

# The Del Aire DEFENDER

Vol III

June 1997

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, I would like to thank *Beth Patterson*, Director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for the informative presentation she gave (during our May 1997 General Member meeting) regarding the very valuable program she and her staff are managing for our seniors in Oklahoma

County.

We have a lot of things going on right now. Our Beautification project of refurbishing the brick entryways on the east side of the Del Aire Neighborhood, by Sooner Road, looks good so far. But, we have a lot of work to do yet.

**Also, we are making big plans for our ANNUAL PICNIC.**

I want to remind you that **IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW OR JOIN THE DEL AIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION (D.A.N.W.A.)**, one of the *best* neighborhood watch associations around! We are growing every year, so we must be doing something right.© Neighbors helping neighbors is the only way to go!

Please let me know if you need a ride to our monthly General Member meetings or any of our events. We also offer help for anyone unable to get trash hauled to the dump (every third Saturday of the month). We are so lucky to have volunteers who are ready to use their pickups to help out their fellow neighbors in the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association (D.A.N.W.A.) area!

That's it for now. See you all at the **next regular meeting, June 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Townsend Elementary School Cafeteria.**

*John Morris*

*You can make more friends in two months  
by becoming interested in other people  
than you can in two years by trying to get  
other people interested in you.*

**Dale Carnegie**

### **Aluminum Can Fundraiser Boy Scouts Troop 60**

Troop 60 will be collecting aluminum cans as a fund raising project on the first and third Saturday of the month during June, July, and August this summer. Please save your aluminum cans, put the cans in plastic bags, set the bags at your curb on these days, and Troop 60 will come by to pick them up - sometime around 10:00 a.m. on those mornings. Troop 60 appreciates your help!!

Thanks for supporting your Boy Scouts of America and Troop 60!

*Also, the Boy Scouts of Troop 60 need volunteers. No experience is necessary. If you are interested in helping Troop 60, call John at 672-0633 or Ralph at 672-8827.*

### **D.A.N.W.A. ANNUAL PICNIC**

**JUNE 21, 1997**

**TOWNSEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

During the May 1997 D.A.N.W.A. general member meeting, Beth Patterson from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was our guest speaker. Also during said meeting, those members present passed a motion to add \$500.00 to the Picnic Fund for this year's D.A.N.W.A. picnic.

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### **THE OKLAHOMA BLITZ Basketball Team**

Some young girls (ages 11 and under) from the Del City area are a part of *The Oklahoma Blitz*. Their record is 50 and 12 and they are the Basketball Congress International State Champs!! These girls from *The Oklahoma Blitz* will be going to the National Invitational Tournament in Lubbock, Texas the end of June, 1997 and will play against teams from all over the nation! *The Oklahoma Blitz* is an Independent Team coached by David Grisham. *The Oklahoma Blitz* are raising funds for their team, they hold car washes, mow lawns, etc. If you would be interested in helping them out with their fund raising efforts, *please* get in touch with their coach, David Grisham at 672-8459. *Do you know any of these young ladies who are team members of The Oklahoma Blitz? They live right here in our neighborhood watch area: Kim Turner; Kelli Grisham; Amanda Sayre; Ashley Sprecker; and Meagan McClain. GO GIRLS!*

### **TRY MULCH TO CHECK THE WEEDS AND KEEP PLANTS COOL**

When is the best time to add mulch to your garden? That is, putting hay or leaves around plants to protect them from the intense heat of the summer sun, eliminate weeds and preserve moisture in the soil .... Mulch when the sun starts to bake the soil with its intense heat. So far it has been cool and the plants need the sun. When it gets to 90 and stays-- then is time.

**D.A.N.W.A. ANNUAL  
PICNIC JUNE 21, 1997  
TOWNSEND SCHOOL  
10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**GENERAL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 7:00 P.M.  
TOWNSEND SCHOOL**

Have you noticed the advertisements for the various companies in your Del Aire Defender? If not, take a second look. These businesses and others in the Del City area are members of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association just like you and me. Their membership indicates their support of our efforts as an organized association. As they support us in membership and/or in costs for publishing the Del Aire Defender newsletter, we can return their kindness by supporting their businesses. When you shop, eat out, and do business within Del City with these merchants, you are supporting the Del City tax base, which in turn, supports your community as a whole. So, having said all of that, we want to list those businesses who are members of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association (D.A.N.W.A.) as of May 17, 1997:

First National Bank	Ladies & Gentlemen's Hair Studio	Interwest Properties
Body Tan	Round Up Pizza	Malone's Property Management
American Telecom, Inc.	State Farm Insurance (P. Dame)	Midwest City Cleaners (2 locations)
Bell, Book, & Candle	Consolidated Fire Pt.	Del City Barber Shop
Jim-N-I Daycare	Birds Motor Service	Sunnylane Pharmacy
24 Hour Unlock-Road Service	CD Roms for Family & School	Mary's Maids Lawn Service
Malone's Homes Realty	Don's Lawn, Weed, & Pest Control	Conoco Bomber Quick Shop
Mary's Maid Service	Real Estate Specialists	Memories Creative Memories Consultant

If your business has been a member of D.A.N.W.A. in the past and has yet to renew, or if your business would like to become a member of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association, *please* use the renewal/new member form provided in this newsletter and send it in today!

