

SOUTHWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Fall 2018 Newsletter

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Football Season is here!! Whether you're first and foremost into High School football, or College, or the NFL, Happy Days are here again as all of their seasons are now underway. The somewhat "cooler" and wetter August kind of teased us early that fall was not too far away. There still may be some hot days ahead, but not too many of them anymore. There's more days ahead with pumpkin spiced flavored something or other in them!

Thankfully, the past year for SNA has been a fairly quite one. Please take a few minutes to read the newsletter for a quick recap of the year and 12th Annual Membership Meeting that was held last month. I also want to add a big **THANK YOU** to all of you that choose to participate in SNA. It really does matter and make an impression with the City and the Council members.

12th Annual Membership Meeting Summary:

The SNA Annual Meeting was held on August 14th this year. We had a good turnout and also heard from Brian Guthrie, who represents the majority of our area. Mayor Easton represents the remainder of our neighborhood. (Fun Fact: Brian and his family have purchased a home in our subdivision and will be moving in to it shortly.) Brian advised us of a large number of projects that are underway and planned within the City. Ones that are close to us are roadway improvements to 111th and some storm sewer work. The initial phase of the storm sewer work appears to be in the area of South 83rd East Avenue from 111th to 116th. Work is currently in planning and design, with construction in a couple of years. Brian also discussed some of the Bixby Vision projects. Charlie Young Park has been open for a year and has been a great success. Brian mentioned a number of events that have been held at the park and how it has helped bring people to the downtown area of Bixby.

Work also continues with planning for improvements along the river and Washington Irving Park. One item that stood out to me was the effort to obtain right of way and rework the entry to and exit from Washington Irving Park. The existing entry is quite difficult to safely maneuver, so some improvements there would be great. Also interesting was that the old river bridge alongside the Memorial Drive Bridge will be refurbished and

fitted with LED lighting. Brian wrapped up by discussing the status of the Comp Plan Update. Each of the Council members has a draft and has been reviewing it. After addressing council comments, then it will move on to the public review and comments, then begin the official approval and adoption process.

After Brian finished his comments, some new business was discussed regarding bases for the two neighborhood signs, which are at 114th & Memorial and 111th Street & 83rd E. Ave. Both signs are sitting directly on the ground and have settled so that they tilt. The one on Memorial is more pronounced than 111th, and will be the first one to be addressed. The membership authorized up to \$1,000 for the work. If anyone knows of a contractor that would be capable of doing this work, please either provide me with their contact info, or have them contact one of the members of the SNA Board.

The elections were held for the 2018/2019 SNA officers. All of the previous officers had agreed that they would be willing to serve another term at the same positions if the membership wanted them to do so. No one offered any other candidates so the Board was re-elected by acclamation. If you ever need to contact any of us, our email addresses are posted on the SNA website.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan, aka Comp Plan, is a planning tool for the City of Bixby. It tries to look out into the future and help guide where types of development may occur. This then is used to help plan public and private infrastructure, such as streets, water, sanitary sewer, or distribution lines for electric or telecom systems. The last update to the Comp Plan was over 15 years ago. The update that is underway is focused on looking out to the year 2030. There have been a number of workshops and meetings this past year to gather public opinions and thoughts about future development. Several of us from SNA have been going to keep an eye out for our neighborhood. So far things look good. The last map I saw, showed our area staying Residential – Estate size lots. Please stay aware as the proposed plan is finalized and presented to the public. Ultimately the plan is adopted by the City Council, so there will be several times in the coming months when we'll have opportunity to voice either our support or opposition to the Comp Plan. Hopefully, it will be favorable to us! For the latest on the Comp Plan; also check in with the website www.bixby2030.com.

Membership Block Party Needs Host!

We had a wonderful Block Party last year! The weather was iffy in the morning but then came around to our favor in the afternoon, and we had a great turnout as well. The party was at the home of Jeff & Paula Fowler. Unfortunately they are away from the neighborhood for awhile so if you would like to host, please let me know. We will not have the Block Party if we do not have a host location for it. SNA provides all of the food, drinks, and

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utensils. We really just need a yard or patio. The football schedule is set up such that good dates for this year's Block Party are October 13 and 20. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to host.

Neighborhood Security

Those of you on Nextdoor have probably noticed the uptick in people posting about break-ins and also probably saw that I was robbed in August. From my experience and what I've read, the burglars are generally taking tools, small appliances, TVs and items that are easy to carry away and sell. Since I had the police at my place, I asked and they said that they've stepped up patrols through our neighborhood. If you see something odd, report it. The Bixby Police business phone number is 918.366.8294. Hopefully this was a summer thing and the activity will taper off now. But remember as we were told a few years ago when we had the presentation from the Police about neighborhood security, the best deterrent is each of us watching out for the other. We should know what vehicles typically belong at our neighbors.

Membership Dues:

At the Annual Meeting it was again decided that the annual dues would be \$30. You can mail this form with your dues or drop in to my mailbox at 8734 E. 113th Street. My mail box is an old style drop box across the street from my house and cannot be taken by the postal service. They can only drop mail in. PLEASE make sure your contact info is current and print your email address **CLEARLY**.

Thanks!!

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