

# Country Aire Estates **Breeze**



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Box 470 • 2608 W. Kenosha • Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Spring/Summer 2022

## **ANNUAL MEETING** **TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 @ 6:30PM** Peter's Elementary - Media Center

### Agenda for CAHOA Annual Meeting:

- **Introductions**
- **Program – 1)** Representatives from the City of Broken Arrow will discuss the “revised” No Solicitation ordinance and how it effects CAHOA residents. This is particularly important for CAHOA because we are a voluntary HOA, not mandatory, nor otherwise required by Deed Covenants. They will also present neighborhood crime statistics and where we can see tips on how to best protect ourselves.
- 2) Karen Gilbert with Tulsa Crime Stoppers will present the Alert Neighbors Program to engage neighborhoods in communication and collaboration to prevent crime and improve security in their homes and neighborhood. If there is interest, training will be scheduled at a later date.
- 3) Ross Ford, our Oklahoma State Representative, will discuss State issues and laws that effect us, and will answer questions from our audience. Want to get to know

your State Representative? Here’s your opportunity!

- **CAHOA Calendar of Events**
- **Business Meeting** - Election of new Board Members and Officers, Discuss potential amendment to By-Laws.

The meeting will be held in person and made available through streaming on the “Search CAHOA Facebook Live” page. Viewers will be able to observe and listen to the meeting. If any CAHOA resident/homeowner has questions, please email the questions in advance to: [cahoa5@hotmail.com](mailto:cahoa5@hotmail.com), or use the Facebook Live link. We will monitor those during the program and attempt to present the questions and answers live online. Please clearly identify yourself as a resident of our neighborhood. Written questions are much easier to present and understand.



## **2022 UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 17 (Thursday) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
March 1 (Tuesday) Annual Meeting	6:30 pm
March 17 (Thursday) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
April 9 (Saturday) Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am
April 21 (Thursday) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
April 23 (Saturday) Spring Garage Sale	7:00 am
April 30 (Saturday) Dumpster Day	8:00am
May 19 (Thursday) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *
May 30 Summer Yard of the Week starts	
June 16 (Thursday) Board Meeting	6:30 pm *

\* See [cahoa.org](http://cahoa.org) home page for Board Meeting Location.

The Spring garage sale will be held on Saturday, 4/23/2022, rain or shine. The only exception might be a government mandate or other recommendation to not hold the event. In that case, it will be rescheduled to another date, and we will again publicize it.

The CAHOA places ads in five community newspapers, including Tulsa World in their print and on-line editions. Tulsa World also sends out a text alert the day of our event to their subscribers. 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.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Bill Thomas

Despite the resurgence of a new COVID variant, and all the negatives associated, I am an optimist. For me, Hope does spring eternal. But often you must look for the positives around you. Our CAHOA Board volunteers have a positive attitude about the work and service we do for no financial reward. We take joy in seeing the neighborhood we live in look better. We enjoy friendly neighbors; we appreciate each of you that help others, just because you want to. When a neighbor offers you help or a small gift, accept it graciously and be willing to offer back. Even be willing to offer first. There can be new good friends on your block just waiting to be discovered.

- There is favorable news for homeowners along Haikey Creek which meanders through the east side of our complex. An elderly homeowner contacted CAHOA because of overgrown brush and trees in the creek bed area along her backyard. There was also significant debris washed down from upstream. She reported that City personnel told her that she was responsible to clean it up. Upon request, CAHOA contacted the City of Broken Arrow to verify this was accurate. After investigation, the City responded that since they own the property along this creek, the City is responsible to maintain it. The homeowner tells me that City crews have recently been working diligently to clean up and maintain the creek.

- We have a new Volunteer Committee Coordinator, Kevin Rider. Look for his communications for getting our residents involved. He must be good at encouraging volunteers, his wife now handles the entry planter at S. Fir Ave and W. Houston (81st St.).

- We have a new editor for the Breeze, Bruce Carlton, since our editor for 26+ years, Dianna Burrup, decided to retire. We are very sorry for her to retire, but we feel certain that Bruce will continue to provide us an excellent newsletter now and in the future. Bruce has been a Country Aire Estates resident for several years. Bruce has a very strong and extensive background in print and media.

- The CAHOA Board is replacing old signs we have been using for many years to alert members about events - Yard of the Week, Easter Egg Hunt, etc. We will soon display new signs with new designs by Bruce Carlton which incorporate our neighborhood logo. If you like them, call or email Bruce.

