

<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> March 2015</p>	<p>Von Elm East</p> 	<p>Yukon Police Department</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Non-Emergency (Crime is not ongoing.)</td> <td>354-1711 or 354-2553</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emergency</td> <td>911</td> </tr> </table> <p>www.CityofYukonOK.gov</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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Yukon Police Department Last Month Crime Stats

We are pro-active!



 The solicitor that you called on back in mid-January, we made contact with him and gave him a warning not to return-- was located, warned, and left the neighborhood.

 The only reported incident we had: On February 24, around the 1300 block of Sylvan Sand a vehicle's window was busted out while it was parked in the street. (Accident)

Other than that it was another great month, something must be in the water in Von Elm East because it's been too quiet

..... which is GREAT!
Sgt. Zach Roberson

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.

Our Borders: North-Wagner Rd
West-Deer Creek & Deer Creek Ct ↔ East-Sara Rd
South-Sylvan Sand

American Red Cross
Serving Oklahoma

**Are You Prepared for
Flooding?**
Sunday, March 29, 2015
From 12:30pm to 3:00pm



Eat lunch* with the American Red Cross & the City of Yukon Emergency Management to make sure you're prepared for flooding this storm season.

Participants will learn:

- Flood preparedness Tips
- How to Shelter in Place
- Evacuation Planning
- How to make your own emergency preparedness kit

Lunch will be served until supplies last.

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT.

Location:

Dale Robertson Activity Center
1200 Lakeshore Dr., Yukon, OK 73009

This event is come and go, so stop by anytime.



American Red Cross
For more info. Contact
Shannon Reed 405.228.9530

From: Valley Road Neighbor

Sent: Tuesday, February 17

To: Von Elm East Neighborhood Watch

Cheryl, I love this idea!

I used to be a Disaster Relief with the American Red Cross years ago when I was involved with the Citizens Police Academy. Thanks!

**Thanks goes out to Yukon Emergency Management,
Frosty Peak and Lori Adams—planning for us!**



30 DAY WAIT

Neighbor to Neighbor, this past year I have gradually become aware of my surroundings—what threatens my home outside this amazing close-net neighborhood.

Recently I got flood insurance. My agent wrote: “FYI, there is a 30 day wait from the time you make it effective. Meaning, if we wrote it today the policy would be effective 30 days from then.”

It took two maps from different sources showing my neighborhood pretty much underwater to help me connect the dots and get the flood insurance. Flooding might occur from 2 directions:

1. South by way of the Yukon water tributaries that flow downhill to us then Lake Overholser;
2. North by way of Canton Lake Dam that flows to us on its way to Lake Overholser.

These are the 4 steps that educated me:

- 1) In July Neighborhood Watch gave a PowerPoint Presentation that combined concerns of several neighbors in a fact-finding study with the City of Yukon’s Independent Flood Investigations. Our City Councilman, Mike McEachern, was very instrumental in helping us understand the Investigations, taking our questions, and arranging a meeting with our City Manager.
- 2) An August Meeting with our City Manager, Grayson Bottom, showed the map of Yukon’s water tributaries—educated us that Yukon sits on the side of a hill and Von Elm East is at the bottom of the hill—water flows downhill. And we learned of a lot of recent infrastructure repairs that involved flood waters.
- 3) Read the "Hazard Mitigation Plan 2011-2016" at <http://www.cityofyukonok.gov/city-departments/emergency-management/> or go to www.cityofyukonok.gov, click on Emergency Management and scroll down the page for the document. I reference page 30-32 in regards to the Canton Lake Dam.
 - a) Page 30--What caught my attention was the map—all that blue water covering our neighborhood just above the Highway 66 emblem and above it reads: “Depending on the pool level in Canton Lake at the time of a breach, the northern part of the City of Yukon, which is generally north of Highway 66, would be affected (see map.)” Then there is this chart about “Loss of Life” and “Economic Loss” above that.
 - b) Page 31—
 - i. Dam failure reasons (5 of them) plus

ii. “Because the land area in the City of Yukon is flat, the City of Yukon considers a breach releasing one foot of water flooding businesses and homes a major severity.

iii. “The Canton Lake Dam was dedicated 61 (now 65) years ago in 1949. Most dams were built with a life span of 50 years. Some renovation work was recently completed on the Canton Lake Dam by the Corps of Engineers.”

c) Page 32—Conclusion—“As recently as 2006-7, repairs were made to a faulty spillway mechanism which could have caused a breach.” The Conclusion ends relying upon “the attention and communications plans which exist within the Corps of Engineers and local jurisdictions, including Yukon.....” I read that as saying it’s not totally up to Yukon, but everyone in between here and there.

