

<p>In Our Neighborhood</p> <p>Email VonElmEast@cox.net</p> <p>Facebook at Von Elm East</p> <p>Call 350-7130, Cheryl Drabek, Volunteer NW Contact</p> <p><i>Love your neighbor as yourself.</i></p> <p>Newsletter provided/printed by Community Action Agency Nov 2013 Vol 5 Issue 11</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Yukon Police Department</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Non-Emergency (Crime is not ongoing.)</td> <td style="width: 30%;">354-1711</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emergency</td> <td>911</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Emergency Text-A-Tip Type keyword <i>YPD</i> then tip.</td> <td>C-R-I-M-E-S (2-7-4-6-3-7)</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.</p> <p>354-6312... Animal Control...354-1711 if closed</p>	Non-Emergency (Crime is not ongoing.)	354-1711	Emergency	911	Non-Emergency Text-A-Tip Type keyword <i>YPD</i> then tip.	C-R-I-M-E-S (2-7-4-6-3-7)
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Neighborhood Watch Christmas Cookie

Exchange

Tuesday, Dec 17th
7:00 p.m.

4713 Elk Run, Drabek home
Come with a dozen or 2 of your favorite
home-made cookie and
exchange cookie for cookie
leaving with a mixed variety.

Bring your recipe and get an email with everyone's.
Bring an empty container for your new batch.
Children always welcome.



November Yard of the Month

*Congratulations,
Bennett Home
4804 Wolf Lane*

*See photos at
Von Elm East
Facebook.*

Yukon Police Department Crime Stats



We are pro-active!

 On October 25th around the 1400 block of Von Elm, a vehicle was broken into but nothing was stolen.

-- Zach, 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.

**If you would like to be
Osborn Lane's Newsletter Volunteer,**
contact Cheryl
at VonElmEast@cox.net or 350-7130.
It's a short walk around your street and a great
service to your neighbors.

Thank you, Mickey Quetone, for subbing in!



Thank you, Newsletter Volunteers • Bois D'Arc
WADE WARDLOW • Chimney Hills Rd & Hunton
Terrace TRECIA STATON • Deer Creek SCHRODERS •
Deer Creek Ct MARGARET ALBRECHT • Elk Run CAM DOOLEY
• Osborn Lane NEED VOLUNTEER • Oswego Drive KATHY RICE
• N. Skytrail ANDY NOWLIN • S. Skytrail SHIRLEY PFIFFER •
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 QUOTONE



The Green Thumb for December

The Yukon Garden Club--open and free to the citizens of Yukon--meets at the Community Center the second Tuesday of each month except December. This month I attended and met Courtney Keck, Canadian County OSU Extension Educator; we discussed a spring program for our neighborhood. The latest Master Gardeners class has just finished and Courtney has sent an email asking if someone would like to come and give us a presentation.

Just a sample of the power point from the meeting:
Science of Soil Test

- Do a soil test before planting!
 - \$10 routine soil test
 - Once every 3 years
 - <http://www.soiltesting.okstate.edu/pricelist.htm>
 - OSU Fact Sheet L-249 on osufacts.okstate.edu
- Canadian County OSU Extension * 218 N Country Club Rd
El Reno *405-262-0155* www.oces.okstate.edu/canadian



In Real Estate Our Addition

ADDRESS	BUILT	BED	BATH	SFT	GAR	LIST/CLOSED
<u>ACTIVE:</u>						
1321 WILCOX LN	1985	3	2	1509	2	129500
<u>PENDING:</u>						
1308 SYLVAN SAND	1984	3	2	1780	2	149400
<u>CLOSED: NO SOLD</u>						
METRO STATS: AVERAGE SELL PRICE \$169708				*GETTING 96% OF LIST		
3.69% AVERAGE INTEREST RATE				*65 DAYS ON MARKET		

Currently supply of property is seasonally lower. Sellers pull property off the market due to children in school and upcoming holidays. This creates a slightly higher sales price this time of year. When you think about how many (days) of holidays there really are it doesn't make much sense. In the spring several homes are for sale and a few must sell, thus pulling the market price slightly lower.

You may want to go to the following website address and become more informed about the proposed trails or scan the QR code with your phone. Please take the survey! Also forward this survey to whomever, as the greater input the better the results.

My experience in showing property over for 19 years is it shows buyers security (Mom walking with stroller), prosperity feel (successful), and an active community (normally higher income levels)--hence increasing property value.

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



Excerpt from Yukon City Survey website:

<http://www.cityofyukonok.gov/trails> or
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V7XPG57>
City of Yukon is seeking input regarding walking, biking trails with-in the city limits.

What is a trail? For this project, a trail is defined as an accessible travel way created between various destinations intended to be used by walkers, runners, bicyclists, and in-line skaters as an avenue for recreation, exercise, or alternative transportation.

