

In Our Neighborhood	<p>Von Elm East</p> 	Yukon Police Department	
Email VonElmEast@cox.net		Non-Emergency (Crime is not ongoing.)	354-1711 or 354-2553
Facebook at Von Elm East		Emergency 911	
<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> August 2015</p>		<p>www.CityofYukonOK.gov Online Incident Reporting at Police Dept. Link Crimes reported not requiring officer present Includes IDENTITY THEFT</p>	
		354-6312 Animal Control...354-2553 if closed	

2015 Yukon National Night Out coming soon!

Yukon Police Department July 2015 Crime Stats



We are pro-active!

 There were two reported crimes last month, which broke the streak.

 Two different vehicles were broken into on July 3rd. Both vehicles had items stolen from inside. One burglary took place near the 1300 block of Wilcox Lane and the other took place near 4600 block of Deer Creek.

Sgt. Zach Roberson, YPD

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

LOCK UP AND LOCK OUT



2 things to know about our
2 car burglaries:

- 1) The cars were not locked. 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"

What reduced this crime in our neighborhood? Everyone 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.

- 2) The crimes occurred over a holiday when strangers are less likely to be noticed and in fact, expected to enter our neighborhood. The next holiday coming up: Labor Day.

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).



If you would like to become Newsletter Volunteer for Wolf Lane,
contact VonElmEast@cox.net.



In Real Estate - Our Addition

For real-estate related questions and current market pricing specific to your home call
Greg Ouren 405 630 4695

gregsells@kw.com www.2potatoes.com

Address	BUILT	BED/BA/GAR	SqFt	LIST/CLOSED
ACTIVE:				
1412 CHIMNEY HILL RD	1984	3/2/2	1308	129,999
PENDING:				
1328 CHIMNEY HILL RD	1983	3/2/2	1595	148,159
4609 SKYTRAIL COURT	1983	3/2/2	1820	150,000
CLOSED:				
1353 OSWEGO DR	1983	3/2/2	1383	134,000/128,000
4704 WILCOX LN	1993	3/2/2	1435	135,000/133,500
4705 ELK RUN	1983	3/2/2	2138	187,500/187500
YUKON SCHOOL DIST STATS:				
270 ACTIVE	AVE \$234,505/105.96			
159 PENDING	AVE \$193,964/100.83			
88 SOLD	\$208,000/1095.09 53 DAYS ON MARKET			

A GREAT TIME TO BUY

One of the most important aspects of purchasing a home is the neighborhood. After all, you're not just selecting a new home, you're deciding on the community where you'll build a life.

When you find the right house, here are four things I can help you learn about the community it's in:



1. Statistics – How are the local schools ranked? What are the local crime statistics?



2. Traffic and Commuting – Is the community in a highly trafficked area? Do you have easy access to major freeways?



3. Local Amenities – What restaurants are nearby? How close is the nearest grocery store? Are there local parks, swimming pools or running trails?



4. New Developments – What new businesses are coming to the area and how will they affect home values?

I can also help you to understand how the house you want compares to others like it in the neighborhood. Now is a great time to buy, and I have a wealth of local market and community data to share with you.

Greg Ouren, Broker Associate



The Green Thumb for SEPTEMBER

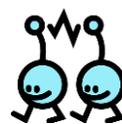
From: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service
HLA-6408 Landscape Maintenance Schedule

- Last nitrogen fertilizer application of the year on warm-season grasses should be applied no later than September 15th.
- Brown patch disease of tall fescue can still be a problem.
- White grub damage can become visible this month. Apply appropriate soil insecticide if white grubs are a problem. Water product into soil.
- Continue bermudagrass spray program with glyphosate products for areas being converted to tall fescue this fall.
- Meet water requirements of turf.
- If pre-emergent control of winter-annual weeds is desired in lawns, the application should be completed by the 2nd week of September. Note: Do not treat areas that will be seeded in the fall.
- Plan to seed bluegrass, fescue, or ryegrass as needed in shady areas in late-September through mid-Oct. Fall is the best time to establish cool-season lawns.
- Choose spring flowering bulbs as soon as available.



