

The Del Aire DEFENDER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRES... Hello Del Aire!

While I'm resting, I thought I would update everyone on things such as our membership count which is now 620. Sounds pretty good but 132 members have not renewed their membership. If you are one of the 132 I would like to know if you have had any problems with DANWA. Please call our Hot Line 672-

XTRA or E-Mail to DANWATCH on America OnLine or DANWATCH@aol.com from the Internet and leave us a message. If you simply haven't got around to it yet, please MAKE time to do that right now, because it may take as long as 30 days to get on the list of members that our patrollers and Police use! I had the privilege of working with folks from Hartsdel and Shalimar on a float for the parade the weekend of May 18th. It seems each year is getting better for things like that. With Epperly Heights Watch now forming it's sure to get even better! The "Watch Groups" are now beginning to work on National Night Out which will be in August. Again, more volunteers will be needed.

We have contacted several people who indicated they would be happy to work on either a Membership or Beautification Committee. For all you members that have yet to get your DANWA stickers, please call the Hotline and let us know. It is a slow process I know, but without such committees in place it would take even longer. You know it's kind-of like having a credit card with no limit, the only problem is no one accepts it. With an association as BIG as ours, I just don't understand why more people are not involved. Hopefully our Membership Committee volunteers will allow our roots to run a little deeper in our neighborhood. I was one of a few patrollers that were out the weekend all the vandalisms occurred. There again it seemed as though the only ones who cared enough to stay out 3 to 4 hours past their shift end, were the same ones who protect our area for people they don't even know. That time it paid off! But can you imagine how they felt? Knowing that if only 20 more of the 620 members got off their butts to help our patrol, maybe we could have caught them before some else became a victim. Don't get me wrong, I am very proud of our neighborhood and the people in it! It's just that with the number of members we have verses the number of patrollers we have patrolling, it all seems so insufficient. And not having District Captains for three of the four districts leaves me to deliver newsletters to our block captains myself. That's not all bad, I've come to know the heart of our neighborhood's communication strength and some really great people, our Block Captains. But knowing that there are so many good, hard working, honest people here, I'm at a loss as to why more people don't get involved. I can think of no one who has more to do than our officers, patrollers, and block captains. They too work at least eight hours a day, have kids in sports, have medical conditions, are active in church functions and they still make time for all of you! Again, I am proud of everyone that makes up DANWA, I guess I'm just tired.

THANKS TO DANWA

I am a member of DANWA and also have a truly rewarding job as a Del City Police Dispatcher. Last month we received a new Base Unit from DANWA and this has made contact with patrollers excellent.

In the past few weeks, this base unit enabled Del City Police to catch perpetrators in a recent vandalism spree in Del Aire while in progress. Patrollers were giving information and I was relaying it straight to officers in the area. The patrollers kept these vandals in sight and enabled us to get them off the streets.

Thanks Again, Sue Johnston

**DON'T FORGET
OUR NEXT MEETING!!!!**

**Friday, June 7, 1996 - 7:00
p.m. in the Court Room of
the Del City Police
Department!!**

Ooops, We never mentioned that JoAnn Lau was voted in as our Secretary and Lillian McCoy accepted an appointment as Assistant Secretary at our last meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Yes, Please renew my membership and update the following information.

Yes. Please register my household as a member of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association, referred to as DANWA. Our membership is \$12.00 from March 1, 199* to March 1, 199*. In other words, \$1 a month. Here is a breakdown:

March - \$12.00	June - \$9.00	September - \$6.00	December - \$3.00
April - \$11.00	July - \$8.00	October - \$5.00	January - \$2.00
May - \$10.00	August - \$7.00	November - \$4.00	February - \$1.00

Additional contributions will gladly be accepted. Any fees collected in excess of those due will be considered a contribution. Make checks payable to DANWA. Send to DANWA, P.O. Box 55558, Del City, OK 73155.

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Last First MI

Address: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Comments: _____

DANWA OFFICERS

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KNOCK-KNOCK, WHO'S THERE?

Recently our patrollers have noticed an individual going door to door trying to sell everything from car stereos to lawn mowers. Some residents have reported that this man just came to the door asking for "gas" money. Worst of all some folks have indeed bought items from him. The concern of the residents in our area is that he seems to be "casing" various properties possibly to return at a later time. It should be known that in Del City it is against City Ordinance to sell door to door with out a permit. So, if someone comes to your home trying to sell things and it seems "fishy" it probably is. Don't take chances, call the police, or at least a DANWA officer and have them checked out. By allowing this to continue you are putting everyone at risk!

