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The Official Newsletter of Edgemere Park Preservation, Inc.

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## **Happenings in the 'Hood**

by Jann Hook, [president@edgemerepark.org](mailto:president@edgemerepark.org)

**Neighborhood Security** – You may notice the new Edgemere Park Security Corporation signs posted in many residents' yards around the neighborhood. These signs indicate to our Wackenhut patrol officer which homes are members and support the security patrol. Another enhancement to membership recently implemented is a cell phone provided to the patrolman so that members can contact him directly when he is on duty.

The security corporation and patrols are critical to keeping our crime rates low. Currently less than half of the homes are members, which limits the number of patrol hours we can pay for. Please do your part to keep Edgemere Park safe by joining if you are not a member. Contact me or Mark Clopton, 524.9558, for an enrollment form or download one from our web site, [www.edgemerepark.org](http://www.edgemerepark.org).



**“History in the Making” Neighborhood Improvement Campaign** – Watch the mail for the Edgemere Park Strategic Plan summary and details on the resulting projects that emerged from the priorities. Please think of the 'hood when you plan your year-end charitable giving. Let's all make a contribution to our quality of life by enhancing streetlighting, planting trees, landscaping our 36<sup>th</sup> Street entrance, and providing new desks and chairs for Edgemere School students!

**Holiday Party** – Our annual gathering of neighbors during the holiday season will be on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the home of Megan Clement. Details are inside. As we have done in the past, donations for Edgemere School will be collected. If you would like to contribute, please visit [www.friendsofedgemere.com](http://www.friendsofedgemere.com) and see the Classroom Wish List section for items requested by teachers or a cash contribution can be made through EPPI's neighborhood improvement project.

**Loss of a Great Edgemerite** – Edgemere Park recently lost a wonderful friend and neighbor, Carter Bradley. During Carter's forty years living in the neighborhood, his many contributions made lasting improvements to the quality of this community we enjoy today. Please see the article inside to learn more about his very interesting and productive life.



## *Holiday Decorating Contest*

**Enter to win the Edgemere Park 1st Annual yard Lighting Contest!  
Get your lights and decorations out of the garage to make your house sparkle and shine.  
The Grand Prize is \$100 cash and your photograph in the Eppilog.  
To enter, send your name, address, phone number and \$10 to:**

**Edgemere Park Preservation Inc.  
P.O. Box 54655  
Oklahoma City, OK 73118**

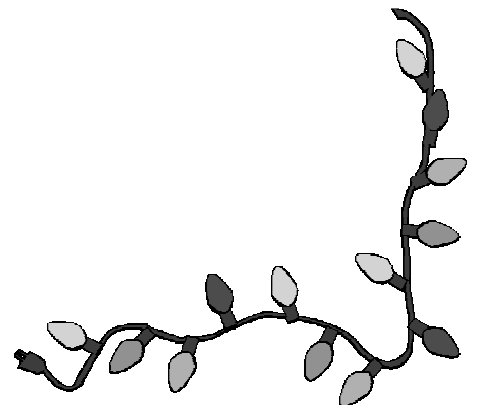
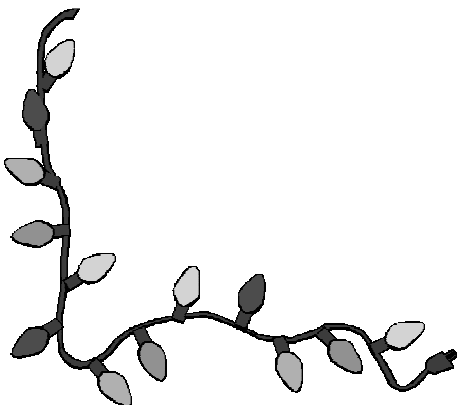
**All entries must be received by December 19th  
Proceeds to benefit the Neighborhood Improvement Campaign.**

## *Edgemere Holiday Party*

**Spread the Holiday cheer with your fellow neighbors at the home of Megan Clement!  
Beverages will be graciously provided.  
Edgemere Residents may bring either an appetizer or dessert.**

**Please join us on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 pm**

**Megan Clement  
244 NW 34th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK**



## Make plans for Dinner Out Benefitting Edgemere Elementary

### Irma's Burger Shack Night - First Monday of every month

Stop by Irma's Burger Shack at 1120 Classen Drive in the Plaza Court for dinner. Be sure to mention this promotion to your server, and 10% of the proceeds will go to the school!




