

Settlers' Crossing Community News

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FIRST NEWSLETTER, 2012

Our Facebook Page...

We created a Facebook page to provide interactive communications for our residents. Please "like" our page and post good things you'd like to share with our community!



Our entrances

We'll be freshening up our entrances with color! We invite input from YOU.



Newsletter contributors

Our community is full of talented, interesting people! If you would like to contribute an article about our wildlife, landscaping tips, etc. Please submit your suggestions to us thru our Facebook page or website.

Fun pics...



Squirrels can be fun to watch! Here's a funny pic of a squirrel taken in our area.

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Twitter too...

We have also set up a brand new Twitter account. Our goal is communication communication communication!

Please follow us!



Neighborhood Watch

Our family friendly community is maintained by our efforts to observe & protect. If you see something, say something!



New 2012 HOA Board begins year with big plans...

At the beginning of the year an all new board was selected. Our new board is highly motivated and ready to hit the ground running.

Our first event will be the Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fling Picnic March 31st.

Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fling Picnic



Saturday

March 31st, 11 am

The egg hunt will kick off at 11am at the main pond. We will have 3 categories: ages 1 - 3, 4 - 6, & 7 - 9.

Other plans include fun pics of attendees, face painting, "Make & Take" crafts, games, and more!

Your planning helps our planning...

Please RSVP by March 17th so we can make it a great day for everyone who comes! We'd like to know names, ages of the kids & gender. This will help us plan for enough eggs, candy & appropriate prizes! The bigger the response, the more plans we'll make!

There are **3 ways to RSVP**: send us a message via our Facebook page, website "contact us" or give us a call at 458-0868.

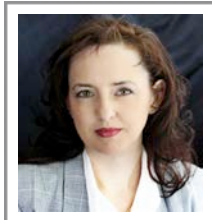
Would you like to contribute?...we'd appreciate donated plastic eggs and \$ to help purchase wrapped candy & prizes. All donations welcome!

We need help stuff to hide Easter eggs & pick up donations. If you'd like to join in the fun too, please contact us by 3/17.

***Be sure to
bring your Easter baskets!***

2012 HOA BOARD MEMBERS

Darlene Shipe, President



Stan & I moved to our area in March 2009. I am an investment advisor with Householder Group Financial Advisors, a financial planning firm here in Edmond. I'm a member of the Edmond Chamber of Commerce, a graduate of the Edmond Citizen's Police Academy and is a member of ECPA's alumni Association. I joined the board because we love living here and want to participate with our community by having social activities and to bring people together and interact again.

Dennis Coon, Vice President



Dennis & his family have lived in our area for almost 3 years. His daughter is very active in gymnastics and hopes to get a college scholarship. He became involved with the board because he wants to help our area thrive.

Brady Redus, Treasurer



My name is Brady and I have lived in the community for about six years. I am an associate professor of

exercise sciences and been involved on every level of health, fitness and exercise for over 20 years! I decided to become part of the board because I love living here and am excited to contribute any way I can to improve this wonderful place. Hope to meet everyone very soon. Thank you.

Ralph Deming, Secretary, Website & Street Light Maint.



I have been a Settlers' Crossing resident since July 2003. I grew up in Deer Creek, Edmond and graduated from Deer Creek High School. After high school I attended OU and hold a Computer Science degree. Jobs have moved me to Chicago, Toronto, Tulsa & Houston. Currently I'm employed at the Federal Aviation Administration Center here in Oklahoma City and work in Logistics. You might see my family fishing at the pond, walking and riding bikes in the neighborhood.

Sarah Umsted, Grounds & Maintenance



Hi, my name is Sarah Umsted and my family has lived in the neighborhood going on 3 years now. My husband & I have 2 little girls, ages 7 & 9. I am currently a full time student at UCO, finishing up my basics, and then plan to attend OU's dental hygiene program. I chose to join our HOA because I care about our neighborhood and I want to see it continue to be a place we can enjoy and be proud of.