- We have almost finished repainting the wood signs at our two entries off of N. Aspen Ave (S. 145th E Ave) on the east side of our neighborhood. The old paint and some wood at ground level had deteriorated significantly. When the Christmas lights are removed, we'll look at finishing up on a warm day. In addition, some touch up painting is necessary on our other six entry signs this next Spring. If performing that task interests you, contact Bill Thomas or another CAHOA Board member in the future to discuss.

- The City of BA says weekly pick up of recycling will start back up in February sometime not yet defined. I'm all for that. It means fewer trips to the local M.E.T. Recycling Center on N. Elm Place. They do a tremendous job there, but I recommend using the City Recycling service instead now.

- As an HOA, we exist for many purposes. These include the managing and care of common property, hosting events to help create a sense of community,

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## CAHOA Board Members - 2022-2023

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and to promote safety and security in our homes and neighborhood. We operate with 9 volunteer board members (not paid), and many, many other volunteers who help with beautification and other projects. But we constantly need new volunteers to become involved. There typically is more work than there are people to help. If you have any interest to volunteer for the betterment of your neighborhood, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kevin Rider at kev.ezrider@ gmail.com or 918-350-4898, or contact one of our board members. We will match your availability and skill to one of the many opportunities.

- After some organizing and planning, CAHOA will soon begin distributing Welcome bags and Broken Arrow info to new residents in our neighborhood. If you moved into Country Aire Estates I-VI during the past year of 2021, send us an email to the address found on our website, including your name, address and when you moved in.
- Look elsewhere in this newsletter for articles on the Annual Meeting on March 1, recommendations for curb painting, and proposed minor changes to CAHOA By-Laws.



## Membership

CAHOA has more homes than any other Tulsa County neighborhood which allows us to keep the annual dues at \$25. With this money the CAHOA maintains the beautification of seven entrances, two park planters, mows the perimeters of our subdivision, publishes the bi-yearly Breeze, organizes the best Easter Egg hunt in the area, advertises two annual garage sales, hosts an annual Summer In The Park event and is inaugurating our first Dumpster Day in 2022. There's much more CAHOA volunteers would like to do. During 2021 our home memberships totaled 377. Our largest expense (by far) is mowing and entrance beautification. Please support CAHOA by paying your annual dues of \$25.

A form is available on Page 9 of this newsletter for you to pay by mail. You can also pay online at [www.cahoa.org](http://www.cahoa.org). Or use your phone to scan the QR code on the membership signs at each of our neighborhood entrances.



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# Dumpster Day

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The event will be at "our" Country Aire Park parking lot next to the pool. The dumpster and our volunteers will be in the parking lot. Only paid up CAHOA members will be allowed to dump at this event. We will check membership status at the event before you're allowed to dump. If you have not paid your dues yet this year, clip the coupon on Page 9 of this issue of the Breeze, and submit in the mail, or pay online at <http://www.cahoa.org/> before April 9. Alternatively, you can join and pay \$25 at the dumpster site.

### Guidelines for the event:

1. One way traffic only on the park drives. Drive into the parking lot via the east entrance off Fir Ave, using the southbound lane of Fir Ave only. After unloading, exit only on the northbound park drive to College St. Do not enter from College St. If a line of vehicles forms, please wrap the traffic line back around the corner on to the west leg of College. Do not block the intersection at College Street and Fir Ave.
2. You must be a paid CAHOA I-VI member for 2022. Bring a driver's license and/or utility bill to verify your current address. CAHOA Board volunteers will be at the dumpster site to verify membership and monitor the items dumped. You are allowed one (1) pick up size load per home address.
3. See the list of prohibited items at the end of this article not allowed to dump. Be smart and do not bring them. Most are hazardous materials, and many cannot be legally disposed of in this dumpster.
4. You must unload your own items into the dumpster. Understand that the walls of the container are 6 ft. high.
5. Dumpster use is on a first come, first served basis. When the dumpster is full, the event is over.



**When: Saturday April 30th  
8am-4pm, or until the dumpster is full.**

**Where: Country Aire Park parking lot, use Fir Ave. entrance, southbound traffic lane only.**

**Prohibited items:** Refrigerators, freezers, hot water tanks, tires, paint, adhesives, car batteries, Lithium-Ion (rechargeable) batteries, medical waste, flammable and hazardous materials, oils/fuels, lawn and pool chemicals, cleaners, ink/resins, asbestos, pressurized tanks, industrial drums or barrels, ammunition/explosives, fluorescent light bulbs, fluorescent fixture ballasts, electronics (TV's, etc.), no food or organic waste, no grass, leaves, tree limbs.

