

In Our Neighborhood		Yukon Police Department	
Email VonElmEast@cox.net		Non-Emergency (Crime is not ongoing.)	354-1711 or 354-2553
Facebook at Von Elm East Cheryl Drabek, Volunteer NW Contact		Emergency 911	
<i>Love your neighbor as yourself.</i> Newsletter provided/printed by Community Action Agency June 2014 Vol 6 Issue 6		www.CityofYukonOK.gov Online Incident Reporting at Police Dept. Link Crimes reported not requiring officer present Includes IDENTITY THEFT	
		354-6312... Animal Control...354-2553 if closed	

Yukon Police Department Last Month Crime Stats

We are pro-active!



 On May 10th, there were two vehicles that were broken into on Deer Creek Ct. Both vehicles had items stolen from them.

 On May 27th, there was a report of several small children playing near the creek behind Von Elm Place and Sky Trail. An Officer went to the area but the children had already left.

-- Sgt. Zach Roberson, Our Neighborhood Officer

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.

Fact-Finding in the Floodplain Special meeting Tuesday, July 22nd 7pm @ 4713 Elk Run

At this time Neighborhood Watch is asking homeowners affected greatly by flooding to fact-find and bring your data to our special meeting July 22nd. How to prepare for the meeting? Example: Take pictures of the flooding problems and any other related issues that affect your yard. Pictures of Before and After flooding is great! Prepare the material for easy review. Date them, write a brief statement, and sign the data including your address. Can't make the meeting? Consider sending your facts in an email to VonElmEast@cox.net or dropping the printed documents off at 4713 Elk Run.

The City has recently received the water studies for the Northside—300 page document—parts 2 & 3 include Wagner Road and our neighborhood. The City of Yukon is moving towards analyzing the data and seeing what it means.

Our City Councilman Mike McEachern is working diligently on this issue and writes, "...our water problems are not only here to stay but will require careful consideration on the things that can be done in our future." We all need time to see if and what would be the proper response. "...I do appreciate the fact finding as we will probably find even more things of interest in our journey forward."

Through the years 3 issues have expanded:

- 1) What are the current and future floodplain issues affecting our entire neighborhood? What is currently happening to our southern border?
- 2) What happens to water flow when undeveloped privately-owned land is cleared for development? Currently—without cost or obligation to us-- it acts as a retention pond and we reap the benefits.
- 3) How do we reduce liability issues for homeowners as well as increase safety in the floodplain? (See back page.)

June Yard of the Month

*Congratulations,
Dockray Family
4700 Deer Creek*

*See photos at Von
Elm East Facebook.*





The Green Thumb for July

From: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service HLA-6408 Landscape Maintenance

- Divide and replant crowded hybrid iris (bearded iris) after flowering until August.
- Apply preventative white grub treatments—late-June to mid-July (Merit, MachII, Grub X)
- Expect some leaf fall, a normal reaction to drought. Water young plantings well.
- Mowing heights for cool-season turf grasses should be 3" during hot, dry summer months. Gradually raise mowing height of bermudagrass lawns from 1 ½ to 2 inches.
- Vegetative establishment of warm-season grasses should be completed by the end of July to ensure the least risk of winter kill.
- Brown patch disease of cool-season grasses can be a problem.
- Meet water requirements of turf.
- Fertilization of warm-season grasses can continue if water is present for growth.
- The hotter and drier it gets, the larger the spider mite populations become! Spraying plant foliage will provide partial relief of this pest.

DON'T MOW

Years ago the neighbor's house sat empty. Summer came. Being a good neighbor, I mowed the front. Mid-summer I realized what I had truly done. The vacant backyard had become a 4 foot jungle of weeds. In my desire to help in the midst of a dry summer, I had created a very big fire danger for everyone.

Immediately I contacted the City of Yukon and the Fire Department. Response: DON'T MOW, Cheryl.

- 1) Instead go to <http://www.CityofYukonOK.gov/>
- 2) Click on the top menu: City Departments
- 3) Click on: Community Development
- 4) Click on: Code Enforcement & complete form.

Or call Community Development at 405-354-6676.

What happens next?

