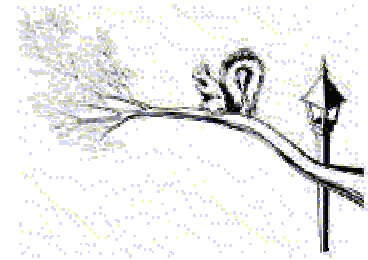


# Eastwood Trails



A little newspaper for a Great Community

Spring 2010

## Message from the Eastwood Community Association President

### The President's Points

After what seems like a very long winter, spring has finally arrived. Spring is a time of new life: trees blossom, plants bloom, and grass becomes green again, making our neighborhoods, especially Eastwood, very beautiful. Spring is also a time to clean and improve our properties. The Eastwood Community Association will again participate in the Great American Clean-Up on May 1. Details appear elsewhere in the newsletter. Cleaning out any clutter around our houses, painting the trim, and maintaining the curb appeal of our properties will increase their value. Realtors tell us that curb appeal is very important to those seeking to buy houses. With the OKC metro area ranked sixth in the nation among potential buyers between the ages 18 – 32, we have never had a better opportunity to see the value of our properties increase. It is for this reason we must ever be improving Eastwood. Just one or two run down or junky properties on a street will diminish the curb appeal and value of other homes. There are plenty of places for people to live where properties are not maintained and junky. Eastwood is not one of these places. The Board of Directors is committed to the upkeep of our neighborhoods and seeks your help as well. ARTICLE III, Section C of the Eastwood Declaration states: "No building or structure upon any lot shall be permitted to fall into disrepair and subject to the requirements of Paragraph D, ...each such building and structure shall at all times be kept in good condition and adequately painted or otherwise finished." Please remember also that all garbage containers are to be kept in their enclosures except on the day of trash collection. All of these things will improve curb appeal in Eastwood. If each homeowner will enforce these rules himself, the Board will not be forced to do so. Thank you for your cooperation.

Royce Smith, President

During the winter the board of directors accepted two resignations of board members and have filled the vacancies with Chuck Vassal and Lee Goodman. The new board is as follows:

Royce Smith, President Bobby Holland, Vice President Charles Planer, Treasurer	Linda McKelvey, Secretary David Knowles, Member Lee Goodman, Member	Joyce Dymek, Member Dave Mehlhaff, Member Chuck Vassal, Member
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We have several former military serving you once again on the Eastwood Board, and many of our military assigned to Tinker live in our neighborhood. Please remember to thank our military in uniform or a veteran when you see one!

As you can imagine, the depth of responsibility for our beautiful addition is huge. No one person, or one group of individuals can maintain it without help...your continued support and help. We, as a board, assigned different areas to each board member, and each board member will solicit help from you, our other homeowners.

Below are the different committees/areas of assignment and the homeowner or lead for the committee:

- Architectural committee: Dale Fredericksen, Chuck Vassal, Steve Parrot;
- Common Areas: Dave Mehlhaff, Wayne Koc, Bill Thompson
- Entrances and Fountain: Lee Goodman, Milton Nichols, Frank Simpson, Wayne Goodman
- Ponds: Chuck Planer, Roger Rensvold, Dale Smith
- Pool: Bobby Holland, John Ritterscamp, Jim Carpenter
- Playground, Tennis Court, Basketball Court: Joyce Dymek, Earl Putnam, Yvonna Clarridge
- Newsletter: Linda McKelvey, Annette Lick, Dale Fredericksen
- Website: Darrel Crosby
- Erosion in the Common Areas: David Knowles, Don Vance, Tim Ashcraft
- Lights: Royce Smith, Dale Fredericksen, Bill Lick



**Mark your calendars.** The Eastwood Garage Sale dates are set. The Spring sale is May 7-8 and the Fall dates are Oct 1-2. Remember it's the resident's responsibility to get proper permits from the city and post Garage Sale signs in accordance with city ordinances..



### **PLANNING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY**

Do you know that if you make any kind of "improvement" or change to your home/yard/structure, you need approval from our architectural committee **BEFORE** work begins. Any utility structure must match the look of the home, i.e., brick matching, approved roofing, etc. "Requests to install a fence, utility structure (storage building), pagoda, pergola, deck, replacing shingles, or any other improvements as stated in the Eastwood Declarations should be sent by certified mail to the Eastwood Community Association, PO Box10662, Midwest City, OK 73140, or submitted via our website at [www.eastwoodmwc.com](http://www.eastwoodmwc.com). You may also contact one of your Architectural Committee members directly. They are Chuck Vassal, Dale Fredericksen, or Steve Parrot. The committee currently meets every 2d Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Eastwood Office. Any homeowner is welcome to attend.



### **HAVE YOU MET YOUR NEIGHBOR?**

We welcome our new residents and hope you've made a point to meet them and welcome them to our neighborhood. Make a point to welcome any new resident.