## Union School Board Candidates

On Tuesday, February 8th, residents of Union School Zone 2 (which includes much of Country Aire Estates) will be given the opportunity to vote for one of three school board candidates. If no one candidate receives 50% of the total, a runoff will be held on April 5th of the top two candidates. The three candidates are Mrs. Shelley Gwartney, Dr. Chris McNeil and Mr. Derek Rader. CAHOA reached out to the candidates for an opportunity to share their position with our neighborhood. They were asked to keep their response under 500 words. We have posted their Bios and platform positions on the CAHOA website. Visit it at [www.cahoa.org](http://www.cahoa.org) to inform yourself before voting day.

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Easter is April 17th this year, so we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10am on April 9th. This is a FREE event for all Country Aire Estates residents and their guests. We will again have it at the Peter's Elementary School playground. We will divide the area by age. All children from toddlers to 8th grade are invited to participate. We have lots of candy and welcome all. Keep in mind the eggs are gathered very quickly, so show up on time. The event typically only lasts 15 minutes. Kids are fast when it comes to collecting candy. We look forward to seeing you there.

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# CAHOA Board Needs

We would like to start off by saying "THANK YOU" to the volunteers who help the neighborhood. We have had a fantastic Board who has served in the same positions for several years. We need your help with:

• **Distributing the BREEZE**

If you like going on walks twice a year and wouldn't mind placing the Breeze on the doorstep of 20-30 houses, then this is the job for you. Please let Terry Bryan know you can help by email at TLBryan1@cox.net.

• **YARD of the Week**

If you'd like to select the winning yards, we need additional volunteers during the summer. The summer rotation is for a full ten weeks, but rather than 4 people selecting all summer, we would like to divide it into 5-week rotations. Therefore, we need 8 volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Julie Liniger 918-521-6856.

• **Board SECRETARY**

If you can attend a monthly meeting and take notes, then this is the job for you. You'll need to be able to type your notes and upload these by email.

• **Board TREASURER**

The good news is the bulk of the Treasurer responsibilities take place in January and February and since you'll be coming on board in March it should be an easy transition. You are responsible for depositing mailed checks, writing checks to our vendors, balancing the checkbook ledger, and budgeting our expenses. You'll meet with our financial officer once a month and with the board once a month.

Thank you to those who serve our community, we couldn't do this without you. Keeping the neighborhood looking good is a big task, and not just the entrances, but we have great volunteers who step up by picking up trash in our neighborhood on their morning walk and so much more!

Every resident plays a part and keeping your area nice is appreciated.

If you are interested or just want more information, please contact Julie Liniger 918-521-6856 or Kevin Rider 918-350-4898 (our volunteer coordinator).

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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Beth Yenca - CAHOA Secretary

Welcome to 2022! It seems like 2021 went through with a "breeze." (Pun intended). I hope you all had a great year.

The beginning of the year started out quite a bit colder. It was very reminiscent of the last winter our family lived in Pennsylvania before we moved to Oklahoma. The Polar Vortex hit in 2014 and we had sub-zero temps without a windchill. It was one of the things that made Oklahoma very attractive when my husband accepted his job offer here. So far this year is still a bit chilly, and hopefully we won't have a repeat polar vortex.

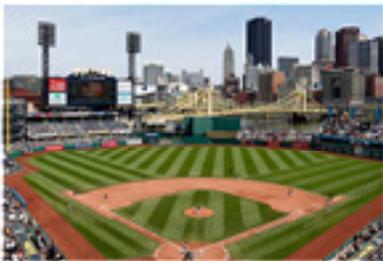
Our neighborhood was able to hold all of our normal events. We had our two Garage Sales (Spring & Fall), our Easter Egg Hunt (which was a BIG hit!) and our Summer Social. We love hosting these events. It's great to get to know our neighbors, so when you see us at these events, feel free to stop by so we can meet you and your family. We are here for our community.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

by Julie Liniger

During 2021 we received donations from 377 members totaling \$15,523.96. Thank you! We meet our financial obligations through the generosity of members paying over the minimum amount and those who pay past dues at home closings. Our expenses for 2021 were \$13,184.65. The income and expense for 2020 was very similar to this year. Considering our finances have varied greatly from year to year, I consider the stability to be a great success. Again, thank you so much to the members who pay our annual dues and to the board members who are good stewards of our resources, we literally could not do this without you.

Hope Lawn Care, a Country Aire resident has done a wonderful job of maintaining the grass at our 7 entrances and those surrounding areas. He has offered us a price that our budget and board appreciates. Volunteers have assisted in the many planters by pulling weeds, watering, and caring for the beautiful flowers. These actions save us a significant amount since we do not have to pay for the service.

I want to say THANK YOU, to Linda Webb, our Financial Officer, who has met with me to balance the bank statements.