- 1) Patience. The City will post a notice on the property.
- 2) The City will mow if the homeowner doesn't.

City Ordinance Section 46: 41-55 *Weed* includes, but is not limited to, poison ivy, poison oak, or poison sumac and all vegetation, including grass, at any state of maturity which:

- (1) Exceeds ten inches in height, except healthy trees, shrubs or produce for human consumption grown on a tended and cultivated garden unless such trees and shrubbery by their density or location constitute a detriment to the health, benefit and welfare of the public and community or a hazard to traffic or create a fire hazard to the property or otherwise interfere with the mowing of such weeds;

- (2) Regardless of height, harbors, conceals or invites deposits or accumulation of refuse or trash;
- (3) Harbors rodents or vermin;
- (4) Gives off unpleasant or noxious odors;
- (5) Constitutes a fire or traffic hazard; or
- (6) Is dead or diseased.



In Real Estate Our Addition

ADDRESS	BUILT	BED/BA	SFT	GAR	list/closed
ACTIVE:					
1309 OSWEGO DR	1986	3/2	1274	2	\$117000
1417 CHIMNEY HILL RD	1998	3/2	1657	2	\$157900
PENDING:					
1413 VIOLA DR	1984	3/2	1302	2	\$129900
4829 ELK RUN	1983	4/2	2405	2	\$181,000
CLOSED: None for May					
YUKON SCHOOL DIST STATS:					
107 ACTIVE	AVE \$192,052 / 93.52				
80 PENDING	AVE \$158,773 / 90.82				
47 SOLD	\$170549 / 92.37 63 DAYS ON MARKET				
METRO STATS: AVERAGE SELL PRICE \$172856					
GETTING 98% OF LIST PRICE					
3.84% AVERAGE INTEREST RATE 68 DAYS ON THE MARKET					
Overview of Oklahoma City, OK Market Trends Updated 6/06/14					

Excerpt from [an article for Houzz](#) "in which I acknowledged the dumbest decorating decisions I'd ever made. More than 300 of you responded with your own tales of woe. Most of them fell into four categories:

1. Painting anything yellow.
2. Furniture that wouldn't fit through doorways.
3. Leaving town while someone worked on your home.
4. Painting anything yellow.

Questions? / Resources? / Home Valuations?

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DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

The humor of weather...a little comedy online...

"Warnings are quite good now-a-days," says Gary England on the "Colbert Report" aired 9/13/2013 <http://thecolbertreport.cc.com/videos/q9zsg7/gary-england>. Colbert asks Gary why his name isn't weather related, suggesting Windy Rains, Gary's favorites things. In Yukon we have our own Emergency Manager—Frosty Peak, giving us those warnings directly from the NWS.

Check out www.CityofYukonOK.gov, Emergency Management and take seriously the words: "Disasters happen everywhere. Although we cannot control forces of nature or eliminate human error, we can prepare to meet disasters and mitigate their impact, respond faster, and better protect human life and property."

Updates at our YPD website:

Cheryl, the newsletter looks great! Lots of good information for everyone to review. I wanted to provide you with some updated information, the text-a-tip service is no longer available. The Neighborhood Watch will continue to have a permanent link on the left side of the police department web page. The online incident reporting now allows Identity Theft as a reporting option. A video tutorial on how to complete the online report is available for users. Let me know if you have any questions and thanks for continuing the newsletter.

Sgt. Brown



NEIGHBORS SHARE...

Lots of activity this month...more than can fit in this newsletter plus lost pet pics on Facebook.



My name is Blake Mosshart and I am 13 years old. This summer I would like to start a dog walking business in Von Elm East because I know that lots of people in this neighborhood own dogs. I love dogs so this is the perfect job for me. I will take your dog on a 20 minute walk and I will charge \$5 per dog (\$7.50 for 2 from same owner). If you own more than one dog I can walk them together or separate. I can walk them every day of the week or just one day of the week. I'll walk big dogs or small dogs. It doesn't matter. The only thing that needs to be provided by you, the owner, is a leash and a collar. Please call me at 354-1160 or email me at blakeasher2000@gmail.com to schedule walks. Thanks!