LOST & FOUND

One of our residents found a woman's key chain in the 4700 block of Elmview. This key chain has several different "fobs" or additional key chain decorations hooked on it as well as car and house keys. Also, the morning of May 13, one of our patrollers spotted an abandoned motorcycle. If you or anyone you know has lost their keys or a motorcycle, you can contact us at 672-9872 (leave a message) or Officer Slaten at the Del City Police Department.

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FOR THE CRAFTER: "I find that a music stand works great to hold my instruction books when I'm crocheting or knitting."

Cappers, May '96



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Second-hand Smoke??

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VANDALS HIT AGAIN

..BUT WITH HAPPY ENDING

On Mother's Day weekend, Del Aire and Hartsdel were hit by vandals shooting out car windows...Again! The rampage began on Friday night and continued each night through Sunday night. Our patrollers were out in force on each night trying to spot them. On Sunday night our patrollers were in the right places at the right times! One of our residents witnessed the vandals shooting out car windows. When the vandals saw him in his front yard, they began shooting at him. The man's neighbor jumped in his car and began following the suspects. This caused the vandals to "high-tail" it out of our area. A patroller spotted the suspects vehicle and called it in to the base. Fortunately for us, our Officer, Austin Slaten was listening to the CB our association purchased for his car. He was in direct contact with our patrollers who were trying to keep an eye on them. We had a vehicle description, and thanks to several of our patrollers, we also had directions of travel. Officer Slaten was talking to DCPD dispatch and moving toward the locations our patrollers were calling in. Within seconds, police officers all over Del City were on the look out for that vehicle. When the suspects got to Sunnyslane, they sped south. Our patrollers were following as best they could until Austin was able to reach

Sunnyslane. Our patrollers spotted the vehicle turning west on 44th. Austin notified DCPD dispatch and all officers of the suspects direction of travel and proceeded to 44th. Austin was flagged down by the resident who had been following the suspect vehicle. As they were talking, Austin saw the vehicle pull out of the apartment complex without the headlights on. The resident pointed to and identified the vehicle. Austin and several other officers stopped the vehicle and arrested a suspect. As it turned out, the suspect vehicle had turned into the apartment complex to drop off his accomplices. Hartsdel patrollers were out in force also and spotted one of the suspects on foot in their area. They called in to their base and to their assigned officer Marvin Stanford. Marvin arrived and arrested that suspect. It is our understanding the other suspected individuals have also been arrested. Is this a happy ending or what??? This is a perfect demonstration of "How It Works." When our members decide to get involved and take action - great things happen! If your vehicle was one hit by the vandals, we encourage you to contact the police department and press charges against these individuals. Just imagine if 30 to 50 people follow through, press charges, and showed up in court. Think about it...What a show of force!...What a statement that would make!...What a message that would send! Not only for the reasons listed above, but because you deserve restitution. Our area has been hit hard, now it's our turn to take action!

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HATS OFF TO DCPD, PATROLLERS, AND MEMBERS

We would like to take a minute and offer our deepest and most sincere thanks to Officer Austin Slaten, every officer, every patroller, and every member who assisted in the apprehension of the automobile vandals. A special thank you to the Hartsdel Neighborhood Watch group and their patrollers. They were instrumental in helping the police apprehend one of the other suspects who tried to escape (on foot) back into their area. This is a wonderful example of how "together we can make a difference." We can't say enough about our Police Department and their support of our efforts. We can't say enough about our VOLUNTEER patrollers and their dedication to our neighborhood. And last, but not least, we can't say enough about our members and their willingness and efforts to help. Thank you to everyone who got involved!

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LETTER FROM CHIEF EDWARDS...

To: Neighborhood Watch Groups
From: Del City Police Department
Subject: Vacation Security

Well, good people, summer time is just a few days away and that means vacation for several of us in the community. I would like to devote this letter time to you to offer some tips on home security while you are away, even if only for a few days.

- Plan ahead. Make the security of your home part of your vacation plans. Take time, in advance, to fix doors, windows, and locks which are broken or substandard.
- Stop all deliveries, such as papers and mail, or have a trusted friend pick up such items daily.
- Report your absence to the police department so we may institute a house watch.
- Make arrangements to have the lawn mowed.
- Connect electrical timer(s) to your inside lights, along with porch and yard lights, to give appearance of someone being home.
- Move valuable items away from windows. Record serial numbers and place valuable jewelry in safe deposit box.
- Leave curtain and shades open so the police and a caretaker can see inside.
- Lock your other automobile and the garage.
- Don't leave spare keys hidden around the front of your home. Burglars do know this trick and they do search for keys.
- Consider an alarm system.
- Trim shrubbery and trees away from your windows and doors.
- Double check all doors and windows just before you leave on your vacation.
- Please, drive safely and remember that most accidents occur within 25 miles of home.