At 40-years-old, my husband and I are young-ones on the board. I'd like to encourage new-bloods to become more active in our neighborhood as CAHOA volunteers and CAHOA Board members.

The bulk of the Treasurer tasks take place during January and February, therefore someone taking over will be able to come in and not be overwhelmed with responsibilities. The previous Treasurer cre-

ated a helpful month-by-month guide for us to follow. You will be responsible for depositing mailed checks, writing checks to vendors, reimbursing other board members, meeting with the Financial Officer monthly to balance the bank statements to the check ledger, and providing a monthly report for the board meetings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me, 918-521-6856, or our CAHOA President, Bill Thomas at 918-521-9961. The CAHOA Board is a group of wonderful people to work with, please join the team.

## Country Aire Planters

by D. L. Parkhurst

We have beautiful planters at all our community entrances and in the parks that are solely maintained by volunteers. I'd like to take a moment to publicly thank them. They include: Carol Kennedy, Kim Rampey, Karine & Bill Thomas, Don Wilson, Linda Webb, Mary Lux, Kevin & Tammy Rider, Judy Newman, Joe & Debra Parkhurst, as well as Terry Bryan on the sprinkler system at Fir and 71st. Although we deal with punishing weather, insects, voles, rabbits and deer, we delight in creating lovely gardens for you to enjoy. If you happen to know these folks or see them out working on a garden, won't you stop and thank them? And we're always looking for volunteers to join us. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Debra Parkhurst at 918-312-2090.

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# Your Local Gardener

by D. L. Parkhurst

The seed catalogs are coming in the mail. Even through the cold thoughts turn to gardening as I think about what did well and what didn't do so well last year. The old standby's are always reliable if you have at least six hours of sun in the spot where you plant them - that goes for most vegetables as well as annual flowers like Zinnias, Petunias and most annuals you buy from a nursery or store. For shadier places, you can grow a few vegetables like lettuce (only in the spring or fall), and other leafy things. Ornamentals for shade include hosta, impatiens, and coleus.



I'd like to encourage you to plant some things for the pollinators and butterflies. You need pollinators for good fruit set on things like peppers and tomatoes, plus you'll be helping the environment. Tiny fliers love Dill flowers and Alyssum. Native and honey bees love the flowers of Anise Hyssop and Basil. All these plants are easy to start from seed.

Our state butterfly, the Black Swallowtail, loves easy to grow Zinnia and Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower) and will lay tiny eggs on your Dill, Rue or Parsley. Very tiny dark specks emerge in days and grow into interesting fat black and green caterpillars. They will crawl away to make their chrysalis when large enough. Monarch butterflies also love the same easy to grow from seed flowers. Monarchs will only lay eggs on varieties of milkweed. Milkweed seeds must be placed

in slightly damp sand and refrigerated for a month before planting if you are to have success, or you can buy plants from local nurseries. Monarch eggs also hatch into green and black caterpillars which soon climb away to make amazing green chrysalis' with gold flecks and rings. The Monarchs regularly migrate through our area spring and fall. If you plant for pollinators, please don't use pesticides anywhere near their food plants.

A tip - if some of your plants didn't make it through the winter, it's just as important to water during cold weather as it is hot. We've had little rainfall this winter. Well-watered plants can survive below freezing more successfully than ones in dry ground.

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Afternoon Extended Day begins at 3:35 pm and ends at 5:45 pm  
High School — Each day begins at 8:15 am and ends at 3:05 pm

# Curb Painting by Everett

by David Webb

It may seem insignificant at first thought...but having your home address painted on your curb is a safety issue, as well as a thoughtful idea. Firefighters, police, and ambulances look for the fastest response time to your location. Allowing these services to find your home quickly can be a life saver. Recently, I found Curb Painting by Everett, as my "old" painted house number had faded to basically nothing after many years of wear and by our extreme weather in Broken Arrow. Everett Wilson is the President at a neighboring HOA, is a building contractor by trade, and a curb painter for a reason. Everett feels the safety factor is needed to help first responders in particular. Second, Everett uses the fees generated by his curb painting service to fund mission trips to all parts of the World.

Everett has also decided to give a percentage of his fees from painting County Aires Estates curbs, back to your CAHOA...thereby helping our HOA financially. Our CAHOA Board has voted to make CURB PAINTING BY EVERETT a Preferred Vendor.

Please give CURB PAINTING BY EVERETT a call at 918-408-8174, and help yourself and our CAHOA.

# ADDRESS YOUR CURB

Having your address painted on your curb is not only thoughtful, it is also a safety issue. Firefighters, police and ambulances use the curb to find your house when responding to an emergency. Get your curb address repainted today and help our neighborhood as well.



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