Jory Mosshart on facebook: "Need mowing? Call for free estimate, at 354-1160. Please leave a message for Jory!"

Marka Dyer on FB: "Now that school is out our son who is 14 and is looking to try and earn some money over the summer. So if anybody is looking to have their yard mowed, flower beds watered or to check on your dogs due to the heat, to feed and water them, or to let them in and out a couple times during the day or just some things you may need help with, message us and we will be glad to try and help. We have been in this neighborhood for 15 years and have great relationships with our surrounding neighbors and very trustworthy. We/our son would appreciate it very much. Thank you."

Jamilyn on FB: "Has anyone been having problems with flies and mosquitoes? I have had tons of them hanging around my back porch and flower beds."

Contact Marsha Felton on our Facebook--recommends Terminix for Residential Natural Mosquito Service. Those giving a referral can receive \$60 credit from Terminix.

Chimney Hills Rd Neighbor: Is there anyone in our neighborhood who does alterations or does anyone have recommendations?

Andrea on FB in response to Cheryl and Mickey's Oak trees with yellow leaves: "We had Jolliff Tree & Tractor Service Inc, out of Yukon, come work on our big Red Oak in our front yard. We loved them. Highly recommended. (405) 354-4155" "Saved it! Had bad wind/hail damage. He trimmed/pruned the tree and put some kind of wind strap on it. He knows his stuff. OSU horticulture degree."

Cheryl writes: The yellow leaves with green veins on my Oak Tree needed "Ironite" around the tree's dripline. Bought a bag at TLC.

Tree Removal: The gentleman I recommend for removing trees is with San Filippo Stump Grinding and Tree Service. His name is Chris; phone # is 426-9225. He is insured, dependable, does a great job and is very reasonable. Several of us on Sky Trail Court have used him and we have all been happy with his service.

Cindy on FB 5/30: Do you know of a home daycare that is licensed and reasonable? ...10 year old...trying to find something cheaper...

Saturday, May 10th, Multiple Car Break-Ins

- 1) Are there any reports of attempted car burglaries last night? My sister-in-law stayed with us last night (Von Elm Pl) and her car door will hardly shut this morning- it seems as though someone tried to pry it open.
- 2) Osborn Lane Neighbor: We found this empty wallet in our cul-de-sac. It may just be something kids were playing with. Does it belong to anyone? (Picture of wallet posted) My husband found a casino game card earlier today in the road. I just wonder if someone was cleaning out a stolen wallet.
- 3) Yes, Low-life burglarized my car Saturday night on Southeast Deer Creek Ct. Went out Sunday morning to go to church and could not even find a place to sit with items thrown everywhere. My CD's were also thrown around; however the case was taken to carry the loot. They took a coin purse with max' couple of dollars, cosmetic case and other nuisance car inventory ... and a garage door opener So we will be changing out the openers. Sure believe we will be getting into the habit of taking our garage door openers into the house. Guess I will be paying more attention to the dog barking.
- 4) My car was left outside Saturday night May 10th and unlocked. Everyone thought someone else had locked it. Sometime between midnight and morning it had been ransacked - took navigational system, a gift card and a few other small things. Outside lights were on... I live on Deer Creek Ct. - reported to police - so they will know this is happening way too often.

5/25 **Boyd** on FB: "We had a young guy come to the door around 8:30pm holding a clipboard, but we didn't answer. He moved on."

Linda on FB: "The Police Dept. did issue solicitor's permits to 12 young men from Vivint to sell security systems. They have to be wearing their permit and the permits are valid for two weeks."

"Just a reminder that the Police Department has "No Soliciting" stickers that you can put on your door."

NW wrote: Vivint's wore 2x3" yellow card on a lanyard authorized by Chief of Police John Corn. Through NW we learn the value of having layers of security. Solid locks and outdoor lighting are two great examples. Knowing how to call our police 24/7 and what to say when we pick up that phone--Great! We've seen the value of a front porch camera as a package was stolen. You get to decide how many layers of security you want. A turned-on alarm system is one that announces an intruder is entering while you are there or away. The most outstanding layer above all else in this Neighborhood is the well-known pro-active "5 House Rule" that Neighborhood Watch promotes. (Von Elm East ROCKS with Good Neighbors working with the Yukon Police Department!)

