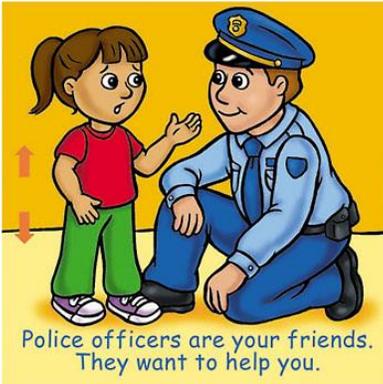


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**National Night Out**  
 Please leave your porch lights on!  
 Yukon Police Department  
 100 South Ranchwood Blvd, off HWY 66<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, September 13th  
 6:00 to 9:00 PM



FREE

Food and drinks will be provided so please come and enjoy.

Children especially welcome! Come and meet your Friendly Police Officers!

## Yukon Police Department Last Month Crime Statistics

*We are pro-active!*



On July 13th around the 1400 block of Chimney Hills Road, a vehicle was broken into and several items were stolen from that vehicle.

*Lt. Zach Roberson, YPD*



## LOCK UP AND LOCK OUT



Most car thefts can be prevented by Locking Up and Locking Out.

7 years ago in our neighborhood, the most repeated crime was car theft from unlocked vehicles. It is the easiest and quietest—just walk down the street pulling on the car doors. If caught, the burglar can easily look legitimate, no broken windows—“Just getting something out of the car for ....”

Neighbors started double-checking their car doors and locking up. Through the years neighbors have continued to report attempted break-ins from their locked vehicles. The crime has never gone away; neighbors just take the pro-active step of locking up. Over time, criminals know that Neighborhood Watch areas will feel safe to the point of becoming less pro-active—thus letting the guard down.

- 1) Consider outdoor lights and possibly outdoor cameras to reduce the risk of having your car window smashed.

VACATIONERS can be pro-active:

- ✓ Let your “5 Houses” know that you will be out of town and what cars if any will be on the driveway.
- ✓ Call the Yukon Police Department and ask for an Extra Patrol (once a day drive-by).

**We practice the “Five House” Rule**—Get to know the neighbors next door to the left and right and the three houses across from you.

**We are eyes and ears for our community.**

**Our Mission...**We agree to work together, in respect for each other, for the purpose of protecting property, human life, deterring crime through cooperation and crime prevention actions.

**Neighborhood Watch** is a non-profit organization that is not directly or indirectly related to the Yukon Police Department. It is separate entity that receives support through guidance. Neighborhood Watch agrees to notify the Yukon Police Department of any suspicious activity or areas of concern.

**Von Elm East Borders:** north WAGNER RD, east SARA RD, south SYLVAN SAND, west DEER CREEK



## In Real Estate – Von Elm East

For real-estate related questions and current market pricing specific to your home

Greg Ouren 405.630.4695 gregsell@kw.com  
www.2potatoes.com

Address	BUILT	BED/BA/GAR	SqFt	LIST/CLOSED
<b>ACTIVE:</b>				
4729 Deer Creek	1981	4/2/2	2370	189,500
4517 Deer Creek	1981	3/2/2	2188	179,500
<b>PENDING:</b>				
4520 Deer Creek	1983	3/2.5/4	1822	205,000
<b>CLOSED:</b>				
4501 SkyTrail Ct	1983	3/2/2	1673	165,000
1321 Sylvan Sand	1983	3/3/2	2843	180,000
<b>YUKON SCHOOL DIST STATS:</b>				
393 ACTIVE AVE \$238,972 /108.38		134 PENDING		
AVE \$197,158/ 99.10				
93 SOLD \$189,772 /98.70		51 DAYS ON MARKET		
METRO STATS: AVERAGE SELL PRICE \$191,628 (June)				
GETTING 99% OF LIST PRICE				

- Mow and edge neatly before killing frost.
- Clean up marginal water garden plants after first frost kill the tops.
- Place a net over the water garden to prevent leaves from falling in the water.
- Remove diseased plant material from the landscape to reduce disease problems next year.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**JULY** Yard of the Month was 1401 Viola Drive. Homer and Margie Smithee have lived there since 2004. Their yard has always been in great shape.



**AUGUST** Yard of the Month is 1420 Wilcox Lane. Kyle and Beth Card have lived there just over a year and have made a great addition to our neighborhood!

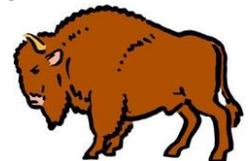


**Neighbors Share...**283 neighbors on Von Elm East Facebook can post positive comments directly on our timeline.

July 12: Neighbors make us aware solicitors are in the neighborhood-- **Kelly:** Terrell's Siding rep on Elk Run. 6:30 Tuesday

July 24: Neighbors help with Lost & Found Pets-- **Lisa:** Sam got out last night on Oswego. He's declawed and an inside cat. Please let me know if you've seen him!  
July 30: **Janet:** Does anyone know this dog?

