

Oklahoma's Largest Homeowners Association

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August 2017

From the Gilcrease Hills Homeowners Association

Written by Sherry Leslie



AUGUST HOA BOARD MEETING

Nine board members and one non-Board person met with Manager Jeffries for the monthly meeting at 6:00 pm, second Thursday of August. Copies of reports were given to each attending.

Committee Report from the **Maintenance Committee meeting** was given to the Board. Two repairs to the clubhouse were discussed for the future: replacing the hallway floors and replacing the one old HVAC unit from 1988. The manager will work on cost estimates and present to the BOD for review and approval. Thank you to Willie Saulters and Shirley Hudson for working on the committee.

Covenants Complaints (14 of them) were reported: six were for tall grass in a neighbor's yard. The City Code Enforcement was alerted, as were

homeowners or realtors. Four vehicles and a forklift were reported illegally parked.

A few houses standing empty – perhaps due to abandonment or death of homeowner – were looking very bad because whoever should cut the grass is in question. Our crew then cut the grass to keep a good appearance. The Board voted to charge \$50 per cut for this work to vacant properties. (City Code Enforcement charges \$300) This will be kept “on the tab”, until someone takes responsibility for the house and can pay the tab. Photographs of the yard will be taken as proof in case house ownership goes to trial.

Oakwood will close on August 21, when school starts. Lifeguards are going back to school too. The clubhouse pool will be open on August 26 and 27 weekend and Sept. 2 and 3 weekend, then closed until next summer. **Water Aerobics** will continue -- because no lifeguard is needed for it -- until the water is too cold. That is Tues, Weds, Thurs, at 8:30 am.

Costs for the pools for June and July are around \$9500 for lifeguards, \$4700 for repairs, chemicals, utilities, supplies. Enjoy the swimming part of your dues!

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TRAFFIC ALERT !

SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK !

Now we all need to **remember the speed limits around our school** because it will be swarming with children, parents, teachers, and perhaps a traffic cop. The ticket for speeding in a school zone is painfully high. It's our goal that no one gets a ticket. Warn every driver in the house about driving slowly around the school and being patient with the increase in cars, buses and little bodies. We are excited to help our new partnership school succeed in our neighborhood and make us famous!

There is a back to school night and open house for **Greenwood Learning Academy** on Thursday, August 17, 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Also remember to be careful leaving your street to enter the main throughways of your village. We don't have stop signs, but those driving the main streets have the right of way over those entering from the side streets. Blind spots are here and there....be careful.

2017 FINANCIAL EXPENSE BUDGET UPDATE

By Stacy Hardwick, board treasurer

Hello Gilcrease Hills Homeowners, the following is a update of our Expense Budget for the first 7 months of 2017:

The expense spending for 2017 have been reduced by \$31,698.00 for the same period in 2016.

Our Reserve Fund Balance at the end of 2016 was \$55,049.00 and thanks to some cost initiatives by the HOA manager and BOD, \$33,232.00 has been added to the Reserve Fund for a new total of \$88,281.00 and growing. Homeowners, remember, the Reserve Fund was created to ensure the association has sufficient funds available to address any emergency that may occur.

HOA manager and BOD will continue to discuss and implement cost saving initiatives.

If anyone has any questions about the 2017 budget, please contact the HOA manager.

PROUD GRANDPARENTS

We have many proud grandparents in Gilcrease Hills. This month we give a nod of congratulations to the **grandparents of our Miss Oklahoma 2017**. They live in Gilcrease Hills. We join them in wishing her well in the Miss America pageant this September.

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OUR HISTORY

The booklet written by Phyllis Braumlich in 1990 told the history of our neighborhood. It was a very special dream of the 60s and 70s. A copy of the book is preserved in the research room of the Central Library and another has now been given to The Tulsa Historical Society for their archive collection. Phyllis and her husband lived on West Woodrow in West Saddleback for several years, but have now passed away. We appreciate her forethought to write down our history for posterity.

"FROM DOME TO HOME"

This is the name of the meetings hosted by Rep. Regina Goodwin every month in Tulsa. They are always the 4th Saturday morning, 10:00, at the Westview Clinic, 3606 N. Cincinnati Avenue - **next one August 26th**. They are open to everyone who wants information from her.

The July meeting was a great discussion of local news. About 35 people were there. Topics were:

Policing: community policing, Body cams or Dash cams, When is the 2016 Excessive Force Report coming out? (Vanessa Hall-Harper was there to talk)

Public Education: What will changes in Emerson Ele. mean for the surrounding neighborhood, Are emergency certification teachers qualified enough, does the drop in suspensions mean the children are in "in house" rooms and being taught. (Jeannette Marshall was there to talk)

Land use: Do we want/need more discount stores around, or some other stores with higher quality food?

These leaders urge us to email or call city officials with our desires and complaints, and to the school board. City Council meetings and School Board meetings are open.

Tulsa Public Board meets in the Service Center every first and third Monday, 6:30 pm. To comment, one must be on the agenda. City Council meets Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, and all are welcome.

BEING A PRO-ACTIVE NEIGHBOR

You can complain about high grass on your street by calling the City Code Enforcement to report it IF THE GRASS IS OVER A FOOT TALL that number is 918-596-7698 or call the Mayor's Hotline 311 or go to their website www.cityoftulsa.org. They will send a letter of warning with a deadline for cutting, and then they will cut and charge \$300 to the homeowner. Our manager Jeffries is turning in enough of these reports to be considered a cranky complainer, so if you call too, it will be meaningful.

If you ever see someone dumping trash and tires, or vandalizing the pools, playgrounds, club, tennis courts, or school, it's a great help to note all you can about the car or truck. Report to the police with the tag number and vehicle description. You will not get into a problem by reporting.

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tulsa Police Department (non-
emergency) 918-596-9222
Gilcrease Division 918-591-4100
Gang/Narcotics 918-586-6300
Crime Stoppers 918-596-COPS
Osage County Sheriff 918-287-3535 or
1-888-287-3150
Oklahoma Highway Patrol 918-627-
0440

Fire Dept-report fire hazards 918-596-
9444
Mayor's Action Center (Tulsa) 918-
596-2100
Office for Neighborhoods (Tulsa) 918-
596-1292
Tulsa Water Dept-broken line 918-596-
9488

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

Animal Control-strays/dead animals
918-596-9771
Crime Commission (Alert Neighbors)
918-585-5209
Code Enforcement (Tulsa) 918-596-
7698

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 15th Block Party 6:pm
Sept 14th Board Meeting 6:pm