25.00.

Thanks, and awaiting your dues payment, if you have not all ready remitted.

Gardening Club Update

In June, we enjoyed going on the Tulsa Master Gardeners Garden Tour and saw some beautiful yards. Our July event was a trip to Gilcrease Museum for lunch and a tour of the new exhibit, Gold of Ancient Panama, and other exhibits. We also saw a small garden at the museum.

There will not be a meeting in August. Our next scheduled meeting will be September 19th, 2011

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

Free Health Classes at Persimmon Hollow!

The Village Herbalist is facilitating a series of natural health classes, continuing through November 22nd, 2011. Each class will include a brief introduction, a video on the topic for the evening, and some time for questions and discussion afterwards. Bring a notebook and pen because you'll want to take notes.

Classes will be held at Troubador's Emporium each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to about 8:30 or 9:00 (except for the class on Enzymes scheduled on 9/29/11, that's a Thursday evening). Registration is required as class size is limited. To register for any or all of these classes, please call Terry Honeyman at 918-640-9387 and leave a message with your name, number and that you'd like to register for a class (or classes), or send an email to terry@naturalremedyalternatives.com with 'Registration' typed in the subject line.

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09/06/11	Cholesterol: Fact & Myth
09/13/11	Allergy & Sinus Relief
09/20/11	Taming the Troubled Tummy
09/29/11	Enzymes: The Spark Plugs of Life
10/04/11	More Than Skin Deep
10/11/11	Have a Good Night's Sleep
10/18/11	Fibromyalgia
10/25/11	Inflammation
11/01/11	Mend The Mind
11/08/11	Anti-Aging: A Radical Idea
11/15/11	The Miracle of Paw Paw
11/22/11	Cancer: Unlocking The Mystery

FARMERS' ON MAIN MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY until October 22nd! 8:00 a.m. until Noon 418 S. Main Street

The Broken Arrow farmers market," Market on Main", is open from 8 am until noon each Saturday starting in mid April and runs through mid October. "Market on Main" is located at 418 South Main Street in the downtown shopping district.

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I am so excited to share this link to OPT OUT of that huge weekly packet of circulars and advertisements that are in our mailbox every single week from REDPLUM. It took 3 weeks, but I have not received it since March. If this goes straight into your recycle bin like it did me, **Save a Tree and Opt Out!** *(Next, I'll be working on those phone books.)*

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2011-2012 Season
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Daughters of the Lone Star State
Sept 2-4 8 pm, Sept 9-11, 2 pm
The Daughters of the Lone Star State are having their annual meeting. The old group is literally dying out, so this year's all-out effort is to attract new members. Chaos erupts when "outsiders" arrive who threaten the "high standards" of the club. Fresh, funny, vivid characters who humorously dig down to the core of prejudice.

And Then There Were None
October 21-23, 28-30, 2011
Agatha Christie tells the tale of ten strangers who are invited to a mansion on an island. Once there, it soon becomes evident that there is a killer among them - and unless they can stop him or her in time, they will all be wiped out one by one. Test your detective skills and see if you can figure out "who done it."

Fall is the Time to Divide for Spring

The fall gardening season is the ideal time to divide spring blooming perennials such as day lilies, ornamental grasses, and hostas. This is a simple task and one that can be performed up until the first part of November. Fewer blooms, dead foliage in the center, or a plant that has simply outgrown its space in the garden are all indications that it is time to divide. To minimize the effect of shock, choose to work in the evening or on a cloudy day. Using a spade, work around the edges of the plant to loosen it from the soil, then gently lift, leaving as much of the root ball intact as possible. Shake off any loose soil and, with the spade or a sharp knife, cut the crown into smaller quart or gallon sized clumps. Discard any dead foliage and remove any damaged roots. Before replacing the mother plant, amend the soil with a small amount of compost. Water deeply and keep soil moist after planting. The remaining plants can be used elsewhere in the landscape or given away to a fellow gardener. For more information on using perennials in the landscape see Fact Sheet HLA-6410.

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Please click on the links above to access information about this exciting evening, and be sure to pick up tickets at all our local outlets.

Advance tickets are $40 • Tickets at the door are $50.

This year's event will takes place **Friday, Oct. 14, 2011**, **from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, at the Farmer's Market and BA Historical Society in Downtown Broken Arrow. For more information, please call (918) 906-1555.

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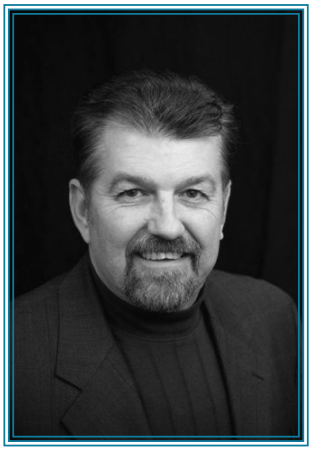

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
RE: Up swing in car break-ins via "Car Hopping" method

In our city one of the most common property crimes is automobile burglary. We typically see an uptick in these crimes over the summer months. This year has been no different.

Since May 2011 through July 26, 2011 we have had over 40 reported car break-ins in Broken Arrow.

Quick Tips:

Always remove valuables from your vehicle

Lock your car doors

Park car in garage if possible, second best choice would be driveway

Report suspicious activity to the police at 918-451-8400

See crime trends in your neighborhood at **www.crimereports.com**.

We'd like to make the community aware of a growing crime trend we have seen time and again. It's a method of auto burglary called "car hopping."

"Car hopping" is the practice of attempting to locate unlocked or unsecured vehicles by pulling on door handles. If the criminal finds an open door, he or she will rummage through the car stealing any items which might catch their fancy. We have seen cars selected for items as trivial as loose change, cigarettes and sunglasses. Of course, valuable electronic items such as laptop computers, GPS units, I-Pods, and car audio equipment are preferred items of choice by crooks. "Car hopping" can be a crime of opportunity, however, we frequently run into two or more suspects working in concert. Often times, those involved will coordinate their efforts by using cell phones. It is not uncommon for one individual to drive and lookout while another actively searches for and commits the unlawful entry into unlocked cars. It is important to realize that the people doing this will bypass locked cars. They are looking for the path of least resistance. "Car hoppers" like to try many different vehicles to see what they easily can get. Places like apartment complexes, movie theaters, and residential neighborhoods are favored hunting grounds for these people.

Some of the individuals we have caught "car hopping" mistakenly believe that entering an unlocked vehicle somehow makes them less responsible or accountable for their actions. However, unlawfully entering a vehicle with the intent to steal completes the crime of second degree burglary which is a felony here in Oklahoma.

Please help us in our duties by making your car a harder target for thieves. Let's cooperate in our efforts to keep Broken Arrow one of Oklahoma's safest cities and put "car hoppers" out of business.

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

Oprah Winfrey

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Free Broken Arrow Events!

Sand Dazzle Sand Sculpture Contest

Presented by Broken Arrow Parks Department
Date: 9/3/2011 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Cost: Free and open to the public
Location: Nienhuis Community Center
3201 North 9th Street

Heart of Broken Arrow Arts & Crafts Fair

Date: 9/17/2011
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: Central
Park Community Center
1500 South Main Street

Lunch Box Fall Series

Author presentations on Tuesdays in Oct 2011
October 4, 11, 18, and 25 - Authors TBA
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Cost: Free to the public
Location: South Broken Arrow Library
3600 South Chestnut

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance. - ALAN WATTS

Country Aire Homeowner's Association Membership Payment Coupon

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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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