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Holiday Party - December 14

The Lincoln Terrace Neighborhood Association Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 14, at the Guard's home, 1515 N Lincoln Blvd. The party will be from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

The Association will be providing the main meat dishes for the meal. Neighbors living on odd numbered streets are invited to bring a side dish for meal; neighbors living on even numbered streets are invited to bring a dessert to share; neighbors living on Culbertson can bring their choice - side dish or dessert!

The holidays are a great time to give back as a neighborhood association. We will have several donations and we invite you to participate in (you can choose to participate in one category or all categories):

- Bring canned goods/nonperishable items
- Bring an unwrapped toy (non plush, due to infection control) to be donated to The Children's Hospital toy drive for patients over the holidays. Suggested items can also be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/1vDiwAS>.
- Bring a new or nearly-new winter coat

LTNA board members will deliver the items from the neighbors the week after our get-together to various community organizations.

And start the year off right by paying your 2015 neighborhood association dues at the party!

The piano will be ready for ivory tickling, and we look forward to a great time of socializing with our neighbors! So we can have a tentative head-count, please rsvp to social@lincolnterrace.org or on nextdoor.com.

WELCOME
to the *neighborhood*

608 NE 18 Street
Aaron & Stephanie Corbett

When new neighbors move in, make sure to email welcome@lincolnterrace.org

Holiday Home Safety Tips

Make sure your gifts and valuables are not visible from the street. If a criminal can easily see what is in your home, you increase the chance they will be tempted to come inside to steal the items.

Put your holiday lights on an automatic timer. This prevents thieves from “learning” your habits by taking note of when your lights are turned on and off. It is also a good idea to put your indoor lights on an automatic timer if you are vacationing for the holidays.

Secure your home. Make sure all your doors and windows have functioning locks and install a home security system. The easiest way for thieves to get into your home is through welcoming unlocked doors and windows. Do not store a spare key outside.

Have a trusted friend or family member pick up your mail and newspapers. If you are going out of town, get someone you trust to check on your house and pick up your mail and newspapers. Nothing tells a thief you are not home like a week’s worth of newspapers on your driveway.

Do not post your holiday travel plans online. Broadcasting the location or duration of your trip on social media sites can be dangerous. It may be something exciting you really want to share, but be aware that you are blatantly telling criminals, “I’m not home”.

Be wary of people going door-to-door soliciting donations. This is a common ruse used by criminals. Ask to see an I.D. that connects them with the charity. Don’t feel pressured to give, trust your instincts and never give cash. Call 911 if you believe something is not right.

Don’t advertise the gifts you received. Placing your empty boxes outside for pickup shows thieves what is available inside your home. Break the boxes down, turn them inside out, put them in your trash receptacle and don’t place them on the curb until collection day. Or recycle them.



November
739 NE 17 Street
Chris & Brie Dorr

October
636 NE 14 Street
Dennis & Samonia Byford

September
601 NE 16 Street
Mike & Carol Wofford



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Neighbor Snapshot - The Ryckbost Family

Paul, Christa, Addison (3 years old) and one on the way in February

Paul was born and raised in Holland, Michigan. He moved to Oklahoma after getting his master's degree at the University of Michigan. Christa was born and raised in Wichita Falls, Texas and graduated from Oklahoma Christian University. We met via Christa's college blog – Paul stumbled upon it one night and chatted Christa up. After graduation from grad school in 2005, Paul moved straight to Oklahoma and fell in love! They were married in 2006 and spent their honeymoon road tripping across the Midwest. The highlight of their honeymoon was visiting Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in Pennsylvania. Addison was born in February of 2011 during a snowstorm – most people couldn't even make it to the hospital! They faithfully attend Edmond Church of Christ.

Paul is an urban planner and a civil engineer, and Christa is a commercial interior designer; they both work at Guernsey here in Oklahoma City. Christa has been able to work on a variety of amazing projects since graduating college – some of her work is visible at the Stephenson Cancer Center at the OUHSC and in most of the public areas of the Chesapeake Arena.

What attracted to you to Lincoln Terrace in the first place?

We owned a small home in Mesta Park from 2006-2012. We love the character of historical homes and neighborhoods, and when we thought it was time to get a larger house, we knew we wanted to stay in the core of Oklahoma City and in one of its great neighborhoods. At the time we were looking, the market was just beginning to pick up, so there weren't too many homes available. We wanted something that would fit our growing family and something that we could work on. Since we are both very involved and interested in design and construction, we wanted a home we could renovate. The home we found in Lincoln Terrace fit all our needs.

What do you like best about living here?

One of the other benefits of our great house and location was the neighbors that came along with it. We appreciate the LTNA Board and all of the members, and how friendly and social everyone is. Addison has even found surrogate grandparents across the street – she often asks if we can just go over to their house. We never had that level of connectedness on our old block in our last neighborhood, and it's really helped us feel at home in Lincoln Terrace.

In what ways would you like to see the neighborhood grow or change?

Paul would like to see the Oklahoma City streetcar Phase II or Phase III make it up Lincoln and circle around the Capitol complex. Then we'd have even better, non-car access to downtown. Even though we love taking long road trips across the country, we dislike daily driving and would prefer to do as little as possible. Also, related to that, we hope we can see the commercial area w/ Papa Dino's and George's Happy Hog fill in and have more open businesses – maybe a coffee shop or dessert café with great local art.

Silent Auction Donations

At our Annual Holiday Party, we will be having a silent auction. We are in need of items. All proceeds from the auction benefit our neighborhood. If you have an item or service you could donate, please message Paul Ryckbost via nextdoor.com.

Oklahoma City Launches Mobile App

Oklahoma City officials launched a new mobile app that makes it easier for residents to report code violations. The app, OKC Gov, is available to download free on Android and Apple devices from okc.gov/action or from the Android or Apple app stores.

Residents can also report code violations by logging on to okc.gov/action or by emailing action.center@okc.gov.

You can also report potholes. The app uses geolocation and is a great tool for you to snap a photo to report an issue.

September Crime Report

- 16XX N Lindsay Ave 9/27/2014 at 5:15 Injury/Destruction of Property

Remember call the Police if you see something suspicious. You can also use Nextdoor.com to warn neighbors. Many neighbors are doing this very thing. If you have not joined nextdoor.com yet, we would love to have you join the neighborhood. It is a free service.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony**
December 2, 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Miller Mantels**
December 5, 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Mesta Park Home Tour**
December 6-7
- ◆ **Holiday Party**
December 14, 5:30 pm at 1515 N Lincoln Blvd
- ◆ **Opening Night**
December 31

Lincoln Terrace Neighborhood Association

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