### Papa John's Pizza Night - Third Thursday of every month

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## Edgemere Park Trustees Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2008, 7:00 PM

Iron Starr Urban Barbeque

- I. Welcome and Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Jann Hook. Present: Joseph Arguello, Sandra Harrison, Chris Peters, Bernest Cain, John Doddy, Jenifer Cawley, Denise Waters, Mary Surbeck, Mark Clopton, Cynthia Garrett, Jann Hook and Rita Benischek.
- II. Billboard at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Robinson. Hook informed the trustees about the scheduled hearing for Nov 13, 2008, 1:30 PM in District Court of Oklahoma County, [Case No. CJ-2007-1851] Late update: the hearing was cancelled as the judge would rule on the issues based on the briefs that were prepared by Attorney Leslie Batchelor on behalf of HPI (Heritage Hills), Edgemere Park, Heritage Hills East, Mesta Park Neighborhood Association, Jefferson Park Neighbors Association and the Uptown 23<sup>rd</sup> Development Association and the opposing interest, Vital Signs, Inc.
- III. 36<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Coalition. Hook reminded the members that the first negotiation meeting with HREI, the developer of the property to the east of the First Christian Church, occurred prior to the previous trustees meeting. The coalition members are waiting for the traffic impact evaluation that is being prepared by HREI. The next meeting of the Coalition is Tues, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM.
- IV. 2008 Wrap-up/2009 Planning. Hook stated that we are planning for Clopton to assume the presidency of EPPI in January 2009.
  - A. Holiday Party/Social. Hook. The time and location to be announced in the *EPPILOG* and the website.
  - B. EPPI [Print] Directory for 2009-2010. Hook. Scheduled for printing in December 2008. Trustees are to update residents in their blocks. Arguello to facilitate the final preparation. Garrett will submit her section of the database. Waters and other volunteers to assist. The funding for this activity is an item in the budget.
  - C. Trees- Annis Boys Trust. Hook and Surbeck. The tree planting will be in progress. New trees will require one deep watering after planting.
  - D. Liability insurance for work area at 36<sup>th</sup>/Robinson landscape program. Hook. Information about rates for a non-profit: ~ \$680/year for a \$300,000 policy for only the specified work area. The fee for the neighborhood would be over \$1,000/year. Hook will continue to explore options and possibilities.
  - E. Plans for 2009: Clopton. Eleven trustee seats are up for re-election and others: secretary, treasurer, social chairman and vice president-elect. Clopton will call an executive committee meeting for further discussion; however any interested residents are encouraged to volunteer for trustee and officer positions.
  - F. Next Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 2009. All residents of Edgemere Park are encouraged to attend. Place and time to be determined. Refer to *EPPILOG* or [www.edgemerepark.org](http://www.edgemerepark.org).
- V. Committee Reports.
  - A. Communications. J. Arguello. Other neighborhoods' residents submit articles to their newsletters. Lydia Arguello completed the last layout. J. Arguello has updated the website and would like to add a fansite page within Facebook to enhance Edgemere's visibility and marketing. Trustees agreed to go ahead if a demonstration could be viewed first.
  - B. Edgemere Elementary School. Clopton. Residents of Edgemere attended a fundraising meeting held at the school, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The school friends have raised about \$32,000 to put toward the purchase of new desks and other materials for the students. Edgemere Park sent \$1500 to the school (for 2006-2008 contributions).

- C. Historic Preservation. Harrison. The vacant lot located at 30<sup>th</sup> and Hudson has been a non-conforming use since 1980 and was grandfathered as a parking lot. Hook and Harrison met with the city, secured affidavits from previous property owners and Arvest Bank that the lot had not been used for more than three years. With the evidence presented that the property has not been used for three years, it reverts back to R-1. The purchase of the lot and the church located at Hudson and 30<sup>th</sup> is "on hold" per the Happy State Bank [Happy, Texas], the current receiver of the property. Formal notification of the R-1 status is pending.
- D. Park and Public Improvements. Surbeck. Hook and Surbeck met with Scott Copelin, OKC Parks Department. Edgemere Park is scheduled for 24 trees of various species with the grant moneys. Site plan is in progress. Assistance from University of Oklahoma student volunteers will help, March 2009.
- E. Public Relations. Garrett. Members paying dues: 144. Cawley and other volunteers will assist Garrett. She will call a meeting to assemble and take welcome baskets.
- F. Resource Development: Waters. Hook and Waters met with OGE to discuss revisions about the lighting study for the park that included updated spacing and other considerations. EPPI has received \$2750 for the neighborhood improvement campaign.

Waters proposed holiday lights for the pavilion in the park to be lighted from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> through Jan 1, 2009. Motion to light the pavilion from park maintenance funding by Peters; Mary seconded. Carried.

Surbeck and Peters stated that the covers for the electrical outlets in the park and the Harvey median are inadequate. Better covers for the outlets was deferred.

Peters moved; Harrison seconded that additional research into the excessively high water bill problems on the Harvey median undergo further research. Motion carried. Trustees recommended that a lock be placed on the irrigation system to better control costs.

- G. Edgemere Security Corporation, Inc. Clopton. Signs for homes that pay security dues are ready for pick up. The placement of the signs at the residences must be visible to the Wackenhut force. Trucks and volunteers to pick up the signs are needed. A door-to-door campaign is scheduled for 10 AM, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> to encourage those residents who are not security members to consider participating. Volunteers to assist: Cawley, Marion Clopton, J. Arguello and others.