4) My homeowner’s insurance agent emailed “Here is a great website to look at the risk of flood.” <http://www.floodtools.com/Map.aspx> “ Just type in your address. Another map!

I’m counting down my 30 days to have “effective” flood insurance and hoping that my neighbors have researched flood insurance. In the days ahead, I would encourage you with all my heart to come to:

Red Cross...Are You Prepared for Flooding?

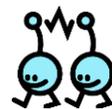
Cheryl Drabek

FEMA HAZARD-MITIGATION

The FEMA Hazard-Mitigation team will meet again later this year. If you have any suggestions or concerns for disaster preparation/reduction of damages that might be addressed through FEMA grants, please do not hesitate to email VonElmEast@cox.net within the next month. We are working up a summary of our concerns that have arisen over the last 5 years that would be consistent with the FEMA Planning Handbook. Our July 2014 PowerPoint Presentation that many neighbors helped develop is one great starting point.

Written concerns may involve what is happening outside of our neighborhood that directly impact our property's life/value/conditions.

Please have your submission in before April 10-- newsletter deadline--for either April or May's depending on space.



NEIGHBORS SHARE

From: Viola Drive Neighbor

Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2015 18:37:19 -0600

Who did you purchase flood insurance from? I would like to know, then I could buy some.

Cheryl's response: Go to www.floodsmart.gov
 "Since standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S."

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers flood insurance and is administered by FEMA. Your homeowner's insurance agent may be able to process your policy or the government website has a list of insurance companies.

The website also has a great list of questions to ask the insurance agent.



In Real Estate - Our Addition

Questions? / Resources? / Home Valuations?
 Greg Ouren Keller Williams 405 630 4695
www.2potatoes.com

	BUILT	BED/BA/GAR	SqFt	LIST/CLOSED
ACTIVE:				
1420 WILCOX LANE	1984	3/2/2	1509	\$144,000
PENDING:				
1304 VIOLA DR	1994	3/2/2	1505	\$134,900
4805 ELK RUN	1983	3/2/2	2206	\$199,900
CLOSED:				
1409 BOIS D'ARC DR	1996	3/2/2	1953	169800/167800
YUKON SCHOOL DIST STATS:				
219 ACTIVE AVE	\$223,636/	106.43		131 PENDING
AVE	\$119,547 /	99.93		
69 SOLD	\$206,379 /	107.33		75 DAYS ON MARKET
METRO STATS: AVERAGE SELL PRICE \$182,146 (FEB)				
GETTING 98% OF LIST PRICE				



From: Chimney Hill Neighbor

Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2015 7:39 PM
 Subject: Thankful
 Cheryl,



Would like to know the best way to send a shout out to the neighbor or individual(s) who so kindly cleaned off my driveway and sidewalk on Saturday after the snow. I want to let them know how much this was appreciated!!! Von Elm East is great area.

SCAM ALERT--emails from Neil Trotter. They may be simple as "I've been trying to reach you." Just google it. "Neil Trotter" and lots of "scam" info came up including this article <http://www.hoax-slayer.com/neil-trotter-advance-fee-lottery-scams.shtml>

A BROKEN WINDOW ACCIDENT



On Feb 24, 2015, Traci on Facebook reports: Just to let the neighborhood be on the lookout... Our SUV back window was broke out in our driveway on Sylvan Sand last night. We are filing a police report.

Please report all suspicious activity immediately to the Yukon Police Department and then notify your neighbors through Neighborhood Watch.

Sent from my iPhone, Traci followed up with.... Sorry about this, but I didn't realize my truck got hit by a sand truck. Please disregard.



The Green Thumb for APRIL

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

- Control cedar-apple rust. When the orange jelly galls are visible on juniper (cedar) begin treating apple and crabapple trees with a fungicide. Treat hawthorns accordingly.
- Fire blight bacterial disease can be controlled at this time. Plant disease-resistant varieties to avoid diseases.
- Diplodia tip blight fungicide applications at bud break.
- Control of powdery mildew disease can be done with early detection and regular treatment. Many new plant cultivars are resistant.
- Most bedding plants, summer flowering bulbs, and annual flower seeds can be planted after danger of frost. This happens around mid-April in most of OK.
- Let spring flowering bulb (daffodil, tulip, etc) foliage remain as long as possible before removing it.
- Fungicides for leaf spot diseases can be applied.
- Warm-season grass lawns can be established beginning in late-April from sprigs, plugs, or sod.
- Warm-season grasses can be fertilized 3 to 5 times per season using 1 pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq ft in each application. Apply 1 lb. in April, May, June, August, and Sept. for a high quality lawn. Water in nitrate fertilizers.
- Mowing of warm-season lawns can begin now. Cutting height for Bermuda and zoysia should be 1 to 1 1/2 inches high. Mow buffalo at 3" high.
- Damage from Spring Dead Spot Disease becomes visible in Bermuda grass. Perform practices that promote grass recovery. Do not spray fungicides at this time for SDS control.

