

SOUTHWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Fall 2010 Newsletter

It looks like we're done with the 100 degree days for this year, and the cooler weather over the Labor Day weekend hinted at Fall! Time for the kids to go back to school (YEAH), football, and our Neighborhood Association Membership Drive! If you've been a member in the past, thanks for your community spirit. If you haven't been a member, please consider it this year.

Annual Meeting Summary

We had a very good turnout at the Annual Meeting, which was held on June 8th this year. Guest speakers included Vic Bell, Community Coordinator for the City of Bixby and Steve Sutton and John Easton, who represent our neighborhood on the City Council. Steve basically has the west half and John the east half of the neighborhood. Vic listed new developments in the City and upcoming street projects. Good news is that 111th & Mingo intersection improvements are on the schedule, bad news is that they are at over a year away.

Steve Sutton spoke of the new City Manager, who comes to Bixby from Sand Springs. Steve also spoke of the apartment complex near 121st & Memorial, across from the north school site. Steve said that the Developer is re-working the site plan and moving the complex toward 126th away from the school. Steve said that the City budget is lean but Bixby should avoid the severe shortfalls that Tulsa is having.

John Easton spoke of the work planned for Haikey Creek at 131st, which should improve the channel and take a large part of the land between Haikey Creek and Mingo out of the floodplain. He was asked about any planned improvement to the east leg of the Memorial & 111th intersection and said nothing is scheduled. He was asked about the flooding on 90th E. Ave. and if there was any progress. He said that the projected costs of the improvements are estimated at \$500,000 and that there is no City money available. Wayne Choisnet pointed out that each lot upstream is to be paying a fee in lieu of detention and asked where that money is going to? John didn't know and asked for Wayne to email him to discuss further.

Elections were held for the 2010/2011 officers. All of the previous officers had agreed that they would be willing to serve another term at the same position if the membership wanted them to. Don Schmidt was re-elected President, Tom Daniels re-elected Vice-President, Roger Roth re-elected to the position of Treasurer and Russ Fischer was re-elected as Secretary. Please see the website for more info on the Board Members and how to contact them.

Dues were set by the membership to remain at \$25 for the year, and there was discussion about membership and activities for the association for the coming year. It was decided that SNA would work to expand on the block-party concept that was held last year. It was also discussed that the Board would investigate the cost and possibility of erecting some entry signage for the neighborhood. Final discussion item was that SNA would put together a welcome basket for any new people in the neighborhood. **If you have any new people move in to the neighborhood, please let SNA know!!**

STOP SIGNS ON 116TH

As discussed at last years Membership Meeting, and per the survey results from our last Newsletter, SNA requested stop signs be installed by the City at 116th & 83rd East Avenue to try and slow down traffic through the neighborhood. Thanks to Council Member John Easton for his support in getting the City to do the traffic study for the signs.

BLOCK Parties!!!

The City of Bixby is once again promoting block parties for all Neighborhood Associations to gather and get to know our neighbors. We also plan to use the event as a membership drive function. Last year we didn't meet on the City's suggested day, but had a small gathering a week later to test out the concept and see what kind of planning would be involved. About two dozen brave souls volunteered to be test subjects last year. The weather was picture perfect and the event went very well. SNA provided hot dogs, chips, water and pop. Several of the members brought some desserts and salads to share. Jerry Rodgers hosted and grilled the hot dogs for us. We all brought our own chairs and sat on the lawn for a couple of hours and got to know each other better.

The SNA Board has decided to schedule a block party for SNA Members on October 2nd (late afternoon), instead of the City's suggested date. If we have received your membership dues by the end of September, you will receive an invite via email with the time and host location. If you have not yet paid your annual dues, please use the form at the bottom of this page to send in your membership renewal ASAP so that you will be invited. The block parties are held outdoors and will be canceled and hopefully rescheduled if the weather is not good that day. Remember to watch your email for details.

Due to our size, we'd like to encourage several block parties to occur in a couple of different sections of the neighborhood. They don't need to occur on the same weekend, which may actually give people some options to participate. Any of the Saturdays between October 2nd thru October 16th would be possible dates. SNA will provide basics as last year and help with coordination of guests. If you're interested in hosting, please contact one of the Board Members and advise them of the date you're thinking about. Hosting basically involves providing a lawn and being willing to grill hot dogs!! SNA will send out notices to members in your area and use the RSVP's to determine the amount of food needed. We hope that you'll take time to gather with us this year. It's always good to know your neighbors better and help strengthen our Association.

Entry Signage

At the Annual Meeting the membership voiced approval for the SNA Board to investigate the development and placement of entry signage for the neighborhood. Obviously we would not have something as lavish as some of the new subdivisions around us, but a sign can be nice looking without costing a fortune and would add some identity for our neighborhood. There are a total of 8 entries in to the neighborhood, but we'd probably be placing them individually as the opportunity presents itself. The sign design would need to be low maintenance with possibly some plantings around it. Without dedicated funding, there would not be any lighting or water at the sign. Plus the sign cannot be in the street right of way, so a property owner at the entry must be willing to have the sign on their property.

The Board is currently working on some concepts. If you have any ideas that would fit the design parameters: looks nice, is low maintenance and affordable; or you've seen something that fits that profile, please share them with us. Refer to the website for Board Member contact information or mail us with your concept or picture.

Mail this Membership Form with your dues or Drop in to Russ Fischer's mailbox at 8734 E. 113th

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