Congratulations!

Yard of the Month, 1301 Wilcox Lane
Home of Moore Family
Should your yard be selected, please post pictures on our Facebook Timeline or email pics to VonElmEast@cox.net.



Neighbors Share..Most are from Von Elm East Facebook of 243 neighbors. Open to anyone living in Von Elm East-- just request to join on Facebook.

July 18 Traci on F/B: Looking for a Roofing Co. that is honest and doesn't want to look at the Insurance Estimate before they give you "their" price. Please provide your suggestions with their name, number and why you chose that company. Greatly appreciate your help!

Bill on F/B: We used Salazar because they're local and the work is done by their employees, not sub-contractors. We used them on our house here and one in Piedmont and were satisfied both times.

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 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 • 1300 Von Elm Place CHERYL VASCELLARO • 1400 Von Elm Place BILL WALKER • Wilcox Lane JENNIFER ASHTON • **Wolf Lane NEEDED** • Sub MICKEY QUOTONE

Misty on F/B: Salazar didn't ask for any of our insurance info or settlement info and came in lower than everyone else and under our settlement amount.

Eric on F/B: I've worked with Paul Farrell & know he provides his customers with a few "extras" for the same price as other large companies. For example he uses ice damming measures, impact resistant shingles and metal valleys among other things. He owns the company and will be on the job to ensure it is done correctly without cutting corners.

Jennifer on F/B: I just had a roof put on my house Saturday. I was charged less than any of the quotes I got three years ago. Cut out the big names and go for the people who actually do the work. They are hired by the big names to do all the work anyway. Let me know if you're interested and I'll PM you the name and number.

August 3, Kendra on F/B: I live on Elk Run and have a lot of fresh summer squash I need to give away so it will all be used. You can pm me or comment here if you'd like to pick some up.

Cheryl on F/B: Kendra, when is a good time to come by? and shall I bring my gloves to pick it?
And the neighborhood conversation continued....

August 4, Troy Denise Shroder on F/B: PICK YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!! A FANTASTIC NEW LISTING IN VON ELM EAST HITTING THE MARKET THURSDAY! Call DENISE/TROY for a private showing 405-408-3699!
(4609 Skytrail PENDING SOLD)

August 6, Marka on F/B: "Hello to all my friends and family. It is that time again. Tanner Dyer is selling these cards for football. They are \$20.00 each; there is a lot more options on them this year. And a new thing you can do with them that you haven't been able to do in the past is you can use them all over the state of Oklahoma not just Yukon. I believe there is about 125 high schools where you can log into the website and get the schools promo code and uses it in their town ad well. Pretty cool I think. If you are interested in one please let me know and we will get one to you. Thank you in advance for helping support my son and the Yukon High football team."

....and 3 missing pets with lots of community response.



Yukon Traffic Commission meets monthly
<http://www.cityofyukonok.gov/documents/traffic/>
August 10, Jeff on F/B: Please set up speed monitors on Sara Rd north of Hwy 66.

Neighbors asking about Sara Road:

July 18 from Sgt. Zach Roberson: I don't know if they would be able to put a stop there (4-way at Oswego Drive/Sara Road/ and NW 46th), since it's a main road. However; I know the traffic commission usually meets every month in regards to these types of issues.

As for the stats at that intersection I can try and get some over the past two years. But, I will say that OCPD may have responded to some accidents at that intersection, since they take care of the east side of Sara Road, that we would not be aware of and wouldn't show up in the stats.

July 31 from Sgt. Zach Roberson: I looked up the accidents at that intersection and was only able to locate one from 2012 to 2015, which took place back in 2013.

Like I said before, OCPD and we share that road so some accidents may have been reported to only OCPD and not us.