- ❑ Be alert for both insect pests and predators. Some pests can be handpicked without using a pesticide. Do not spray if predators such as lady beetles are present. Spray only when there are too few predators to be effective.
- ❑ Remove any winter-damaged branches or plants that have not begun to grow by late-April.
- ❑ Clean out water garden and prepare for season. Divide and repot water garden plants.
- ❑ Begin feeding fish when water temperatures are over 50° F.

**OUR DRAINAGE DITCHES...
Does a rain-puddle-loving child
have a chance?**



From a report by the OK State Dept. of Health: Children should be taught not to play, bike or swim around high water, storm drains, DITCHES, viaducts or creeks, and should be supervised and guarded from these places.

Flash flooding occurs when heavy rain falls in a short period of time. Rapidly rising water in a drainage ditch or small stream can be deadly. The dangers should not be underestimated. The risk of flooding and flash floods is high for Oklahomans because of the severe storms that occur sporadically during the year, especially in the spring months.

Moving water is a very powerful force. In the 90's Von Elm East had a natural running creek. Water stayed stagnant and inviting to wildlife. To speed the water through, the City of Yukon designed and built our drainage system that runs through our neighborhood. The drainage system is designed to carry water swiftly with concrete side walls from less than a foot to 4 feet.

During the 2013 El Reno tornado and flash flooding a family of 7 lost their lives as they took shelter in a drainage ditch. Had they sheltered in place inside their home, they would have been safe.

That same evening the water on the street near W Main and S Ranchwood Blvd looked smooth, no more than a few inches deep. Veteran storm-spotter Chris Novy's car was pulled into a flooded drainage ditch. 4 men saw what was happening and ran to the scene. Swept out of his car, Novy was able to reach the hand of **Yukon's police officer, Sgt. Matt Fairchild** now up to his waist in water. 3 Salazar roofing workers grabbed his shirt and pulled the officer along with Novy to safety. In our neighborhood flood waters were rushing over our 2 exits Von Elm Bridge and Wagner Road.

What chance does a child have?

They need more than the luck of the Irish.



Home Improvement

Consider layering your locks. There's the storm door lock, the doorknob lock, the deadbolt, backed up by a security bar on the inside. And Lock-up every window and door.

Per an Internet Website: According to the Burglary Prevention Council, about 60 percent of burglars gain entry by using force. Doorknobs can be vulnerable to a forced attack. While some signs of forced entry are immediately noticeable, such as when a door is kicked in, other signs involving doorknobs may not be noticed at first.

If you see any signs of a break-in or forced entry, do not enter your house, instead, call the police.

Key Bumping Evidence: leave no sign of force on the outside of the lock; however, some locks will show evidence of the top of the key impacting the lock.

Tool Mark Give-Aways: Deep scratches or even a widening of the keyhole

Drilling Proof: a hole where the keyhole used to be.

Lock-picking: lighter scratches around the lock and pins will have dents and scratches from the pick.

If you live in Von Elm East, consider joining our email listing to stay current as things happen in our neighborhood. Just send an email to VonElmEast@cox.net to join. "Friend Request" our Facebook Page at Von Elm East – 217 neighborly members.

**Viola Drive Newsletter Volunteer
NEEDED!**

Contact Cheryl at VonElmEast@cox.net.

Mickey, our regular sub, Face-booked:
It is only minutes of your time each month!
Good exercise!

Thanks, Bruce Yarbor, for volunteering to sub.



Newsletter ONLINE @ www.CityofYukonOK.Gov
>Police Department>>Neighborhood Watch

Thank you, Newsletter Volunteers -- Bois
D'Arc WADE WARDLOW • Chimney Hills Rd & Hunton Terrace
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MARGARET ALBRECHT • Elk Run CAM DOOLEY • Osborn Lane
CALAWAYS • Oswego Drive KATHY RICE • N. Sky Trail NOWLINS • S.
Sky Trail SHIRLEY PFIEFFER • Sylvan Sand & Prue Sand ROHWERS •
Valley Road JESSUPS • **Viola Drive NEEDED** • 1300 block Von Elm
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• Wilcox Lane JENNIFER ASHTON • Wolf Lane GLORIA BOZARTH •
Sub MICKEY QUOETONE