



Greeting ELNA Residents

With spring arriving we have planned a Neighborhood Association meeting for April 28th at Bellevue Health and Rehabilitation Center beginning at 7:30 PM. I am going to invite our new City Councilman for Ward 2, Dr. Ed Shadid, to introduce himself and talk about his vision for Oklahoma City and Ward 2. I have also invited Councilman Gary Marrs of Ward 1 to do the same. In addition to these speakers we will address neighborhood issues and receive reports from association officers. Hopefully we can do this in a reasonable time frame. I encourage as many neighbors as possible to come to this meeting to hear from our new Ward 2 Councilman, Dr. Ed Shadid, and our present Councilman for Ward 1, Gary Marrs.

Over the last twelve months we have spent money on a sprinkler system along Portland, professional landscaping of the Edgewater Drive entry way, and finishing the development of our web site. We also had a fantastic neighborhood picnic in September which was paid for by your dues. We additionally had ongoing expenses of mowing, electric, and watering along Portland. These expenses resulted in the depletion of approximately one half of our cash balances. Although we did not ask for any dues in 2010 we have begun invoicing for 2011 dues. The invoice details the expenditures I have talked about above.

During the months of December through February we had an issue of a water park being built north of our neighborhood. Gary and Carol Fletcher have provided a very good article on this in this newsletter. I would like say that this was a learning experience for me and the neighborhood has a great ally in Friends of Lake Hefner.

In closing, let's pray that we have calm spring weather without hail storms, and we receive rain for our gardens. Look forward to seeing you at our April 28th meeting.

We hope to have a good turnout.

- John Jewell

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Next Neighborhood Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 28

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Bellevue Health & Rehab center, South Door

<http://www.edgewater-lakepointe.org/>

Are you receiving our neighborhood emails?

Important information is sent from time to time and never any spam. Email addresses are never published on the emails and are always kept confidential. If you would like to join the email list please send an email to Nicolle Franklin (nicollefranklin@hotmail.com) for inclusion.

No Water Park in Edgewater's Backyard

Last December a proposal was presented to the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust "OCWUT" to develop a Water Sport Park on the west side of Portland immediately abutting the north edge of our neighborhood. This proposal involved substantial acreage with cables pulling skiers in a large oval of water. A similar park is located off I-35 south of Guthrie.

Recognizing the impact this would have on the lake area, Friends of Lake Hefner "FOLH" alerted neighborhood representatives and other interested groups. David Ellis and Lester Cowden, two of our great neighbors who are on Friends of Lake Hefner's Board, met with Edgewater's Executive Committee to help formulate our opposition to the proposed development.

From that meeting Sue Tabor, ELNA Secretary, composed an excellent letter from our association that was presented, along with other letters from interested parties, by Friends of Lake Hefner to the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust. The OCWUT referred the proposal to the Game and Fish Commission as well as the Park Commission for their recommendations. John Jewell, ELNA President, and other Edgewater neighbors attended and participated in these meetings. Both the Game and Fish Commission and the Park Commission recommended not approving the proposal.

Many Thanks to Friends of Lake Hefner and our dedicated neighbors who took the time and made the effort on behalf of our neighborhood to help preserve the positive aspects of Lake Hefner.

- Gary & Carol Fletcher

Beautification Committee

Summer months are close at hand, and accompanying a return to summer is the return of the *Edgewater-Lakepointe Yard of the Month*. We hope to sponsor this during the months of May, June and July (possibly August) and October – one award winner for each side of Portland. This revered contest enhances our neighborhood, so please join the fun and ready your yard for competition.

Beautification Committee members are needed!

The Beautification Committee is responsible for the *Yard of the Month* contest but is also responsible for supervision of planting and maintenance along Portland, as well as any projects that might develop in this regard.

Please consider participating as a member of this committee, the more members working, the easier the load for all. Contact John Jewell at 848-4204 if you are interested in serving on this important committee.

- Susan Tabor