Enjoy your vacation.
Mark A. Edwards,
Chief of Police

WANTED: DISTRICT CAPTAINS

Our neighborhood is broken into four districts. Three districts still need "District Captains." A District Captain's duties include disbursing bundled newsletters and/or other communications to Block Captains within their district. That's not so tough, huh? If you feel you can make this commitment, which only takes about 2 hours a month, please call our HOTLINE 672-9872 (672-XTRA). We need you!

Sorry for the Hold Up...

Earlier this past month we heard of a HIGH SPEED chase by OKC PD coming down 44th Street. As our patrollers moved toward our borders to observe, traffic began to build up behind them. It seemed at the time it was better to hold things up knowing that the police were after a man on a motorcycle well in excess of 100 mph! To have any of our residents spill out onto 44th at that time may have been disastrous! Again we are sorry for any inconvenience.

PATROLLER OF THE MONTH

This month DANWA would like to acknowledge the efforts of non-patroller "X". "X" is just a neighbor like you, who after being an eye witness to some of the vandalisms, managed to follow the perpetrators, stop a patroller and give a description of the vehicle. This led to the chain of events which ended their crime spree. It takes a lot for someone to leave their family, knowing the suspects are armed, and do the right thing. If it were not for this we may never have had the chance to catch them. "X" is a member of DANWA, which says a great deal in itself. On behalf of DANWA I/we thank you for your efforts!

Sincerely,
Kim Lee, President



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A Special Thank You

We would like to give thanks to **Joe & Kathy** who took the initiative to clean up, paint, and remove the old brush around the entry at Sooner and Woodview. The area looks great! Hopefully as more people get involved with our beautification committee, things all over Del Aire will be looking better!

And a special thanks to the good folks at **Del Paint Manufacturing** for donating 5 gallons of paint! The paint will be used to whitewash graffiti, paint address etc. From all of us in Del Aire, Thank You.

OLD & NEW MEMBERS

Welcome back for another exciting year in DANWA. I wish to say Thank You for all of the very helpful tid-bits that were sent in on your applications. As a dispatcher for the Del City Police, I have had to use those pieces of information on several occasions: car accidents, fires, prowlers, alarms, premature labor, open garage doors, vandalisms and deaths.

If you haven't given DANWA an emergency contact or a medical condition (on oxygen, handicapped, heart problems, etc.), please pick up the phone and dial 672-9872 (672-XTRA). Give your name, address and any information. This information helps me as a dispatcher to give police, ambulance and firemen the info possibly needed at your home.

Remember, your info is privileged and will not be divulged except for an emergency such as listed above.

- Sue Johnston, P.D.

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PARADE HIGHLIGHTS

Again this year, we worked with people from Hartsdel and Shalimar Neighborhood Watch groups to create a Neighborhood Watch float. We had a great time! It is truly amazing what a group of 16 people can do. In three evenings, we turned a 16' flat bed trailer, some 2 X 4's, cardboard, duct tape, paper, paint and a child's jeep into a pretty impressive float.

The cardboard, duct tape, paper, and paint turned into two little houses at each end of the trailer. The little jeep was turned into a miniature patrol vehicle (complete with signs and blinkie light) and was placed in between the two houses. The 2 X 4's were used to hold the large scale banners. These banners had each watch group's "logo" side-by-side, all around the trailer, as well as a welcome sign to the newly forming Epperly Heights Watch group. Following behind the float we had a LONG, LONG line of patrol cars from each group. After the parade patrollers decided not to stop! They continued parading through the area just to the north of us (just across 29th) and then into Epperly Heights and from there into Shalimar and, finally, into Del Aire. If you didn't get to see us, perhaps you heard us. The patrollers were honking and waving through all areas. We were very well received with smiles, waves and a lot of "thumbs up."



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Oklahomans appear to be getting into composting, said Theresa Coffman, director of the Central Oklahoma Metropolitan Environmental Association. Residents purchased 758 backyard composters at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection held at the State Fairgrounds. The bins sold for \$32.50 each. This represents 267,670 pounds of organic material that won't go to the landfill. For info on the compost bins call 737-2287.

