



UNION STATION NEWS

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Neighborhood Garage Sale

This Saturday, May 22nd, is our Neighborhood Garage Sale. We normally officially start at 8 AM, but feel free to open up whenever you want. And if you'd like to begin on Friday or even Thursday, that's fine too.

This is your chance to convert some no longer needed items into money. Who doesn't like money?

Whether you have a sale or not, try to take a few minutes on Saturday and visit your neighbors who are having a sale. You may find a great bargain. You also may meet some neighbors you haven't met before, or catch up with some old friends you haven't seen for a while.

HOA Dues

HOA annual fees are now due. If you have already paid, thank you! If you still haven't paid, please do so as soon as possible. And if you are behind paying from previous years, please contact us so we can discuss getting caught up.

The hardest part of being on the HOA Board is when we have to take our neighbors to court to get payment for unpaid HOA fees.

One of the ongoing goals of the HOA Board is to keep our annual fees as low as possible, while still keeping our common areas attractive and working to makes sure Union Station is a great place to live.

Those who fail to pay means the rest of us have to make up that difference.

Before Having Work Done...

Remember before you have any roofing, fencing, painting or other exterior work done to contact the HOA. The board will review the work and let you know if the work meets the Homeowners Association guidelines. That way you will know of any problems before you do the work. This process usually takes just a couple of days.

Recent requests have involved widening of a driveway, roofing requests, and new fencing. We've also had conversations with the City of Broken Arrow about guidelines for solar panels.

Everyone's Favorite Topic:

The City of Broken Arrow would like to ensure that your trash and recycling are picked up every time to your satisfaction. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when placing the carts on the curb.

First, please have your carts on the street by 7 a.m. on your designated day, with the wheels touching the curb. Place the carts three feet apart and eight feet away from any other objects such as mailboxes and automobiles.

Second, only City issued carts assigned to your home will be serviced by the trash and recycling crews. Any personally purchased carts or bins will not be serviced by our personnel.

Finally, if you forget to put your carts out for pickup on the day of service, you may request a return service pickup for an additional \$10.50 fee that will be added to your next water bill.

Our pickup day is usually Wednesday (unless there is a holiday). The recycling truck (when running) arrives in Union Station usually before 10 AM. The regular trash pickup is usually later in the afternoon.

About recycling - due to a fire at the processing plant, recycling material is currently being collected along with the regular trash. This is likely to continue for several more months. The fire was apparently caused by a lithium battery that was placed in with other recycling materials.

Food from Around the World

One wonderful thing about Union Station is our cultural diversity. We have homeowners and neighbors from all over the world. I've had the opportunity to travel to several places around the world. Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. It is amazing how diverse and delicious the foods are.

Something we would like to do is to include recipes in our newsletters. If you have a favorite recipe, e-mail it to ushoa@unionstationba.org and we will include it in an upcoming issue. We'd like to share your name and the country or region where the recipe is from.

Also, if there is a cultural tradition you observe, feel free to share those as well.