

El Chaparral Area Neighborhood Newsletter



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**Have a Safe and
Happy Holiday!**

Neighborhood Newsletter Highlights

Message from the ECNA President

- ?? General Neighborhood Meeting will be held on December 9
- ?? Elm trees are dying in El Chaparral
- ?? Neighborhood covenants will be enforced
- ?? Inoperable yard lights should be restored
- ?? Board of Realtors to receive letter from neighborhood association
- ?? Neighborhood watch re-activated in El Chaparral
- ?? Area development
- ?? Current e-mail addresses wanted for mailing list
- ?? More volunteers needed to address neighborhood issues

General Neighborhood Meeting—December 9, 2004.

Mark your calendars. The date for the next general neighborhood meeting is **Thursday, December 9, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at New Horizons Church.** Come share holiday treats, re-connect with your neighbors, and volunteer to make a difference in our neighborhood. There is much more work to be done if El Chaparral is to remain a desirable place to live.

Neighborhood covenants

A major goal of the neighborhood association is to enforce the existing covenants of our subdivision. Copies of the existing covenants are posted on the neighborhood website for your review. Enforcement of the covenants will preserve the aesthetics of our neighborhood, help to maintain property values, and promote El Chaparral as a safe, inviting community in which to live. If you property is in violation of an existing covenant, the association will work with the property owner to address/remedy the violation. Let us all work together to enforce the covenants of El Chaparral.

Current contact information needed

Area representatives are making a big effort to maintain current name, address, phone number, and especially e-mail addresses of El Chaparral residents. The association will continue to push the effort to disseminate information through the website. If you are on our e-mail list, you will receive an electronic copy of the neighborhood newsletter as well as keep informed of major developments in between the general meetings.

Your Help Is Needed:

There are many reasons not to become involved in a neighborhood association. But, there are many more reasons to be involved. Each resident (homeowner/renter) is invited to help take pride in our neighborhood and to improve our quality of life. Volunteer on a subcommittee or contact us with your ideas and concerns.

How to contact ECNA

Contact us with your questions, concerns and ideas:

1. Through your area representative (names and phone numbers on page 1)
2. If you use email: elchaparralneighborhood@yahoo.com

Suggestions and submissions to the
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Neighborhood Committees in Action

The work of the neighborhood association is carried out primarily through volunteers that serve on the various neighborhood committees. Volunteers are always welcome, as there is much work to be done in our community. The following committees are very active and working hard to address the concerns/issues of El Chaparral:

Street & Yard lights

The street and yard lights committee took an evening tour of the entire neighborhood and noted that 110 properties have missing or inoperable yard lights. All properties with inoperable or missing yard lights have been documented and owners will receive a letter asking that lighting be restored as required by the neighborhood covenants.

The street and yard light committee also inventoried the street lighting in the El Chaparral. Jim Marberry, committee chair, is working with Boone Electric to install further street lights and also assessing how many current street lights need repair. It remains to be determined how much the lighting improvements will cost and also how much of the costs Boone Electric will share. Any funds for the remaining costs will have to be raised/incurred by the neighborhood association.

Neighborhood Pride

The neighborhood pride committee has identified litter in the neighborhood as an ongoing issue. The committee will compile a list of hints and ideas for keeping our neighborhood/properties clean and pass a handout to neighborhood residents.

The neighborhood pride committee also identified the problem of dying Elm trees in El Chaparral. There is some type of bacteria that has infested Elm trees in the Midwest. There are several Elm trees that are dying in El Chaparral. This should be a grave concern for property owners as there are many hazards associated with dying trees including personal injury and property damage. There are things that can be done in the winter so this is a problem that should be addressed very soon. Jeff Zimmersheid from a local lawn company will attend our December 9 meeting to discuss in further detail the problem with the dying elm trees and will discuss methods for identifying and treating dying Elms trees. Bruce Mulkin from the Dept. of Conservation will assist us next Spring.

Another issue that is being addressed by the neighborhood pride committee is the distribution of the neighborhood covenants to prospective home buyers. The committee is preparing a letter to the Board of Realtors asking that all realtors selling property in El Chaparral make prospective buyers aware of the covenants that govern El Chaparral.

Neighborhood Watch

The neighborhood watch committee held an organizational neighborhood watch meeting on November 18 at New Horizons Church. Mark Sullivan from the Boone County Sheriffs Dept. made a presentation regarding establishing and enforcing an effective neighborhood watch program. Some suggestions for enforcing the neighborhood watch program include meeting and greeting our neighbors. At a minimum, everyone should know the neighbors who live on either side, as well as those immediately across the street and immediately behind your property. We should get to know our neighborhood more by walking the streets and being aware of things around you. Finally, do not be afraid to report suspicious behavior. If you witness suspicious behavior, it is important to take good notes and not be afraid to report to the sheriffs dept. Mark provided a couple of neighborhood watch signs that have been posted at the entrance of El Chaparral and also the entrance of Rosetta. It was decided that we should have a goal of posting a neighborhood watch sign on every stop sign throughout the neighborhood. The signs cost 29.00 a piece and 35 signs are needed. The association will begin soliciting funds from neighbors to purchase the neighborhood watch signs.

Neighborhood Committees NOT IN ACTION

Volunteers are still needed to head up and serve on the following committees:

Street Repairs-

We need a committed group of neighbors to work with the county public works department to assess and plan for repairs to damaged streets throughout the subdivision.

Single Family Dwellings

We need a committed group of neighbors to research the issue of single, detached dwellings, as stated in the covenants. There is a strong concern that single, detached dwellings are not being used for single families. A letter should be drafted to realtors and property owners stating our concerns that dwellings are being purchased for rental property to students and other non-related persons.

Park

Residents of El Chaparral can have a say in further developing the neighborhood park. We need a committed group of neighbors to work with the county to design and develop the park.