July 24: Neighbors have knowledge --**Bill:** We are having a visitor from France next week who wants to see a buffalo but she will be here for only one day. Does anyone know of a place close by where she could see one? (More on our Facebook page.)



July 28: Neighbors make us aware of road conditions— **Brian:** "Current as of 5:30am - I-40 eastbound is down to 2 lanes... but plan accordingly if this the route you normally take."

July 28: Neighbors report suspicious activity to us— **Sherree:** Why are all the police in our neighborhood just now?? 5-6 police cars.

--I followed them in from the Sara Rd entrance, made a left and first right at first stop sign down that street...sorry don't know the street names.



## The Green Thumb for September

From: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service  
HLA-6408 Landscape Maintenance Schedule

- Plant spring flowering bulbs now in well-drained soils with good sunlight. Planting depth is two times bulb diameter.
- Plant pansies, kale, and cabbage.
- Dig and store tender bulbs and tubers in a cool dry place.
- Container-grown shade trees and pines are most successfully planted in the fall. Broadleaf evergreens or bare-root plants are best planted in the spring.
- In mid-month, fertilize cool season lawns.
- Seeding of cool-season grasses for perennial lawns can continue through mid-October.
- Over-seeding of warm-season lawns with cool-season grasses for winter should be performed late this month. Warm-season lawns are healthiest if winter over-seeding is not performed.
- Continue mowing cool-season lawns on a regular basis, even if warm-season grasses have quit growing.
- Remove leaves from cool-season grasses or mow with mulching mower.
- October is an excellent time to control broadleaf weeds in well-established warm or cool-season lawns with a post-emergent broadleaf weed killer. Don't apply to seeding fescue.

**Madi:** It was Von Elm Place. I'm getting my neighbors mail and watching their place. There was someone going into their house. My neighbors didn't know who it was and asked us to call the police. It ended up being her son-in-law and his friend. I only saw the friend and we didn't know the car. But we called to be safe. All is good.

**Cheryl:** Thank you so much for letting us know! We have a wonderful watchful neighborhood that just keeps proving it again and again. We watch out for each other.

**Madi:** I love all of my neighbors, this is seriously the best neighborhood! I have lived here since I was 5 and bought the house from my parents when they moved.

Aug 2: Neighbors use the information in newsletters--

**Donna:** Cheryl, in our newsletter for lawn care in today's newsletter, the telephone number is wrong. I called the number and a lady answered and told me that was her number and not the person I was trying to get a hold of.

Thank you, I thought you would probably want to know.

Tanner Dyer Mowing Service

Hello Neighbors I am back this year and ready to mow your lawns.

I am 16 and live off Hunton Terrace, I am very dependable and a very hard worker! I mowed a few lawns last summer and looking to continue mowing more this year!

- Mowing
  - Edging
  - Trimming
  - Clean up
- Free Estimates

Other jobs needed? Just Ask!

Call or Text Tanner @ **405-535-5851**

**Aug 3: Neighbors recommend—**

**Jerri:** He has done a good job for us before.

**Marka:** Yes his number is 405 535 5851

Aug 3: Neighbors inquire about ordinances and laws—

**Jamilyn:** Can landscapers or a mowing company get in trouble by blocking your mailbox? This has happened to me three times in the afternoon hours.

**Paul:** Call the lawn mowing company number on their truck; tell them.

**Jamilyn:** There wasn't a number. I was told I wouldn't get my mail for that day.

**Paul:** They have zero authority to tell you that. Call the post office and ask if your carrier would deliver mail to you anyway. A good carrier will do this anyway. I was a carrier for a LONG time.



Aug 4: Neighbors ask about hit & run on mailbox—

**Jennifer:** What happened on Hunton Terrace last night? One mail box knocked over another destroyed.



Aug 5 **Update from Neighborhood Watch:**

At this point no one has come forward at this time.

## Our Police Officers are the Best!

**August 9<sup>th</sup>,** A dozen of our Yukon Police Officers, including our Neighborhood Officer Lt. Zach Roberson, went to a little boy's birthday party between shifts. Brayden is 3 years old and living with autism. The KFOR news clip is on our Facebook page. The story made the front page of the Yukon Review the following day.

<http://kfor.com/2016/08/09/well-never-forget-that-birthday-oklahoma-officers-come-to-the-rescue-after-no-one-shows-to-boys-party/>

Shortly after posting on F/B: 16 likes and comment

**Donna:** I love our Yukon Police Officers.

## SCHOOL HAS STARTED

Aug 10 School has started for the teachers. Yukon Public Schools posts videos. One favorite is of our neighbor who teaches, **Justin Winfrey**—singing a solo with back-up singers in a packed room of supportive teachers—who are the heartbeat of school.

