

<p>In Our Neighborhood</p> <p>Email VonElmEast@cox.net</p> <p>Facebook at Von Elm East</p> <p>Cheryl Drabek, Volunteer NW Contact</p> <p><i>Love your neighbor as yourself.</i></p> <p>Newsletter provided/printed by <i>Community Action Agency</i> Sept 2014 Vol 6 Issue 9</p>		<p>Yukon Police Department</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Non-Emergency (Crime is not ongoing.)</td> <td style="width: 50%;">354-1711 or 354-2553</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emergency</td> <td>911</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>www.CityofYukonOK.gov</u></p> <p>Online Incident Reporting at Police Dept. Link Crimes reported not requiring officer present Includes IDENTITY THEFT</p> <p>354-6312... Animal Control...354-2553 if closed</p>	Non-Emergency (Crime is not ongoing.)	354-1711 or 354-2553	Emergency	911
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“Ask a Police Officer”

Open forum for questions and discussion with our Neighborhood Officer, Sgt. Zach

Ask questions about our YPD, Crimes, Crime Prevention, Operations, etc.
Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm
Drabek’s home at 4713 Elk Run

Yukon Police Department Last Month Crime Stats

We are pro-active!



 On August 14th, around the 1300 block of Chimney Hill a garage door was damaged. It appeared that an unknown suspect was trying to pry open the garage to make entrance.
Sgt. Zach Roberson

WHO HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY?

BE AWARE OF EACH OTHER’S ABILITY TO GET OUT OF THE WAY OF HARM AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

That can really get complicated. However, courtesy on the road reduces rage and harm.

Cars think those on foot will stop & stop faster than they can; those on foot not surrounded by metal might be unable. At the end of the day, who wants to be

splattered in the road and who wants to be explaining why they didn’t yield to that defenseless body?

Dear Walkers on Wagner Road Sept. 10th, there was a Super Harvest moon—third one this summer--as I was driving east in a tiny rental car. The car lights behind me reduced my ability to see ahead. With just moonlight ahead, I turned on the bright lights seconds before hitting the brakes. The only thing visible to this driver traveling 40mph became two silhouettes with reflective sneakers AFTER the car brights flipped on. I’m ecstatic that we all

lived to see that beautiful big romantic orange moon clearly visible on Wagner Road. ~Cheryl
Recently a walking neighbor who dodges cars INSIDE our neighborhood asked NW about yielding in hopes cars would understand that sometimes

Runners zone out, Walkers dehydrate, and Bikers weave.

Code of Ordinance Sec 110-148: Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the RIGHT side of the roadway as practicable, (with car traffic) exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

Sec 110-435: Every person under the age of 18 shall wear a helmet at all times when operating or riding a bicycle. Helmets shall have been approved by Snell or ANSI.

Sec 110-370A: Every pedestrian (walkers and runners) crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

Sec 110-374: Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the LEFT side of the roadway (opposite car traffic) or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction, and shall yield to approaching vehicles.

For more: <https://www.municode.com/library/ok/yukon>

GREAT NEWS, ANIMAL OWNERS



8/10 Julie on Facebook "Our cat Joey has been missing for a couple of days. He isn't wearing a collar. We can't keep one on him. Please let me know if you have seen him. Thank you."

Yukon’s Animal Control has created a website available 24/7. **Pictures of animals found are posted by date.**

Animal Control will hold an animal 5 days before giving them to Pets & People. So check here first:
www.CityofYukonOK.Gov>City-Departments>Animal Control-Shelter>Found Animals or Pet Picture on right.
Owners and pets are reunited thanks to Animal Control.



September Yard of the Month

Congratulations,
Nowlin Family, 4713 Sky Trail
*See photos at Von Elm East
Facebook.*



In Real Estate Our Addition

Questions? / Resources? / Home Valuations?

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ADDRESS	BUILT	BED/BA	SFT	GAR	List/Close
<u>ACTIVE:</u>					
1409 BOIS D QRC DR	1996	3/2	1953	2	\$175000
<u>PENDING:</u>					
4725 WILCOX LN	1982	3/2	1340	2	\$127000
<u>CLOSED:</u>					
4829 ELK RUN	1983	4/2	2405	2	
					list \$181000/ closed \$183000
1209 VALLEY RD	1983	4/3.1	3798	2	
					list \$320000/ closed \$316000
<u>YUKON SCHOOL DIST STATS:</u>					
247 ACTIVE AVE	\$221,681/	102.48		139	PENDING
	AVE \$182,450 /	95.64			
84 SOLD	\$175935 /	90.18		47	DAYS ON MARKET
<u>METRO STATS:</u> AVERAGE SELL PRICE \$187,730					
GETTING 97% OF LIST PRICE					



The Green Thumb for October

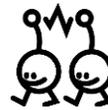
From: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service
HLA-6408 Landscape Maintenance Schedule

- 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.
- 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.