Deer Creek Newsletter Volunteer NEEDED!

Contact VonElmEast@cox.net or our Facebook page.

Newsletters are delivered to volunteer's door and then the volunteer distributes to neighbors.

Newsletters are provided by Community Action Agency.

Newsletter ONLINE @ www.CityofYukonOK.Gov;

click on Police Dept then click on NW LOGO

Thank you, Newsletter Volunteers • Bois D'Arc WADE WARDLOW • Chimney Hills Rd & Hunton Terrace TRECIA STATON • Deer Creek NEEDED • Deer Creek Ct MARGARET ALBRECHT • Elk Run CAM DOOLEY • Osborn Lane CALAWAYS • Oswego Drive KATHY RICE • N. Skytrail ANDY NOWLIN • S. Skytrail SHIRLEY PFIEFFER • Sylvan Sand & Prue Sand ROHWERS • Valley Road JESSUPS • Viola Drive MARK BUMGARNER • 1300 block Von Elm Place CHERYL VASCELLARO • 1400 block Von Elm Place BILL WALKER • Wilcox Lane STEPHANNI TAYLOR • Wolf Lane GLORIA BOZARTH • Sub MICKEY QUOETONE

Thank you, Calaways! For becoming

Osborn Lane's Newsletter Volunteers!!!

MORE ON OUR FLOODPLAIN...

5/27 1:30pm We live on Osborn Lane. I just told three young boys on bikes playing in and around the creek behind our house they should not be playing in the creek while it is running! I told them it is too dangerous. The boys had buckets and I watched them chase it down the creek a few minutes before going out to talk to them. They said okay and have now left. Please be aware of

where your children are and what they are

doing during the summer days and especially in pouring rain! Please talk to them about the dangers of deep running water. I will warn once and then I will call the police.



NW wrote: Let's keep children safe. Drainage ditches are not playgrounds. And trespassing on private property --mmm....what could that be training children?

FYI some of these children reside at properties with drainage ditches and are not trespassers. Yet, we can't ignore the fact of weather; we experience flash flooding. Branches of the drainage ditches merge together water quickly into one main flow. Concrete is over 4 foot in many places. Drops of water become a surging river within a few minutes. Children drown every year in fast moving flash floods right here in the heart of Oklahoma. Let's be safe--not sorry! Always feel free to call our YPD when anyone, especially children, are in danger.

5/24 Saturday night, 8:30pm four white adults (3 male and 1 female) between the ages of 18 and 21 were observed in backyards of the floodplain. Two were floating on a device in the flood waters and two were walking on the east bank. All property in the floodplain is private property whether it is flooding or not.

Recently a 4-wheeler was sighted by several neighbors in their backyards. Neighbors south of the Von Elm Place Bridge are concerned that if an injury happens--especially given that all the ground in the floodplain is riddled with uneven soil and holes--any injury could result in their homeowners' insurance being forced to cover the bill.

We as homeowners owning the floodplain are not permitted to build barriers in order that the water will exit the neighborhood. However, a fence is not required to ensure others that the property is indeed ours.

Flood waters are particularly dangerous!!!

"Turn around; don't drown"—not in my backyard!!!

Do 2 Ordinances apply to Floodplain Property?

Sec. 74-57. Damaging, defacing, etc., property generally.

It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, injure, deface, besmear or molest any structure, building, outbuilding, fence or any other property, real or personal, public or private, belonging to another; or to use any such property wrongfully to the detriment of the owner or other person entitled to its use; or to interfere wrongfully with the use of any such property by its owner or any other person entitled to its use.

Sec. 74-62 Unlawful entry.

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon the property of another or into an area or structure on such property, whether such property, area or structure is public or private, when such entrance is plainly forbidden by signs or otherwise or when the property, area or structure is enclosed, except when such entrance is in the line of duty, or with the expressed or tacit consent of the owner or person in charge, or otherwise by authority of law or ordinance.

To be very clear: The only public property in this neighborhood is the public street.