Within an hour we had 9 likes and the comment...

**Gina:** Go Mr. Winfrey Great job!! Justin Winfrey

**Family Watchdog** -- <http://www.familywatchdog.us/>



**Parents, Teachers, School Officials, and Care Givers : Mandatory Reporting, what you need to know**

Did you know that all school officials and caregivers are Mandatory Reporters for Child abuse? Just like Doctors and Nurses, they are required **by law** to report any form of abuse they think has/is occurring to a child.

They should not be the only ones that are required to report. If you see something off about a child - maybe they avoid eye contact when being spoken to or steal other children's lunches - you can and should be their voice. Never second guess and almost always go with your gut. You never know the child that cannot speak about a situation at home. Smaller children act out when playing often. Know the signs and get familiar with child abuse!

## Purchasing a Safe Pack

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/backpack.html#>

(Excerpt from Family Watchdog)

Despite their potential problems, backpacks are an excellent tool for kids when used properly. But before you buy that trendy new backpack your kid or teen has been begging you for, consider the backpack's construction.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that parents look for the following when choosing the right backpack:

- 1) a lightweight pack that doesn't add a lot of weight to your child's load (for example, even though leather packs look cool, they weigh more than traditional canvas backpacks)
- 2) two wide, padded shoulder straps; straps that are too narrow can dig into shoulders
- 3) a padded back, which not only provides increased comfort, but also protects kids from being poked by sharp edges on objects (pencils, rulers, notebooks, etc.) inside the pack
- 4) a waist belt, which helps to distribute the weight more evenly across the body
- 5) multiple compartments, which can help distribute the weight more evenly

## Using Backpacks Wisely

To help kids prevent injury when using a backpack: Lighten the load. No matter how well-designed the backpack, doctors and physical therapists recommend that kids carry packs of no more than 10% to 15% of their body weight — but less is always better. If you don't know what that 10% to 15% feels like, use the bathroom scale (for example, the backpack of a child who weighs 80 pounds shouldn't weigh more than 8 to 12 pounds).

**Use and pick up the backpack properly.** Make sure kids use both shoulder straps. Bags that are slung over the shoulder or across the chest — or that only have one strap — aren't as effective at distributing the weight as bags with two wide shoulder straps, and therefore may strain muscles. Also tighten the straps enough for the backpack to fit closely to the body. The pack should rest evenly in the middle of the back and not sag down to the buttocks.

## Celebrating National Night Out



Are you ready for [National Night Out](#)? On September 13, 2016, join this annual campaign promoting police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer.

Building safer neighborhoods also includes preparing those communities for disaster. Celebrate National Night Out by volunteering with your local [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#), [Citizen Corps](#), or its [partner programs](#). Through these organizations, you can learn about opportunities to help support first responders during emergencies. There are Citizen Corps partner programs to fit a variety of interests, including

- Medical Reserve Corps;
- Neighborhood Watch & Volunteers in Police Service;
- Civil Air Patrol; and
- Veterans Active in Citizen Corps.

For a full list of programs, and to learn more, visit [ready.gov/volunteer](http://ready.gov/volunteer). Then, enter your zip code to [find local programs](#) in your area today!

*(excerpt from FEMA July newsletter)*

### Thank you, Newsletter Volunteers --

Bois D'Arc Dr EVA SUDDUTH • Chimney Hills Rd, Hunton Terrace & Viola Drive TRECIA STATON • Deer Creek DICK SPEAR • Deer Creek Ct MARGARET ALBRECHT • Elk Run & Wolf Lane NICOLE CHURCH • Osborn Lane CALAWAYS • Oswego Drive KATHY RICE • N. Sky Trail NOWLINS • S. Sky Trail SHIRLEY PFIEMER • Sylvan Sand & Prue Sand ROHWERS • Valley Road JESSUPS • 1300 Von Elm Place CHERYL VASCELLARO • 1400 Von Elm Place BILL WALKER • Wilcox Lane JENNIFER ASHTON • Sub MICKEY QUOTONE

ONLINE @ [www.CityofYukonOK.Gov](http://www.CityofYukonOK.Gov) > [Police Department](#)>>[Neighborhood Watch](#)



## Neighborhood Lighting

- DETERS CRIME: if a light is on, it creates the impression that someone is at home.
- DETECTS CRIME: in a well-lit area, an intruder would find it difficult to approach unseen and it makes it easier for police and neighbors to see suspicious activity.
- PREVENTS CONCEALMENT: it takes away shadows where someone could hide.
- IMPROVES SURVEILLANCE: neighbors and passers-by can see what is going on.
- REDUCES FEAR: a well-lit area feels safer than a dark one.

\*from The Corner Post, January 2009

