



Working In Neighborhoods Neighborhood News

Neighborhood Leaders:

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NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

On July 12th, the South Creek Neighborhood Association held a Sunday afternoon picnic for approximately 70 neighbors. The children had a parade on their decorated bikes and enjoyed a visit from Clonky the Clown. It was truly a wonderful example of how a community can all pitch in for food, fun, and great fellowship!

Please keep your WIN Liaison Staff posted of your events. We would love to give an occasional "shout out" of all the great things happening within our communities.

You can keep us informed at neighborhoods@cityoftulsa.org or by calling 596-1292.

Respectfully,

Your WIN Neighborhood Liaisons

WORKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS UNIVERSITY (WIN U)

Registration continues for the WIN U classes. The next scheduled class is **Saturday, July 25 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.**; we are offering, "*Why and How Do We Setup a 501(c) (3)?*" community education forum. 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. Classes are conducted 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.

CITYWIDE BLOCK PARTY DAY 2009

Every year the City of Tulsa has a citywide Block Party Day. These block parties provide a good way to get together and meet your neighbors. Block parties can vary from elaborate celebrations complete with children's activities to small picnics. The Department of Working in Neighborhoods can arrange for visits from the Tulsa Fire Department and the Tulsa Police Department, and provide barricades to block off your streets during the party.

This year, the Citywide Block Party is taking place on **Saturday, September 19, 2009**. You can [register your block party online here.](#)



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IDEAS

TEAMWORK

Teamwork is truly about building relationships with people. Here are some things to keep in mind when building a strong team:

- Ask open-ended questions. People love to talk about themselves. Ask your neighbors about their families, pets, and jobs.
- Be dependable. Follow through on your promises. If you announce a meeting, plan to hold the meeting. Following through shows you are about action and that you are dependable.
- Be familiar with the needs of your neighbors. When you plan, think about the needs of your neighborhood.
- Share information. Let people know what resources are available.
- Be honest, respectful, and responsible.

RECOGNIZE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Take the time to remind the neighborhood association members of all the great accomplishments as a team. Some of your accomplishments might include:

- Get to know more neighbors
- Recruit more people to join the team
- Get good publicity in the paper about your neighborhood
- Plan a social event for the neighborhood
- Conduct a neighborhood-wide survey
- Check on a homebound neighbor
- Produce a neighborhood newsletter
- Create a welcome wagon for new neighbors

IDEAS FOR HONORING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make the neighborhood association a success. Appreciate and value whatever level of commitment a volunteer can make. Some volunteers may have more time to get involved than others may; however, recognizing the efforts of **all** volunteers is important. Here are some suggestions for expressing thanks to them. Put in your own creative ideas.

- Promote a volunteer-of-the-month program
- Treat them to a soda or coffee
- Send a card
- Greet them by name
- Take time to talk