Joshua Mason, Grounds & Maintenance



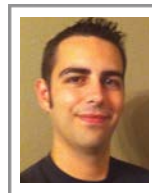
I am 33 years old and engaged to be married in July. I have a 14 year old son and two other children in South Carolina. I have been active duty Air Force for 16 years. I have lived in Westwind V for 9 months. My goal is to ensure Settlers' Crossing continues to thrive & make it a safe & fun environment for our kids to grow up in.

Lisa Marney, Social Activities & Facebook



My name is Lisa and I have lived in the community for about two years. My husband & I have a beautiful son who is 10 months old. I am a school counselor at two elementary schools in a surrounding school district, and love my job! I decided to become part of the board because I felt like it would be great to see some activities in our community again!

Michael Henry, Coordinator & Twitter



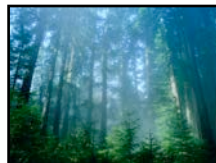
I have been a Settlers' Crossing resident since 2010. I have lived in the Edmond area beginning in 2005 and obtained my Bachelor's in Business Administration from UCO in 2007. I joined the board to assist in community events and engage others to actively be involved in community activities that everyone can enjoy.

Rita Pemberton, Coordinator



Hi! I'm Rita & my husband is Dick. My mom lives with us and she just turned 92! We really enjoy living in Settlers' Crossing. We are all retired and moved here from Montana. I am a retired school teacher & joined the board on a part-time basis to help our community thrive.

Wayne Story, Coordinator



Wayne has lived in Settlers' Crossing for 8 years.

Wouldn't it be fun...

To do fun things by the pond with our kids & neighbors? Do we have artists in our area that would enjoy painting with others? This could be so easy to coordinate thru our Facebook page. We can pick a Saturday, list what to bring and all have a great time! Anyone interested, please contact us. Let's get together and have fun, enjoy being creative and be inspired...



Something to celebrate...

YMCA is building a new facility at Mitch Park!

Let's share...

What's your area of expertise? Are you great at finding deals? What are your talents?

Our area is filled with 377 great families. We each have things we enjoy doing and natural talents. Let's share our good ideas on our Facebook page.

t-shirts to support social activities...

We are designing t-shirts to use as a fundraiser to support some of our social activities. The shirts are great quality and you'll be amazed at how nice they look! (Thanks to one of our residents who is in the business & helping us!) To become a sponsor & get your company name listed on the t-shirt, please contact us.

Our greenbelt, trees, & landscaping... and does anyone else miss the flowers?

Some of our trees really need some TLC! Others did not survive last summer and need to be replaced.

We need to give our trees the care they require to grow well and continue to give our community the wonderful look and shade we enjoy year after year.



We invite YOUR INPUT. What kind of trees would you like to see in our area? Where are good places to add trees to our landscape? Several of our residents are involved in the gardening & landscaping business. Many neighbors have green thumb talent and great ideas! If you are knowledgeable in this area and are open to sharing your wisdom, experience & tips, please contact us! Now is the time to prune trees and make plans of "where, when, what, & how" for the year and we want to do the proper things at the appropriate time. This is a good spring project if we can act quickly, otherwise we'll make plans for this fall. If you'd like to participate in of the planning process, contact us.

And... anyone with the ability of letting us get things at cost and let us coordinate times, please tell us too! We really want to make our area look better!

Did you know... if you join the Arbor Day Foundation, you get 10 free trees????!!

Let's coordinate & add trees to our area... Let's coordinate and help neighbors add trees on their properties! ... Let's coordinate and make our community look better!

For Your Health...



Brady Redus, Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance has many publications in Medicine and Science in Sports

and Exercise and other sports medicine publications.

Brady is passionate about helping others lead healthy, happy lives. He also has many connections that are health experts that have offered to answer questions, give information & suggestions for our own personal health progress goals too!