Yukon Hazard Mitigation Planning Team (YHMPT)



<http://www.cityofyukonok.gov/social-media/aug/m.blog/1760/keep-yukon-safe-join-our-hazard-mitigation-planning-team>

Click on the link above if you would like to join the City of Yukon Hazard Mitigation Team. Next meeting is September 11th at the Yukon Police Department.

Neighbors have been involved and contributed with our study of flooding in our neighborhood--attending meetings, writing statements, sending & posting video and pictures. Special appreciation to Machel Norman and Tony Smith who initially brought the discussion to Neighborhood Watch, have met with our City Manager Grayson Bottom and City Councilman Mike McEachern--working as a team to move this discussion forward.

A 10-page Von Elm East Action Plan was submitted prior to the August 6th meeting. --simply put-- to request engineers study the issue comprehensively upstream to determine causes and possible solutions.

Engineers have studied and completed a water study for issues connected with the Canadian River (north border).

The Action Plan involves the opposite end of our neighborhood (south side). Our floodplain begins in the City of Yukon which dumps into a corner of Oklahoma City mapped "floodplain" and then dumps immediately to Von Elm East in points that include Sylvan Sand, Skytrail Court, and Deer Creek Court. Depending on rising waters, flash flooding detains or removes the possibility of travel--entering or exiting the neighborhood risk free.



How to Stop Thieves

Excerpt from Family Handyman

<http://www.familyhandyman.com/home-security/how-to-stop-thieves#12>

Two Ways to Secure Shed Door Hinges

Shed doors usually swing out, so the hinge pins are accessible from outside; all a thief has to do is pop out the pins and remove the door. To stop this, buy a security hinge with tamper-proof pins and a locking tab at a home center. Or, you can retrofit an existing hinge by removing the center screws on both sides, inserting a finish screw through one side and allowing it to protrude about ¼ in. Drill out the receiving hole slightly so that when the door is closed, the finish screw head engages the other hinge. That way, even if the hinge pin is removed, the door can't be taken off.

Secure Sheds with Screws

Your locked shed seems secure, but a cagey thief can bypass the lock by using a screwdriver to remove hinges and other hardware with exposed screw heads. Foil would-be



thieves by using Allen head, Torx head or hex-head cap screws instead of standard Phillips head screws. You can also order tamper-proof security screws that require special removal tools that an opportunistic thief is unlikely to have. You'll also need to buy the special bit or tool. Type "security screws" or "tamperproof screws" into your search engine.

Introduction to Neighborhood Watch

In 1988, we moved to Von Elm East and were met with a knock at the door. Liz Lyons brought a pound cake to welcome us to the neighborhood—get to know us.

Don Lyons was a daily walker. Often he would stop by as we worked on our front yard. After one vacation he shared his concern witnessing kids removing mail from our mailbox. He watched for several days and came to the conclusion we were on vacation. He shared how he watched out for many neighbors thus encouraging us to let him know when vacations were coming—he would be watching even closer.

A couple of weeks ago, I was working in the front yard and noticed an unmarked moving van pull into his home that he gave his grandson. Ready to work the backyard, I couldn't leave the front in good conscience without calling to make sure they were home. While taking just one more look before placing the call, his grandson came across the street, explained the truck bringing a new frig, and just visited with this old neighbor.

One never knows the positive impact they can have on another—including demonstrating Neighborhood Watch. And Don's way still holds true—watch & report.
Cheryl Drabek



SPEED LIMIT IS ALWAYS 25 in our Neighborhood

School is starting and we are reminded to watch for children.

In our neighborhood, children are always present anytime day or night—even during school hours.

Please enter our neighborhood watchful of children at play even after school starts.



November 1st Oklahoma's law goes into effect—No texting while driving—that includes texting while at a stoplight—You are still driving.

Everyone wants alert attentive drivers in the vehicle next to them. We can do this!!! Put down our cellphones and drive attentively. It's a \$100 fine and a primary offense, meaning an officer can pull over a texting motorist for no other reason than texting.

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