UPDATE: Opt-Out Option for Buyer's Edge

Neighborhood Watch is getting reports that the Buyer's Edge has stopped, stopped and started back, and failed to stop for different neighbors. As carriers change, neighbors may need to contact the Buyer's Edge again to have wishes known. So keep on hand: 405-475-3825 or doug@ansnewspapers.com



NEIGHBORS SHARE...

Welcome 3 new families living on north Sky Trail. Andy Nowlin and Jeanne Evans hosted an ice cream social Saturday, Sept 6th, for our new neighbors on their block. It was a lot of fun!!! Thank you, Ladies!

SOLICITORS NW Email Monday, August 4

Deer Creek is reporting Tree Service Solicitors around 5pm today. They can leave a flyer without saying anything or promoting their product--that's legal without a permit.

Please call the YPD at 354-2553 or 354-1711 should they knock at your door, solicit, and not present a permit. That's what they did on Deer Creek and they may return tomorrow to our neighborhood.

Be sure to give a description of person(s) and direction they are headed--and any other identifiable information when you call the non-emergency YPD #.

If you hire them for the service, there is no crime to report because you will have agreed to their soliciting.

Attention YUKON SENIORS

The last time you scheduled a medical appointment, did you give any thought as to how you were going to get there? Were you able to arrange your appointment around *your* schedule and not someone else's? RSVP of Central Oklahoma, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization providing free medical transportation for adults, age 60 and older.

Volunteers pride themselves in being more than a transportation service; they provide arm-through-arm

(cont'd) assistance, offering companionship and conversation as they accompany clients to their medical appointments, wait with them, drive them by the pharmacy, if needed, and safely deliver them back home.

Additionally, volunteers, age 50 and older, are needed in all areas. To become a volunteer driver or register as a Provide-A-Ride client, call 605-3106. For more info, contact Lisa Davenport, Outreach Coordinator, 405.605.3110 / lisa.davenport@rsvpokc.org

Response from Sky Trail Neighbor

Hi Cheryl, I just read this information and that is great news for those that need their services.

I would also like to tell everyone in Von Elm East that Compassionate Hands has a Care-A-Van Transportation. They transport Elderly and disabled to Doctor Appt. Grocery Store, Personal Needs, Employment. It is a free service with donations accepted. They run 5 days week, with appointment made at the office. Phone 354-9591



Meeting on our Floodplain

August 22nd, five of us met to gain and share insight on the Von Elm East Floodplain.

Present were City Manager Grayson Bottom, Ward 4 Council Member Mike McEachern, NW Contact Cheryl Drabek, Mabelle Norman and Tony Smith with backyards directly affected on Sky Trail Court. In advance, several neighbors contributed greatly to our fact-finding with statements, pictures, and videos of our concerns for current and future flooding.

The following is mine (Cheryl's) take-away from the meeting—seen through my eyes—as factual as I know to be true—not discounting human error:

Have you ever stood in front of City Hall at the corner of Main and 5th Street turned and looked north? It's a breath-taking view of standing on a hill looking down. Truly Yukon is built on the side of a hill. And when it floods all the many tributaries throughout our great city fill up. Water runs northeast towards Sara and Wagner Road heading towards the Canadian River. Von Elm East is almost at the bottom of the hill; thus what is improved in virtually any portion of Yukon benefits us.

The City has so far repaired 60 old sewer manholes, some that had holes large enough to take in floodwater sending it to the water treatment plant at big expense. Now the floodwater should go around those sewers, not into them. Fixing them doesn't help our flooding, but it sure helps our water bill. It's pretty overwhelming just maintaining! To see manhole locations, www.cityofyukonok.gov/city-departments/community-development/informational-maps/maps

**Truly
Yukon is
built on
the side
of a hill.**

Digging deeper trenches doesn't help water that is flowing downhill. What we want is water moving quickly through our residential areas so it can spread out in detention ponds. Detention ponds are dry until they need to detain water long enough for it to be absorbed and move slowly elsewhere—unlike retention ponds that retain water and always have water. Simply, Detention ponds detain; Retention ponds retain. We appreciate detention ponds! We have 3 main detention areas in our neighborhood: NE corner, SE corner (not part of floodplain), and SW corner.