Task Force – Vision Statement

The vision of the Yukon Master Trails Task Force is to design and develop an extensive trail system to connect destinations within the City of Yukon, as well as link the City with surrounding communities. The goal is to tie the trail system into Yukon's rich history through the Chisholm Trail and Route 66 to further support its goal of becoming a destination city for tourists. It is anticipated that the trail system might serve as a model for other communities wishing to provide a venue which encourages family fun and togetherness, as well as supporting a healthy lifestyle for all citizens. A trail system that brings all of these points together (history, health, and exercise) will only serve to deepen the sense of pride that Yukon citizens have in our city.

Common Myths about Trails:

Myth: Trails Will Hurt my Property Value

Truth: Many studies have shown that trails increase property values, and that the value increase correlates directly with the proximity of homes to trails or trail destinations (open/recreation space). In several cities, trails helped make developments more marketable, profitable and efficient. Both homebuilders and homebuyers can

receive direct economic and tax benefits due to trail programs.

Myth: Trails are not Safe

Truth: Trails generally separate their users from a more immediate risk environment and in many cases they provide a barrier between unsafe conditions and recreation. They also provide a safe avenue for exercise, recreation, and alternative transportation methods. Trails that can be used easily as a route to the corner store, to commute to work or school, [or to access recreational areas] will rapidly become part of community life. (Royal commission on the Future of Toronto's Waterfront, 1992)

Myth: Trails Increase Crime

Truth: Several studies have shown that trails, even when routed through abandoned or higher-risk areas, do not increase crime. The increased traffic and recreation usually work to lower and eliminate crime from these

areas due to the increased presence of people in the area. The rate of vandalism and break-ins to properties adjacent to trails has been found to be well below the neighborhood average in the same area. Trails also act as a meeting place for the community, foster interaction and involvement among users, and bolster a sense of community pride, further reducing the likelihood of criminal activity in the area.

Myth: Trails take City Tax Revenue

Truth: Trail networks help to increase tourism, the frequency of events, urban development and redevelopment, property values, health care savings, consumer spending, jobs and investment. Trail networks carry a profound possibility of economic benefit, and trail funding can often be found outside of the traditional city tax revenue.

Myth: Trails Hurt the Environment

Truth: Trails actually help to conserve protected, open and green spaces by turning them into important destinations, bringing in funds to better maintain them. Trails also support more environmentally-friendly forms of transportation, such as walking, biking, or skating. In addition, trails and open areas can enhance the efficiency of floodplain and drainage network planning, prevent or lessen soil erosion, and filter pollutants near streams and creeks. By providing an avenue for alternative modes of transportation, areas also see improved air and water quality.

Myth: Trails Hurt Local Business

Truth: Trails have been shown to stimulate the local economy. By increasing the quality of life and livability in an area, trails help to attract new residents and businesses. Trails can also be used to provide access and draw visitors to local historic sites, increasing tourism and related spending at local businesses.

Remodel Recommendation from Sylvan Sand Diane Rowher....Hi Cheryl,



We have been doing some remodeling to update the house. As we pulled off the wall paper, we damaged the drywall in places which meant we needed someone who could repair the damage and retexture the walls where needed. We hired Ryan Bowlware of **Bowlware Drywall Repair & Handyman LLC.**

He repaired the drywall and was able to match the texture. We were impressed with his attention to detail and were very pleased with his work. He even ran to Lowes to get a match on our ceiling paint because what we bought didn't do the trick. I am adding a review for him on Angie's List, but thought I would give him a recommendation to anyone in our neighborhood who might be updating or remodeling their home. His phone number is **405-620-6378.**

 *Happy Thanksgiving, Neighbors!!!*



DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

When standing in the path of a tornado, one may have only seconds to prepare. When we first got our tornado shelter, I gave myself 10 minutes making trip-after-trip from house to shelter. Huge mistake! Sirens go off to announce the storm in progress—no guarantee of 10 minute to prep.

Then I transitioned to what could be kept stored in the shelter. Today I am down to one backpack ready to go at a second's notice—hoping for time to secure my dog in his safe area. What's down there in the shelter waiting?

- a jack to at least raise the door and clear the vents for air circulation/ventilation until help comes
 - 4x4" beam to work with the jack
 - a tent & tarps for returning to the damaged site
 - \$1 raincoats from general store or Academy Sports
 - First-aid kit including extra dressing
 - Battery operated fan
 - Light sticks and flashlights with the batteries in moisture-proof bag that might preserve them
 - Shovel, picks, ropes etc. for digging out others and wooden pole for removing electrical lines
 - Emergency blankets like runners receive at the finish line—wallet-size—bought at Academy Sports
 - Regular blankets or mats so I can sit on the floor
 - Non-perishable food i.e. MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat), dried fruit, granola bars, trail mix...
 - Cases of water
 - Battery-powered weather radio to be turned to AM channel after the storm
 - Camper's toilet or coffee can with lid
 - Sturdy shoes that will hold up when walking on debris
 - Whistles for signaling to emergency responders
 - Sanitary Wipes and plastic toys i.e. Legos
 - Moisture resistant sleeping bag & fold-up cots
 - Broom for attacking the spiders
 - Helmets for during the storm and leaving the area
- Most is encased in plastic containers heavy enough to be seating and easy to clean around.