- H. Social and Special Events. Hook stated plans were in progress. Cain and L. Neal.

- VI. Approval of October 2008 Minutes. Hook. Harrison moved to accept; seconded by Cain. Motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer,s Report. Hook for Jungman. EPPI received \$2028 distribution from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation principal. Harrison moved that \$291.08 for the parts to replace the water line be taken from parks maintenance line item; Waters seconded. Motion carried.
- VIII. President's Report. Hook. Included in several topics previously discussed.
- IX. New Business. Deferred.
- X. The next trustees' meeting will be held in January, the firm date and time to be announced.
- XI. Motion to adjourn; seconded. Carried. Hook adjourned at 8:50PM.

Submitted,  
Rita L Benischek, Secretary  
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or Jann Hook (524-  
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## Remembering Long Time Resident and Legendary Oklahoman, Carter Bradley



At age 89, Carter Bradley was an energetic Oklahoman with three notable careers in journalism, government and higher education. He passed away on Monday, October 27th at his home on 35<sup>th</sup> Street.

Bradley was a 1940 graduate of the Oklahoma University School of Journalism. While at OU he edited the daily student newspaper and was the campus correspondent for United Press International. After college, he worked for the Ponca City News and the Oklahoma City Times. In 1943 he joined the United Press and served as state manager for the agency from 1947 to 1960. During those years, he covered events ranging from the deadly Woodward tornado in 1947 to the Selected Investments scandal of the late 1950's.

Bradley had a hand in reporting every big political story of an era spanning the administrations of four governors. Covering the Woodward disaster, Bradley found a telephone company crew working on one of the few live lines out of the devastated area, and persuaded a repairman to let him use a handset plugged in near the top of a pole. The call got his story on the wire way ahead of the competition. "I scrambled up, and I had to stand on the poles rung as I dictated my story," he recalled in an interview years later.

In 1960, Sen. Robert S. Kerr appointed Bradley as chief clerk (or chief of staff) of the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences. His first big mission was to help Kerr steer through Congress legislation authorizing Project Apollo, President Kennedy's goal of landing American astronauts on the moon.

After Kerr's death on New Year's Day, 1963, Bradley served as administrative assistant to Sen. Mike Monroney which was when he began his third career as a crusader for education. He was named executive director of the Oklahoma Higher Education Alumni Council, a consortium of Oklahoma colleges and universities organized to promote public and government support for state campuses. After he retired from the Higher Education Alumni Council, Bradley joined the Capitol News Bureau, where he helped students gather information from the Oklahoma Legislature to distribute to state newspapers.

In recognition of his many successes, he was named to the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame as well as the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.

Carter Bradley served on the board of Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. (EPPI) for many years. Bradley was vice president in 1984 and served as President of EPPI several times over the years, the last time being from 1985 to 1988. His daughter, Teresa recalled that after his return from Washington D.C. he was committed to Lady Bird Johnson's highway beautification program and was instrumental in having the brick wall and berm placed along I-235 south of 36<sup>th</sup> Street. Bradley worked with Diane Crous and Joe Oldham submitting the application to place our neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bradley was born February 24, 1919, at Ada, one of Robert and Lottie Bradley's seven children. Bradley met Loretta Groothouse of Purcell at OU and both went to work at the Ponca City newspaper. They were married May 29, 1942. Carter and Loretta moved to Edgemere Park in 1968. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Bradley; a daughter, Teresa Adwan of Tulsa; two brothers, Glen Bradley of Norman and Joe Bradley of Denver; and a sister, Margaret Smith of Norman and a sister-in-law, Teresa Groothouse, who gave him special care during his last long illness. Their son, Louis Carter Bradley, died earlier this year.

We will miss our dear friend and accomplished neighbor, Carter Bradley.

## Neighborhood Improvement Campaign

A special thanks to the following donors who have contributed to our Neighborhood Improvement Campaign!  
Because of their generosity, we are well underway to realizing the following goals:

- A \$10,000 increase to our endowment fund (this goal has already been met!)
- Forty new trees for Edgemere Park
- A beautifully landscaped entrance to our neighborhood at 36th and Robinson
- A \$3,000 contribution to Edgemere Elementary for new furniture
- Streetlights in the park

Please go to [www.edgemerepark.org](http://www.edgemerepark.org) to see how you can join us in making history!

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# Edgemere Park Events

**Sunday, December 14**  
Edgemere Park Holiday Party  
244 NW 34th Street  
5:00 PM

**Monday, January 5**  
Dinner Out at Irma's Burger Shack  
Benefitting Edgemere Elementary  
1120 Classen Drive

**Thursday, December 18**  
Order in from Papa John's  
Benefitting Edgemere Elementary  
528-7900

**Sunday, February 1**  
HP Committee Meeting  
Sandra & Richard Harrison's  
3600 North Harvey Pkwy  
6:00 pm

**Sunday, January 4**  
HP Committee Meeting  
Sandra & Richard Harrison's  
3600 North Harvey Pkwy  
6:00 pm



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