

# Neighbors grow new friendships

By DAVID R. MILLION  
World Staff Writer

Velma Arrington is looking forward to bonding, building bridges and budget savings through a community gardening project in the Brady Heights neighborhood.

She is one of several in the area north of downtown involved in the garden that is just getting started.

Brady Heights resident Justin Pickard is coordinating the project on an vacant lot where a house burned down earlier on Cheyenne Avenue between Marshall and Latimer streets.

Pickard said he hopes to bring Brady Heights and area residents together; something he says will help reduce crime.

His brother, Nathan Pickard, is president of the Brady Heights Neighborhood Association.

"Tulsa is still very segregated by geographic area," he said.

"Brady Heights is one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in Tulsa and my hope is that this community garden will help bring all of us together as a community.

"And, we're hoping it will help kids grow and sell produce and learn to deal with money and even save money."

The Pickard brothers are among founding members of the Tulsa Community Garden Association that, like the community garden,

**Tulsa Community Garden Association organizational meeting is 6:30 p.m. July 24 at the Schusterman-Benson Library, 3333 E. 32nd Place.**

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

**What:** For area residents of all ages who want to grow vegetables in the Brady Heights neighborhood area.

**Where:** 1100 block of North Cheyenne Avenue

**Cost:** Free

**For more:** To donate plants, seeds, fencing material and other gardening supplies or for information, call Justin Pickard at 813-1402.

is in the initial stages of forming. Diane Askins is another founding member.

"The Brady Heights garden will be an example of how residents of other neighborhoods can create community gardens," Askins said.

"The idea of these projects is grow a garden, grow your community.

"These gardens can be the base for building a neighborhood, the feeling of responsibility for each other, not just growing things in the dirt."



MATT BARNARD / Tulsa World

**Ellie Pickard, 4, works in the Brady Heights community garden. Residents turned the vacant lot into a garden as part of a neighborhood revitalization project.**

Askins is a former Tulsa Garden Center employee and life-long gardener.

"Community gardening is a wonderful concept," Arrington said.

"I'm looking forward possibly to re-bonding with my grown sons, and I've always seen community gardening as a bridge between older residents of a neighborhood and children.

"I recently retired and am on a fixed income. I'm looking forward to growing vegetables that are very expensive in the grocery store to help my budget. There's a high number of seniors in this area who will benefit."

Some who are or will become involved with the Brady Heights garden don't live in the neighborhood.

"I live in Cheyenne, just north," Arrington said.

"These gardens give people without space in their backyards or enough sunlight a place to grow their vegetables."

Justin Pickard said the Brady Heights garden will be a hybrid between a community garden, in which people have their own plots, and a communal garden, where everyone shares in planting, maintaining and harvesting the space.

As it develops, the project will take on a park-like setting with a possible gazebo and fountain, he said.

Fruit trees and berries will be added next year.

"We want the area to look really nice for the neighborhood and encourage others to do things to improve Brady Heights," Pickard said.

David R. Million 712-7913  
david.million@tulsaworld.com

# Sessions set to enlighten gardeners

The Tulsa Garden Center this month has a book discussion on backyard garden problems, a brown-bag presentation on herbs, and a seminar on how to create walks, paths or patios in gardens.

► Deb Broome will lead the center's literary book discussion of Jerry Baker's "Backyard Problem Solver," a media release states. Participants are urged to bring lunches and participate in the discussion from noon to 1 p.m. July 17 at the center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave.

► The center's July brown-bag discussion will focus on how participant can use herbs. Suggestions include making herbal vinegars, herbal waters, dried and pressed herbs, and using fresh herbs in floral bouquets. The free public discussion will be from noon to 1 p.m. July 19 at the garden center. Participants are urged to bring lunches.

► The center will present a Linnaeus seminar at the garden center on how to build walks, paths and patios from 9 to 11 a.m. July 21. Barry Fugatt and representatives of the hardscaping industry will lead the seminar. Cost is \$20 for nonmembers of the garden center and \$15 for members. Reservations are required.

Information and reservations are available by calling 746-5125 or by going online to the Web site at [www.tulsagardencent.com](http://www.tulsagardencent.com).

# Museum helps young campers look skyward for learning



MATT BARNARD / Tulsa World

**Cole Cribbs, 6, colors a wing for his model plane. Cole was one of several children enrolled in the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium's aeronautics day camp. The museum conducts several camps in the summer that focus on subjects such as robotics, rocketry and space.**

By MATT BARNARD  
World Staff Writer

At the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium, having your head in the clouds isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Youngsters from across the state are looking to the skies during hands-on lessons — complete with a seat in an authentic fighter jet — at the museum's aeronautics camp.