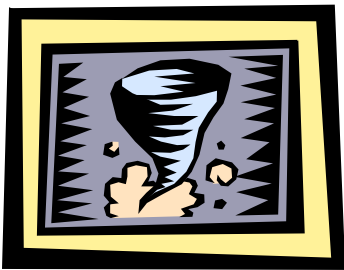
Mona Mason, our financial administrator, who has been an integral part of Eastwood's board of directors, submitted her resignation during the winter. However, we are pleased to announce her replacement, Larry Payne. Larry comes to our ECA with a plethora of experience in management, project management of major building projects, contract management, a Master's Degree in Mathematics, and a huge amount of managerial experience. Larry will be taking over the financial administrator duties on April 1, and will be adding other administrative duties as required. When you meet Larry, welcome him aboard.



**School will be out soon.** The children will be excited to welcome summer and the different activities planned for them. Please watch for the safety of our neighborhood children. Slow down and keep an extra eye open for little ones playing near the streets and in cul-de-sacs. Remember parents...our streets and cul-de-sacs are not playgrounds for the children. We have Sherwood Forrest and the playground and basketball court for the children to use as a play area.



**Pool opening scheduled for Friday May 28th.** Pool hours will remain 10 AM – 9 PM. Please review the rules for the pool. The pool will be open at 9:00 AM – 10:00 for adult swimming only. The pool is just one of the many neighborhood amenities in Eastwood. We all must take the rules seriously and follow them. The board is working a shade project for the pool. We hopefully will have final details in place before the pool opens. A "Friends of the Pool" committee has been selected and the committee members will be visiting the pool during the pool operation hours, ensuring everyone using the pool is authorized to use the pool...remember non-dues payers (and there are many) are not authorized to use the pool. Unsupervised teenagers will be asked to leave the pool area when displaying unsafe activities. Use good, common sense when inviting guests to swim. Too many swimmers in the pool are unsafe for everyone using the pool. **Some good news for all of us:** Our interest rate on the pool loan has been lowered to 6%. Our payment will remain the same, but the payoff date will be sooner. Great news!



**Tornado season here.** Speculators say because of all the moisture we had during the winter, we could have a very active tornado season. Let's hope we never have to encounter another tornado like the May 3, 1999 tornado. But we do live in tornado alley, so we must always be ready for mother nature's wrath. Practice your tornado drills, and make sure your stay-at-home children know what to do in the event we are threatened by a tornado. Make sure you have a tornado or storm box or basket that has flashlights with extra, new batteries; a battery operated TV; cell phones charged; and even more important, if you don't have a shelter, where does your family take shelter in the event of a tornado is headed for Eastwood? If you do not have your own shelter, there is an approved shelter at the fire station on Westminster Rd, just south of Reno. Remember, if you install a tornado in-ground shelter that is outside your home, you must request permission from the architectural committee.



We've had some complaints from our walkers and joggers who encounter residents walking their dogs...some have big dogs. And we still are encountering doggie poop on the pathways and in homeowner's yards. When walking your favorite pets, take along a bag to pick up after your pet. Your neighbor doesn't appreciate having to do so...especially those neighbors who do not have animals. Use pathway courtesy and yield to our runners and walkers when walking your favorite pet.



**Wild Fire reminder.** I don't think any of us will forget last spring's wildfires and the fear we experienced when wildfires took many surrounding homes and threatened our own neighborhood, not once, but twice in a 3-day period. Our addition was very lucky; some of our neighboring additions were not so lucky. The Oklahoma winds helped to spread these fires. Evacuation was not fun. However, we must remember this threat while living in these beautiful woods. It only takes one spark from a cigarette, and a little bit of wind to spark a fire and our neighborhood would go up in flames! Please, please, please...if you smoke, use a safe receptacle for putting out a burning cigarette. Don't use the ground to "step on it" and hope it's out. And when walking the pathways, take a baggie and pick up cigarette butts. The pathways are full of them. This duty should not fall only on the shoulders of board members. Be a good Eastwood neighbor and clean up after yourself and others when necessary.



**GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP.** Date is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Meet at the tennis courts at 10:00 AM. All residents are asked to take a large garbage bag and police the neighborhood of trash. Take the trash bags and dispose of each one correctly. This is a great, fast way to clean up our areas. No limbs, cuttings, etc., just trash.



A HUGE THANK YOU GOES TO OUR NEIGHBOR, JOHN RITTERSCAMP. JOHN REMOVED THE PLUMBING/PUMP HOUSE AT THE ENTRANCE FOUNTAIN, AND TOTALLY REBUILT IT. MANY THANKS TO JOHN! HE'S BEEN A GREAT NEIGHBOR AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE ADDITION. WHEN YOU SEE HIM, LET HIM KNOW HE'S APPRECIATED!!!!

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