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Oklahoma State Capitol Park

The State Capitol Park has been designed to enhance the experience of citizens, visitors and dignitaries who travel to the Oklahoma State Capitol by providing an open, outdoor experience that highlights some of the history and unique features of our state.

Two sculptures on the south Capitol Plaza feature different aspects of Oklahoma heritage. The bronze statue by Allen Houser in the east



ornamental bed is named "As Long As the Waters Flow", a reference to President Andrew Jackson's vow to Native Americans that they shall possess their land "as long as the grass grows and the rivers run." Constance Whitney Warren's "Tribute to Range Riders" was the first sculpture installed on the park grounds.

Many of the trees on the grounds have been donated or dedicated. The Daughters of the American Revolution gifted the 100+ year old American elm, a descendant of the elm under which George Washington took control of

the colonial army, that stands on the south Capitol Plaza. The Oklahoma City Memorial Grove is located between the Connors and Hodge buildings. A gift from the people of lowa, the 149 linden and 19 crab apple trees memorialize those who perished in the Murrah Building bombing on April 19, 1995.

OMES Capital Assets Management Facilities

Services manages the State Capitol Park. The park encompasses the art, monuments, walkways, lawns, landscaping and other public areas



surrounding the Capitol. It also includes the Capitol grounds, Governor's Mansion and all other properties, except the Wildlife Conservation Building and the Library for the Blind, within the public right-of-way along Lincoln Blvd. from the north boundary of N.E. 13th St. to the south boundary of N.E. 28th St., and from the east edge of Santa Fe Ave. to the east edge of Kelley Ave.

Questions or comments? Email us at inforeals@omes.ok.gov or call 405-521-3819.



Ramona Parker Real Property Specialist

REALS is happy to introduce employee Ramona Parker. When Ramona began working in REALS in February 2012, she brought a valuable work history from the private sector, including human resources, safety coordination and administrative support, as well as legal secretary and auction assistant experience. Ramona aids state agencies with private sector leasing space and handles contract management issues, space requests, the



Ramona Parker, Real Property Specialist

leasing database and leasing reports. She is a certified procurement officer and is accredited under the Assessor Training Accreditation Program through OSU. She loves working and getting to know employees of our state agency customers.

Central Purchasing and Audit Plans to Relocate

OMES Central Purchasing and Audit are relocating from the Will Rogers Building to the Frates Building located at 5005 N. Lincoln Blvd., to office with the State Comptroller, CAR, OCIA and ABS. The move is tentatively planned for Sept. 1, 2015. The relocation will provide onestop purchasing and accounting services for our customers.

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