DANWA PATROL TIP

Remember, here in Del Aire our patrol comes in many forms. It may be people out walking or riding bicycles. It may be those out driving around with yellow lights and signs, it may be any vehicle out there! Not all of our patrollers that are out are "MARKED". That's why we are able to be everywhere and yet nowhere. If our patrollers see someone running stop signs, speeding, throwing trash from the car or being out past curfew, just reporting it to our base operators is all it takes. This allows our assigned police officer and even police dispatch to hear tag numbers, descriptions of vehicles and direction of travel. So tell your friends! Let them know Del Aire is a great place to live and raise a family!

A Policeman's Lament

I'm a man just like you!
I have been where you fear to be,
I have seen what you fear to see,
I have done what you fear to do,
All these things I have done for you.

I am the man you lean on,
The man you cast your scorn upon,
The man you bring your troubles to,
All these things I have been for you.

The man you ask to stand apart,
The man you feel should have no heart,

The man you call "The Man in Blue,"
But I'm just a man, just like you.

Through the years I've come to see,
That I'm not what you expect of me.
So take this badge, take this gun,
Will you take it? Will anyone?

And when you watch a person die,
And hear a battered baby cry,
Then do you think that you can be,
All these things you ask of me?

Unknown



PATROL PAGES "THE STATS"

The Del City Police department has provided us with April's crime statistics for our area. Here is our breakdown:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	STREET
4/09	Attemp/Burg/Residence/Night	44?? S.E. 39th
4/07	Larceny-Auto Accessories	33?? Wofford
4/14	Larceny-Auto Accessories	38?? Del View
4/17	Larceny-Auto Accessories	42?? Kim
4/17	Larceny From Automobile	32?? Del View
4/25	Larceny From Automobile	43?? Lamar
4/30	Larceny From Buildings	45?? S.E. 35th
4/30	Larceny-Bicycles	43?? Epperly
4/20	Vandalism-Residence	46?? S.E. 39th
4/26	Vandalism-Residence	46?? S.E. 38th
4/27	Vandalism/Auto/Windows	33?? Del View

Commercial Businesses

4/22	Robbery-Commercial Bus.	48?? S.E. 44th
4/01	Larceny-Other	48?? S.E. 44th
4/29	Larceny From Buildings	47?? S.E. 29th

A WORD FROM THE CAPTAIN

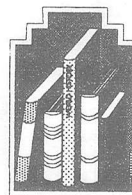
I would like to start off by reiterating our neighborhood block watch program. To make this program work, each neighbor should get to know the neighbor on either side of their house and three houses across the street. Know who they are, what they look like and what they drive. Each neighbor is asked to display a window sticker on the front door or front window of their house and the rear window of their cars. These stickers will warn the would-be perpetrators that your neighbors and DANWA patrollers are watching your house and car. Perpetrators are afraid to be seen and the stickers will make them think twice. Members, when you see a crime, write down the description of suspicious person(s), license numbers and/or any identifiable marking on their vehicles then **CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY**. Call the police first because we can not apprehend

the suspicious person(s) you see. After you make that all important call to the P.D. then, PLEASE, call the DANWA patrol captain or any officer and give him the same information. Our patrol can assist the police department by observing, monitoring and reporting on situations to keep undesirables out of our neighborhood. Also, if you are a victim of a crime, fill out a report and if given the opportunity, file charges. Even if he or she is a juvenile, an acquaintance or a neighbor! We must let it be known that this behavior **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**.

I thought it would be a good idea to let you know what our patrollers encounter while on patrol. All these items are called into our Base Unit and recorded on their logs for future reference or calls for repair: (1) "No Motorized Vehicles" sign down at Woodview and Sooner. (2) Large gathering of individuals on (named) Street. (3) Pickup

w/camper shell driving up and down Woodview (several days in a row) driving very slow - acting odd. (4) Ford pickup w/camper top acting strange - driving all over neighborhood trying to lose patrollers. (5) Domestic fight between father and son. (6) Parties on 37th, 43rd & Epperly, Hartline, Princess, etc. (7) Garage door open on Oakbrook noted at 11:05 p.m., able to contact member - member very grateful. (8) Red 4 door compact car - Tag XXXXX - sitting on Del Aire, almost to Vickie - man sitting in car w/ headlights on at 10:36 p.m. (9) Street sign missing at 38th & Kim & 38th & Epperly.

The patrolling statistics for the month of April, 1996 was 2,622.9 miles driven and 390 hours of voluntary service donated. This was given to make our neighborhood safer. If you are interested in patrol, whether as an observer or as a patroller, please contact me at 670-3971.



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