Our first contributor is Avy Doran. She graduated from UCO with her Master's of Science in Wellness Management with an emphasis in Health Studies. She is also a Registered Yoga Teacher. Avy has graciously given us her wellness newsletter to share, "**Because your health is the most important thing you own...**" Her topics include stress reduction, the importance of sleep, why veggies are important and more. We've posted her newsletter on our website for you.

To ask your questions that are important to YOU, please contact us through Facebook, website or calling 458-0868.

10,000 Steps...

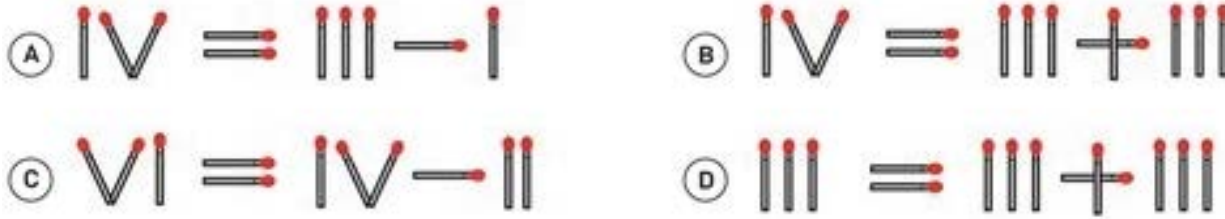
Yes, that's the recommended daily steps for good health! One project we're working on is creating a map of our area to post on our website that will display 10,000 step walking paths. If you'd like to share your favorite path, please send it to us.

Hello walkers & joggers... and love the dog walkers!!!
You are inspiring!!!

Every time I see people walking in our area it helps me be motivated! If you're open to mentor others and let them join you for walks... or you'd like to find a walking/jogging partner... **post a note on our Facebook page!** Others are interested in joining you!

Brain Trainer...

These matchsticks are arranged in incorrect mathematical equations. your job is to correct the equations by moving only one stick. These puzzles were created by psychologist Carlo Reverberi, Ph.D., and have been shown to spark creativity. For more equations, go to MensHealth.com/braintrainer.



For answers... visit our Facebook page or our website.

Our Dues... how is it used?

Your dues dollars pay for maintenance and improvements of our area.

We have a big list of ideas we'd like to do. The more cost effective we are, the more we can

afford to do. In some situations, we will be doing fundraising to support our social activities.

Replacement costs of fencing and other responsibilities are extensive and we need to build up a reserve to take care of it in order to avoid making special assessments.

Thank you for your contribution of time, talent & input that allow us to be active with activities and effective in our desire to get things done!



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Please share your fun pics you've taken in our area! Send your pics to us via Facebook, website, or email.



This could be your ad.

To support our various projects, we are selling space to advertise in our newsletter & post on our website. For more information, please contact us.

Our other residents... Birds, Ducks, Geese

Another bonus to living in our area are the beautiful birds, ducks & geese that visit us throughout the year! Here are some you may see when walking in our area... gold finches, juncos, sparrows, red-wing black birds, doves,



cardinals and american crow. Have you noticed the different ducks? We've seen ring-necked ducks (diving ducks), canvas back ducks, northern shovelers, mallards, and their cousin the canada goose. You can also see the pied-billed grebe (a diving bird), gadwall, green heron, great blue heron, and little blue heron. A

knowledgeable bird watcher could tell us so much more! If you're got fun facts or would like to share your insights, post it on Facebook or Twitter.

Paper or Digital?

To keep communications ongoing, we will be publishing newsletters this year. The fastest, easiest way to do this is electronically to your email and posting it on our website. We know there may be residents who do not use computers. If that is the case, we will deliver paper copies because it is that important that we do not leave anyone out. **Please help us out by registering your preference of delivery on our website or give us a call.** Thank you!

Settlers' Crossing HOA

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Website — www.settlerscrossingcommunity.com

If you want to submit articles or make suggestions for future newsletters, your input is welcome.

ARE YOU ON THE LIST YET?

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We'll be "hoppy" to see you there!!!

