



Eastwood Trails



A little newspaper for a Great Community

Summer 2009

Message From The Eastwood Community Association President

I wanted to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to all the residents of Eastwood who responded to my “Message From The President” letter that was published in the Winter 2009 addition of the “Eastwood Trails”. Several of you have volunteered to have your name placed on the ballot when we hold our next election of Board Member’s during our Annual Meeting, September 21, 2009. If you have never served on the ECA Board, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to find out what your Board really does and what it takes to keep Eastwood one of the best Communities in Midwest City.

I also know we were extremely lucky that Eastwood escaped a terrible tragedy during the Fire’s that occurred on April 9 & 11, 2009. I know I can speak for the Board of Director’s and the residents of Eastwood when I say that our Hearts go out to all those who lost their homes or property during this terrible tragedy. We are also thankful that no lives were lost during the fires. We all want to say a **BIG “Thank You”**, to the Firemen and Police Officers of our surrounding communities, as well as the County Sheriff’s Department for all they did during the fires because, without them we would have had a monumental disaster.

From now through May 15, 2009 will be one of the last opportunities for us to clean up Eastwood, for free. We are asking all residents of Eastwood to collect brush, branches and limbs from their own property and as much as possible from the Common Area. All debris should be placed at the end of the walking trails before Friday, May 15, 2009. On the morning of Saturday May 16, 2009 the debris will be collected by Kevin Aiken and his crew as well as volunteer’s from Eastwood, at no cost to the residents of Eastwood. Please do your part. **Help Volunteer!** on May 16, 2009. This offer will not happen again.

Sincerely, Dale Fredericksen, President ECA

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NEW TREE REMOVAL POLICY

The Eastwood Community Association has been dealing with the consequences of the 2007 ice storm for over a year. All over our neighborhood, broken trees are failing to recover. Sooner or later, they will have to be removed.

Dead trees located on ECA property are the property and the responsibility of the Association, and will be removed in due course. However, the process may drag on for some time. The ECA depends heavily on volunteer labor, which is usually in short supply.

From time to time, a homeowner asks for permission to cut down a dead tree that, while located on ECA property, is close enough to his or her own property to be an eyesore, a hazard, or both. The ECA is usually happy to grant permission, but only if the homeowner agrees to certain conditions. These are as follows:

- The homeowner must assume the full expense of cutting the tree(s), and hauling the wood to a curbside pickup point, which must be located either on ECA property (e.g., the intersection of a street and an Eastwood hiking trail) or on the homeowner's property. *Cut tree limbs cannot be more than 3 feet long and 6 inches in diameter, or approximately 18 inches in circumference. Limbs can be split lengthwise to satisfy this requirement.*
- The homeowner must not add any wood, brush, or other refuse, which may have been removed from his or her own private property, to the wood removed from ECA property.
- The ECA will arrange, and pay for, the wood at the pickup point to be hauled away. This will usually be accomplished by the Midwest City Sanitation Department.
- The homeowner assumes full liability for any accident or injury, to either persons or property, that may occur while cutting the tree(s), or moving the cut wood to the pickup point.

If you'd like to cut down a diseased, damaged, or dead tree located on ECA property, please contact any Board member. He or she will give you a form to fill out. The Board will return a copy of the form to you, along with the approval.

PLANTING TREES:

Many of you have asked what types of trees could be planted to take the place of those lost during the ice storm of 2007. You can find that information in the Architectural Committee [Policy & Rules](#) (located on our website) for permitted tree sorts in our neighborhood. Rule 6-1. And don't forget, you need approval before planting trees.

Eastwood Neighborhood Garage Sale May 1 & 2

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POOL OPENING:

The community swimming pool will be opening on Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Jim Drennen has returned as our pool master. We would like to thank Jim in advance for once again taking on this responsibility. There are numerous safety and health issues to consider when operating a community swimming pool. This year we had to replace the drain covers to comply with changes in the Federal Codes regulating Swimming Pools. These changes will protect the safety of our swimmers. Mr. Drennen has attended mandatory workshops conducted by the City County Health Department and the Center for Disease Control and is a Certified Public Bathing Place Operator. While using the pool please familiarize yourself with the pool rules posted in and around the pool. For safety reasons, please make sure to always close the gate behind you when going in or out and **NEVER** swim alone. If you should happen to lose your key to the pool, please contact Wayne Koc to obtain a new one for \$5.

Have fun, enjoy the pool and most of all, be safe!

ANNUAL MEETING:

Our next Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at the Eastwood Baptist Church located at 12251 East Reno Avenue. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and will include passing the budget and electing new Board Members for 2009-2010. Please contact Dale Fredericksen at 259-9488 if you are interested in serving on the Board.

ANNUAL DUES:

Dues are considered delinquent beginning November 1st. Any dues not received by May 31st, will be turned over for collection. Any fees associated with this collection are charged to the homeowner. The first letter from our attorney includes a \$100 fee. The only exception would be if the board is notified of circumstances that prohibit timely payment and a payment schedule is worked out between the board and the homeowner.

BARKING DOGS:

Barking dogs are a form of noise pollution. Please control your dogs barking, especially in the early morning and late evening hours. Anyone can file a complaint with the City of Midwest City Animal Control Office by calling 427-6640. The dog's owner can/will be cited by the MWC Police. And, please don't forget to clean up after your dog; it's a MWC and Eastwood rule.

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DEBRIS AND GRASS CLIPPINGS:

Debris and grass clippings should never be placed or thrown over the fence into the common area. It is not the responsibility of the Eastwood Community Association to clean up someone else's yard debris. Clippings should be placed in bags and securely tied to make sure they don't open. The City of MWC will allow up to five bags to be placed next to the garbage cart for removal.

NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

Concerns you may have about non-compliance issues will be addressed at monthly Board meetings only if they are submitted in writing to the: Eastwood Community Association, PO Box 10662, Midwest City, OK 73140 or submitted via our website at www.eastwoodmwc.com using the comment form.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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