

# GATEWOOD GAZETTE

*Newsletter of Gatewood Historic District*



## We need YOUR help Gatewood

*Message from President Sam Rothblum*

I hope everyone had a great summer! While I like the dog days of summer, I am definitely looking forward to the cooler days ahead. Hopefully Mother Nature got all the ice and bitter cold out of her system last winter!

On a more serious note, the Gatewood Historic District (GHD) Board is in desperate need of more active board members to continue to push and support our initiatives. This year we unfortunately lost three active board members because they moved from Gatewood and two others whose "day jobs" became too much to balance at this time. I share that in case you were asking "why are there so many openings now, are they a dysfunctional board?" I can assure you we are not.

While we are a voluntary neighborhood association versus a mandatory HOA, the GHD Board does have a lot of power to make positive changes to the neighborhood through our actions. I know you will agree, our homes are an investment and the state of the neighborhood is almost as important as the house itself. We have so many great ideas to make Gatewood even better, we just need more volunteers to help us execute on the plans.

If you like sales, fundraising, event management, social media, landscaping, etc., please consider joining us. Past board experience is not needed. In terms of time commitment, depending on what's happening, it's about 3-5 hours a month. For meetings, we meet once a month on the second Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. and then in April for an hour at our Annual Meeting. The rest of the time we use the online tool Slack to collaborate so it's faster and we can engage when we have time in our personal schedules.

Drop us an email if you are interested [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com) or stop by our neighborhood happy hour at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22 at Oak & Oar.

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# More sign toppers available for purchase

The sign toppers purchases from the summer adopt-a-corner fundraiser have been dropped off with the city for install. The GHD Board is so grateful that our community embraced this project.

We have approximately two dozen more available immediately for purchase for a corner or personal use. Visit [gatewoodokc.com](http://gatewoodokc.com) to see the most update-to-date available corners and to order.



## Beer on the board

Bad and good news! Unfortunately, the 2021 Gatewood Home Tour is cancelled. Instead we are hosting a neighborhood happy hour at Oak & Oar in the Plaza. First 25 Gatewood residents get a free beer and chance to win a sign topper! Get to know your neighbors and learn how you can get more involved on the board. Friday, October 22 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## Neighbors Night Out 2021 draws crowds

Thank you to everyone who dropped by 2021 Neighbors Night Out. After the year we had in 2020, it was so great to see so many of our neighbors again.

And a sincere **THANK YOU** to Board Member **Ricardo Montoya** for his tireless efforts behind the scenes that made this event possible and a great success. We appreciate you Ricardo!



### Gatewood Historic District trivia

We are entering peak walking/cycling season as fall settles in the neighborhood. When you are out and about keep any eye out for some of our local Little Libraries. What is a Little Library? The concept is quite simple – it is a free book-exchange box where you are encouraged to give and take books. How many Little Libraries fall within the Gatewood UCD boundaries? The first to provide the correct answer will be our winner! Send in your responses to [okcgatewood@gmail.com](mailto:okcgatewood@gmail.com) with the subject line GHD Trivia!



#### Trivia answer from our past issue:

Approximately how many volunteers participated in the Gatewood Elementary Playground Project Build Day?

Answer: 300 Volunteers - Woah!



## Spooktacular Halloween yard decorating contest

Year after year, Gatewood is notorious for its Halloween spirit. This year, the GHD Board will recognize the top two Halloween/Fall yard displays. So dust off your best BOOtiful yard decor and have it up for judging on October 25-26. Winners will receive a small prize and recognition on social media and the website.



## Festive Christmas yard decor

Let's light up Gatewood again this holiday season! Show us your best outside home holiday spirit this year. Judging will take place Dec 19-20. Winners will receive a small prize and recognition on social media and the website.



## Lemonade stand serves up entrepreneurial spirit

At 10 years old, Gatewood resident Harper Mossman is well on her way to making a name for herself in the business world.

A fifth grader at Westminster School, she recently approached her dad with a woodworking project idea — to convert a stationary bicycle into a “smoothie making” bike. While the idea was very creative, it was quite complex. So they settled on a lemonade stand, with an agreement that if this worked out well, they would tackle building a smoothie bike next year.

Given the high price of wood, they used upcycled pallets and parts from the kids' old swing set for the stand. Harper rolled up her sleeves and took a hands on approach by helping with the pallets, measurements, sanding, painting and assembly. Since opening shop this summer, business has been booming.

According to Chris, her Dad, she truly runs the stand on her own, with just a small amount of support from him and Sarah (mom). “We bought all of her initial supplies and she paid us back with her first day's earnings. She keeps inventory of her supplies and purchases them herself and assists in the preparation of the two flavors of lemonade.”

With her earnings, Harper has treated herself, and others too. She bought herself new skates and safety equipment, and treated her parents, brother, and even a homeless gentleman once, to snow cones from Sasquatch in the Plaza.

“I am not doing it for the money,” she says. “It's fun and I really like getting to pet people's dogs and give them free treats.”

Harper has worked Gatewood's annual Neighbors Night Out, as well as fundraisers for OKC Beautiful and Kids Join the Fight, which supports pediatric cancer research.



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## Meetings and membership

The Gatewood Historic District neighborhood association was created to be a voice for the neighborhood. The Board welcomes more resident involvement to continue to improve and shape the neighborhood for the better!

Consider attending an upcoming Board meeting (second Tuesday of the month) or becoming a dues paying member. Annual dues are \$45 a household and go toward neighborhood events and improvements.

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