



Working in Neighborhoods Neighborhood E-News

Dear Neighborhood Leaders:

Exciting news for all Neighborhood Leaders!

Community Wide Neighborhood Meet and Greet with Mayor Kathy Taylor

Monday, June 22, 2009

Centennial Park — **Central Community Center**
1028 East Sixth Street [6th and S. Peoria]

Please **RSVP** and let us know you will be able to attend: neighborhoods@cityoftulsa.org

Learn More at Working In Neighborhoods University (WIN U)

Registration continues for the WIN U classes. The next scheduled upcoming class is on **Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**, we will be offering *Leadership: Dealing with Conflict*. This class will be facilitated by the “Early Settlement Mediation Office and a WIN neighborhood liaison. For a complete schedule of our available Leadership Development and Training classes offered by the City, please visit www.cityoftulsa.org and look under the Community Programs tab and follow the Neighborhood Services link.

All classes are free. They are held at the Centennial (Central) Park Recreation Center located at 1028 E. 6th Street. You may register at neighborhoods@cityoftulsa.org or by calling 596-1292.

Does your neighborhood association cover a large area?

Do you know who just moved in your neighborhood?

Do you know if senior residents need assistance?

Here is a solution to getting the whole neighborhood involved and remedying these issues.

Consider Utilizing Block Captains



What Are Block Captains?

Block Captains are the backbone of a successful association. They act as the association's liaison for their immediate neighbors.

To determine boundaries of your blocks, order an aerial photo of your neighborhood through the WIN Neighborhood Liaison. Identify how many captains you will need to recruit.

A good way to recruit block captains is to locate the best kept home on each block. Approach the resident and tell them you admired their home and their obvious commitment to your shared neighborhood. Tell them you would like for them to be a role model for others on their block and ask if they would be willing to serve as a block captain. Give them a job description and invite them to an informational meeting.

Responsibilities of a Block Captain

- Introduce yourself to the neighbors on your block.
- Gather information for the neighborhood directory, current names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.
- Keep track of persons living in each house: their profession, work phone (in case of emergency, medical conditions).
- Attend general neighborhood meetings.
- Report to the president of the neighborhood association any block information needing attention by the association.
- Encourage social activities for your block by asking others to host a get-together.
- Hold periodic block club meetings to discuss issues relating to your area of the neighborhood.
- Welcome new neighbors on your block and encourage them to join the association.
- Identify a willing individual to take your place when your term as block captain is over.
- Work with code enforcement by alerting neighbors or Association Officers of violations.
- Make sure all neighbors receive the neighborhood newsletter or other informational flyers.

This information is provided by the WIN Neighborhood Liaison Team.