Now the SW Corner I incorrectly understood belonged to Whitehorse Apartments. Their property ends at the OKC lift station at the end of Sky Trail Court. The property from that point on west to the old Chevy dealership is up for sale. On that property is our SW detention pond—the actual live creek that turns into concrete drainage ditches in Von Elm East.

Again, let me say OKC property is up for sale that holds the detention pond water before it comes through our neighborhood. My understanding of the law is that one property cannot knowingly dump more water onto another's property more than it would naturally exist.

There are laws in place to protect us if we stay alert and aware of the OKC plans for the property. In fact, it is believed that if the land is sold and something is built, the OKC engineers could reduce the amount of water coming into our neighborhood some—which could possibly make an instant improvement or positive difference—not a total fix. OKC Engineers would rather err on the side of improvement than increase Yukon's problem.

This property is zoned C-3, big commercial. While OKC gets to mandate how water is handled on the property, land owners will determine what they build on the property. Anyone can put their hat into the ring and buy this property to build whatever they want. Yukon has plans to build bike trails connecting us to cities—one is OKC—making this property enticing.

On our behalf for this issue is Mike McEachern working with OKC's counterpart when it comes to water issues. We are very blessed as a neighborhood to have City Officials who build good solid relationships with OKC in several areas. For example, our neighborhood has gained from a positive relationship that exists between our YPD and OKC police with two of our borders being OKC.

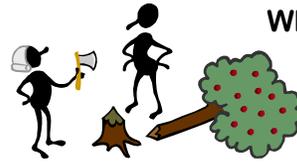
Many tributaries (streams flowing into a river) run through Yukon; thus we have many drainage systems throughout. The City could benefit with equipment that clears drain ditches; we are talking pricey \$400,000 for just one or renting it.

Regardless, we as citizens of Yukon can make the difference of how flooding affects our homes. What a difference one can make if we choose to:

- 1) Cancel or pick up newspapers off the streets and drives so they don't float to our drains
- 2) Never dump or let things go down into our drains like grass-clippings. Tell our lawn care service to keep the clippings off the drives, out of the streets and drains. (up to \$1000 fine possible otherwise)
- 3) Sweep UP instead of onto the sidewalk and street in front of our homes--stopping debris from reaching drains—after mowing, when leaves fall, or storms blow. Granted I might not have put the debris there. My property, however, is mine to maintain.
- 4) Direct downspouts into our yards away from drains at the end of our drives and consider a rain barrel to catch water.
- 5) Have our septic tank pumped and systems inspected regularly. How's the manhole looking?
- 6) If you see a clogged street drain or someone dumping a wheelbarrow of concrete waste down the drain, or tossing tree limbs into waterways, give a report to the City of Yukon immediately. Call City Development at 354-6676 OR go online to www.CityofYukonOk.gov > [City Departments > Development Services > Code Enforcement](#) and complete the form.
- 7) When we build other structures on our property, ask what happens to the rainfall that is no longer absorbed by my ground. Does it run to my neighbor like all that uphill water runs into our neighborhood at the bottom of the hill?
- 8) Learn about watersheds that we all live in. Watch the video at: www.CityofYukonOk.Gov > [city-departments > stormwater](#)
- 9) Feel free to share any of your practices to reduce the flooding. Everything good--big or small--that we do is a rippling affect coming back to us beneficially.

Thank you, Neighbors backing up to the floodplain! Many of you have consistently been faithful at your own expense in clearing dead trees and maintaining your drains—a big reward to our entire neighborhood and City. Inside the floodplain, replacing trees, shrubs or fences, however, may result in future flooding washing them away.

The City of Yukon periodically comes in to pick up heavy debris in the drains—primarily big concrete pieces positioned at the drains close to the OKC lift station. Consideration is being given as to an option instead of letting concrete float during flooding. The City is limited by what kind of equipment can get down into these drains. The workers drive their pick-ups into the area and lift the big boulders of concrete by hand.



Who is removing the dead trees in the floodplain?

At first glance one would think the City was clearing out trees on private property.

Nope. There is a tree trimming company driving white pick-ups with an orange light on top. The name on the side is NOT City of Yukon. The company also has big orange tree debris trucks with their name on the sides. They were spotted on west Sylvan Sand Sept. 11th.



emergency.cdc.gov

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.

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>Police Department>>Neighborhood Watch



Thank you, Newsletter Volunteers -- Bois D'Arc WADE

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STATON • Deer Creek NEEDED • Deer Creek Ct MARGARET

ALBRECHT • Elk Run CAM DOOLEY • Osborn Lane CALAWAYS •

Oswego Drive KATHY RICE • N. Sky Trail NOWLINS • S. Sky Trail

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