

Dan Orz, BNA President

I hope 2011 was a great year and the coming year brings you good health, happiness and success.

Our Briarcreek Neighborhood Association (BNA) has been very busy. About 60% of our residents have paid their annual membership dues. Dues are only \$50 per year and each resident needs to pay dues if you are a home-owner or a renter. After all, we all live here. The work that we do to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful hinges on dues from everyone. The Briarcreek common areas on Britton Road and Rockwell require funds for plants, fertilizer, mowing and maintenance.

Water Meter on Rockwell

The landscaping along the perimeter on Rockwell has been maintained by volunteers and was planted with grant funds. The homeowners who live on Rockwell Terrace and backup to Rockwell have allowed us to use their water to keep those plants alive and blooming. We originally thought watering those plantings would only be necessary for the first year or two, but the current drought situation has made us realize that watering those plants; especially if we want them to be lush, blooming and beautiful may require watering more than just getting the plants established. So, we have installed a water meter so that we, as a neighborhood and through the BNA, will be able to control and better manage the landscape's drip system. This project cost BNA approximately \$3,000. We have managed to accumulate those funds due to prudent and frugal fund management with Briarcreek Beautiful as our goal! With the meter installation almost complete. We will be sending out emails, in the spring, to gather a team of volunteers to connect the current drip system to the new water meter.

Decorative Street Lights

The BNA has been working for the past year on the project to replace the wooden light poles in Briarcreek with beautiful decorative lights. This improves the beauty of our neighborhood and property values. The project has to go through an approval process with the City of OKC, who pays the electric bills for our neighborhood streetlights and OG&E, who will install and maintain our street lights. We are at the final stages of the approval process and plan to move forward within the next few months with the fundraising portion. OG&E will pay for a large portion of the installation and will maintain the lights in the future, but we have to pay a portion of the new street lights. Our plan is to reach out to local businesses for contributions and support to help finance this endeavor. But as always we need your support, encouragement and help as well. We will be

holding meetings in the next months to orchestrate this project and it's funding. Please participate and volunteer to help when we plan these meetings. We need your input, your opinion and your comments to guide us. We may even ask for financial support. But, it will be worth it to make our neighborhood more beautiful.

Yard-Of-The-Month

We will start again in the spring. I'd like a few volunteers to take on this project. It's fun, easy and takes only about one hour a month. Contact me ASAP at 326-1124 or email info@briarcreekonline.com.