What's in the one backpack?

- o Extra batteries and hand-held fans & flashlights
- o Important papers & favorite pictures
- o Kleenex and toilet paper that ruin in a storm shelter
- o Phone and camera chargers
- o Box-knife, markers, spare keys
- o Leather gloves for digging out
- o Change of clothes, "lumberjack clothes"
- o Spare glasses and contact lens cases
- o Might be in yours—meds or prescriptions
- o Room for the wallet with cash and credit cards
- o Room to stuff the computer in just before going
- o My Bible marked at Job 1:21

To have or not to have???

Careful packing in a powerful back-up battery charger for all the electrical needs when the lights go out. I'm hearing that some storm shelters builders will void their warranty if there is one added—liability issues—possibly dangerous when water/moisture are factored in during the storm—could be like mixing water and electricity.



NEIGHBOR'S SHARE... On Facebook & Email Reported and Unreported

For crime that does not require the immediate presence of a police officer, please make a written report online at www.CityofYukonOK.gov Click **City Department, Police Dept**, scroll to the words

Online Incident Reporting.

Kenneth wrote on Facebook Oct 14: Found!!! Miniature Pom or shepherd... Black and white... Fresh and clean and no matting... Also no collar!!!...Another pic of the pooch..

Carmen wrote: "I just saw this dog walking about on Skytrail about 30 minutes ago."

Wanda sent email: Hi Cheryl, I wanted to say thank you, I talked to my neighbor and she said the owner came and got the little dog, so happy you put it out there for others to read (via Facebook). We know how important our dogs are to the owner!!!

Solicitation email from NW, Wed Oct 16: Got call saying a Construction Company for repairing roofing will be in our neighborhood tomorrow, specifically Elk Run. And they want to do a free roofing inspection tomorrow. They claim to be licensed and bonded; we as neighbors can't verify this, but our Yukon Police Department can...

If they come tomorrow going door-to-door talking and asking, don't expect them to have a permit--just call our Yukon Police Department at 354-1711.

Does the person on the end of the line belongs to a real company? When he asked if I would be home tomorrow, I chose not to answer.

A neighbor on Wilcox Lane reported getting a "you have won a car" phone call yesterday. Please be aware that scam artists do have your name, phone number, and address. It is readily available at several websites including: <http://neighbors.whitepages.com/>

Remember those identify theft commercials where the guy on the other end of the line isn't at all who he/she presents themselves to be? If I don't call them, then I don't know who I truly am talking to.

Can you determine which suspicious incidents and crimes were reported to the Police and which ones were not?

Oct 16 Deer Creek Neighbor email: Thanks for letting us know. There was a guy selling steak in the neighborhood a couple weeks ago.

Oct 22 Realtors Troy/Denise wrote: Offering a reward if found lost diamond out of wedding set. Exercised on Elk Run and Deer Creek this am. \$100 REWARD!

Renee wrote: I hope someone finds it.

Friday, Oct 25 William wrote: At around 2:30 a.m. This morning someone broke into our car at 14xx Von Elm Place, nothing was stolen, due to nothing being in the car. But unfortunately one of the windows were broken to gain access. The only description we have was a light color, small SUV. Resembled a Nissan versa.

Tyler wrote: My wife left her car unlocked and it too was rummaged through last night. 14xx Von Elm. They were obviously looking for cash/guns because they left some bigger items of value in the car.

Mark wrote: I saw 3 individuals in a white crown vic or grand marquis, driving very slow and at one point stop in the middle of the street in front of the house on the se corner of Red Fork and Viola as I was leaving my home on Viola. They seemed lost or startled as I went around them on my motorcycle. I turned around at the curve where Hunton and Wilcox meet and went back to the area. They then moved to in front of another home on Hunton and pulled into the drive. I thought they were maybe just lost but did seem a little suspicious. This was about 3 pm yesterday.

Robert wrote: Saw same guys / vehicle yesterday on Von Elm Place about 6:30

Joann wrote: Hopefully someone will take a picture of the car and license plate if they see it again, that we can turn in to have checked out if necessary.

Conversation continued on Facebook.

Oct 27 Shandra wrote: Our two dogs got out of our backyard this morning...

Later wrote: ...came home this afternoon...

Oct 29 Bill wrote: Condolences to the family of Dexter Webb on his passing...The Webb home was recognized in July as the Von Elm East Yard of the month.

Nov 1 email: FROM NEIGHBOR ON OSWEGO DRIVE:

I found keys at my house in the front yard. I am sure they lost them last night while trick or treating.

Nov 2 Megan wrote: We live on Deer Creek and my son's bike was stolen last night. It's a gray/red Mongoose with pegs, black tires & wheels. Please let us know if you see it. Thank you.

Later wrote: Bike has been found. Thank you.

