

OLD SILK STOCKING NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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THE OLD SILK STOCKING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH ISSUES AND QUESTIONS.

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DUES

Old Silk Stocking Neighborhood's voluntary dues are $25 for the year. Below is the QR Code to pay through our PayPal account. Cash and checks are also accepted.

Free Plant Exchange set for May 18



Many of us have perennial plants that can be shared, so let's do it. Dig up some of that groundcover, gather seeds, or divide perennials like monkey grass or irises and meet us in Ruth Updegraff Park from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 18. If you don't have anything to share, come anyway, and we'll get you started. There will be cookies and lemonade! If you're unsure how to divide plants to share, here's a link that might help. https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/dividing-perennials

Police officers provided residents with neighborhood safety tips

A March program on safety in the Old Silk Stocking Neighborhood was attended by about 25 residents. Crime Analyst Jason Redden provided statistics on reported crimes for our area. Over the last five years, the highest number of crimes were for: Vandalism, Simple (unarmed) Assault, Larceny, Trespass, Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Drunkenness, and Theft from Motor Vehicle.

Sgt. Jeff Casillas and Lt. Deny Oesterling discussed how residents can address these crimes, including:

- **Call the police**. Several neighbors expressed reluctance to call police for minor infractions, like pillows stolen from porch furniture, or situations that made them uneasy, but the officers encouraged us to not be hesitant in calling either 911 or the non-emergency number, 405-321-1444. This shows vigilance that can discourage future crimes. Further, in situations where the individuals involved have issues with mental health or addiction, the police have resources besides taking them to jail, including mental health facilities and programs like Drug Court.
- **Get serial numbers** from your most valuable items. That will make a big difference in getting stolen possessions back to you.
- **Lock your vehicle!** The majority of car thefts are from unlocked vehicles. And hide valuables in your vehicle from view.

Want to be an Old Silk Stocking Superstar?

When we started the Neighborhood Association, our idea was to enlist neighbors on each block to serve as Block Captains, who would be the liaisons between the Association and their neighbors. However, after many months of trying, we're accepting the fact that this approach is not working. What has worked, we're happy to say, is enlisting a wonderful group of volunteers who will help us cover all blocks. We're calling them the **Silk Stocking Superstars**. You can be one! Just let one of the officers know!



BEFORE & AFTER

We're thrilled that the very terrible sidewalk on Crawford near Daws (above) has been replaced by a beautiful new sidewalk (at right) that curves around the nearby tree. This was made possible by a collaboration between the City of Norman and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Got a really terrible sidewalk near you? Let us know!



Old Silk Stocking Neighborhood Homes Sold/For Sale

For Sale	Built	Square Footage	# of Bdrms	Garage	Price	Price Per Square Foot	Days on Market
115 W Himes	1936	954	2	No	$ 87,000	$91.00	7
129 E Acres St.	1930	2,183	3	Yes	$365,000	$167.20	116
202 W. Johnson	2024	1,528	3	No	$294,000	$192	45
Sale Pending							
315 E Daws	1920	1,268	3	No	$209.900	$164.50	61
127 W. Himes	1935	1,200	3	No	$210,000	$175.00	1
206 E Daws	1966	1,115	2	No	$175,000	$156.95	2
235 E Himes	1936	1,171	2	Yes	$175,000	$149.44	1
134 E. Himes	1935	1,754	2	Yes	$220,000	$125.00	24
Sold							
226 W Mosier	1969	624	1	No	$120,000	$192.31	0
208 W Johnson	1930	600	1	No	$ 68,000	$113.00	77
Land for Sale							
		Size			**Price**		**DOM**
109 W Johnson		.07 acres			$45,000		84