Instructor Darrell Wright said the camp isn't just for summer fun. It breaks down complex physics theories into straightforward bits students can understand.

"I'm trying to simplify it for the kids so they can go home to their parents and say, 'Hey, this is Newton's law,'" Wright said.

Students built model planes, learned the principles of flight and taxied down a virtual runway on an aircraft simulator during the week-long day camp held in June.

Other camps for robotics, aeronautics, advanced rocketry and space are scheduled, however, the

## SPACE CAMPS

**What:** Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium

**When:** Aeronautics for those who have completed third through fifth grades, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 16-20; Advanced Rocketry, for those who have completed fifth through ninth grades, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 23-27; Space, for those who have completed first through third grades, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 30-Aug. 3.

**Where:** 3624 N. 74th East Ave.

**Cost:** \$175 for TASM members; \$198 for nonmembers

**For more:** Call 834-9900.

robotics camp is full.

About 275 children enroll in the museum's summer programs each year, said instructor Jan Poplin. They leave with a better grasp of science and math.

"The museum and all it offers just opens doors for the kids," Poplin said. "We get to go behind the scenes, which is cool."

Teaching physics concepts like Bernoulli's principle — the study of fluid movement — is easier when students apply it to concrete examples, Wright said.

After a tour of Tulsa International Airport, students launched model airplanes in a working aircraft hangar.

Abby Smith, a 7-year-old aspiring astronaut, is a veteran model plane flier. She said she expects her pink and black, rubber band powered plane to perform well.

With a father in the aircraft industry, Abby said she learned about the science of flight at a young age.

"My dad taught me when I was 5 how to make paper airplanes," Abby said. "Most of my planes I make, they don't crash. They just keep going and going."

Matt Barnard 712-7913  
matt.barnard@tulsaworld.com

**mod50s**  
modern  
20TH CENTURY DESIGN & ART  
OSU J  
McVicker  
Art Show  
2921 E. 15TH ST.  
TULSA, OK 74104  
PH: 918 749 3620

**Peace Of Mind**  
ALL SUBJECTS  
Mon-Sat 11-6  
Sun 12-6  
BOOKSTORE  
All books - new & used - 10% off  
1407 E. 15th St. 583-1090

**Snips**  
3119 S. Harvard Avenue  
Walk-ins Welcome  
743-4041  
SALON & DAY SPA  
HAIR, SKIN & NAILS

## RENEW REVIVE RESPOND

... Summer celebration of spiritual renewal & Christ's uncomparing love.

You're invited to a special summertime worship series at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our goal this summer is to **Renew** relationships, **Revive** spiritual excitement and **Respond** by addressing the needs of our community.

From July 1 through August 19 our Sunday schedule will be:

8:00 am: Traditional Service  
9:00 am: Brunch  
10:00 am: Combined Traditional & Contemporary Service

Please plan to come and join us  
"Renew, Revive and Respond!"

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 1244 S. UTICA TULSA OK 74104 (918) 582-0917  
[www.lutheranonline.com/firstlutherantulsa](http://www.lutheranonline.com/firstlutherantulsa)

**LOOK!**  
HEAT SEALED BEAMS FOR WATER TIGHTNESS  
DURABLE RIVETED-REINFORCED HANDLES  
CAN HOLD UP TO 300lb ICE AND BEVERAGES

## Mid Summer Values!

Watch For Our  
Half Price Sale  
Saturday, July 28th!

Bring this ad in during July for  
**50% OFF ONE ITEM** of REGULAR PRICED CLOTHING!  
Not valid with any other sale, discount or coupon.

Please present coupon at time of purchase. One coupon per customer.

Expires 7/31/2007

Tulsa Locations: 2800 Southwest Blvd., 102 South Garnett Rd.

Broken Arrow: 2210 W. Washington St.

Owasso: 8525 N. 117th East Ave.

Claremore - Bartlesville - Joplin - McAlester

[www.goodwilltulsa.org](http://www.goodwilltulsa.org)



COOL IT  
ON THE  
FOURTH OF JULY

[www.talorton.com](http://www.talorton.com)  
1343 E. 15th St. / 743-1600  
Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Bridal registry available