Our businesses, residents, government and community offices, and schools *ALL* must *work together* to make Del City the best community to live in. This goal is of the highest priority in our mission (and the other Del City neighborhood watch groups) as an organization by the people of Del City, for the people of Del City, and of the people of Del City.

## Mary's Maids Lawn Service

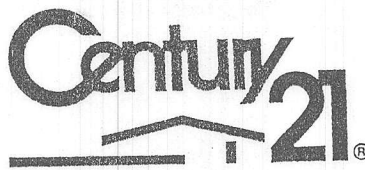
*We'll huff and puff and  
mow your grass down!!*

**728-1805**

### A D.A.N.W.A. Patroller's Story

It was darker than normal and a very windy night when I was out on my usual patrol, keeping a watchful eye on our neighborhood. Crossing the bridge on Del Aire, just east of Del View, about 30 minutes into my shift, I heard an unsettling thud against the side of my car. With my heart pounding, mind racing, and blood curdling, I quickly radioed the base station and told them I thought someone or something had hit my car. I reported that I was cautiously turning around and was going back and face the unknown and see if I could find the thing or the person responsible. Sensing my fear and caution, the base operator promptly contacted another patroller as backup in my search and ensuing contention. Within seconds, I suspiciously, and oh so slowly, headed back down Del Aire with another patroller trailing close behind. With my powerful search light, I scanned the road and the surrounding area. My keen eyes quickly found the "thing" that was the cause of this night's perplexing terror. It's cold, hard, reflection beaming at me as if to oppose my dominating light. Initially, I was shocked, confused, and unbelieving of what I saw and how this "thing" so frightened me, but then it was obvious to me that the coffee cup I had set on the roof of my car as I prepared for my night's outing, had tumbled off, hitting my car and landing in the street. The base operator complimented me on my ability to keep a coffee cup so perfectly balanced on the roof of my car for 30 minutes while patrolling the streets of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association area!

So . . . keep your eyes open wide  
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see a patroller out there with his yellow blinky-light shining bright, antenna waving in the wind, and his coffee cup perched atop the roof of his car, please don't laugh, for your neighborhood is still a safer place to be because that patroller is there.

**Come join the fun and sign-up to be a patroller!**

### FOR SALE

- Stationary Bike, excellent condition, call 677-9693.
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- King size bed \$350.00, drop leaf desk with bookshelves \$100.00, entertainment cabinet \$75.00, call 672-3563.
- 2 bolts of upholstery fabric (both peach colored, one tweed and one suede) \$60.00 each, 3 white porcelain Elvis decanters (McCormick Collectors pieces) \$100.00 each, call 672-8106 and ask for Kathy.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Male white rabbit for breeding purposes, call 677-2510.

The Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association would like to **thank** **Bell, Book & Candle** for the book they donated for our May door prize. Please stop by and visit the Bell, Book & Candle shop at 4849 S.E. 44th on the corner of Sooner and 44th.

### D.A.N.W.A. Officers

<b>President:</b>	
<b>John Morris</b>	<b>672-4273</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	
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**WEAR YOUR SEAT BELTS  
PEOPLE !!!**

**IT'S THE LAW!!**



## PATROL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

**ED EAKINS, UNIT #1**

Now that school is out once again and residents are leaving on vacations, I would like to remind everyone to *thoroughly secure your property before you go*. Also, if you are a member of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association (D.A.N.W.A.), please let us know you are going on vacation, and we will try and do our best to look after things while you are away. Remember to leave lights on in dark areas around your home as this helps our patrollers to see better during the nighttime hours.

I still see a lot of places in our D.A.N.W.A. area that are littered with trash and clutter. The City of Del City still has free dumping every third Saturday of each month. We really need to clean our area up. If you need to haul trash to the dump, and do not have a truck, call me and D.A.N.W.A. will try to assist you if possible.

There are a lot of skunks and other varmints in our area and the thing that keeps them here is trash, clutter, high weeds, etc. These animals also carry rabies and are a danger to our community. Let's do what we can to try to solve this problem.

I think it is time to ask for the D.A.N.W.A. members to assist our patrollers to try to slow down the number of vehicles running stop signs in our area - before there is a bad accident. I have observed several vehicles flying through stop signs in recent weeks. We must have your eyes as resident members of D.A.N.W.A. to help our patrollers try and get tag numbers, vehicle types, color, direction of travel, and number of occupants if possible. This will help us identify these violations and to pass on information to the Del City Police Department.

In closing, remember, if you see anything you think is unusual or does not fit, please call our Hotline # at 672-4434 or me at 672-1299 so we can get a patroller out to check for you. **WE NEED THE EYES AND EARS OF ALL OF OUR MEMBERS.**

*Thank you,*

*Ed Eakins, Patrol Captain*

**EXT GENERAL MEETING:  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1997  
7:00 P.M.**

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### Patroller of the Month

Each month I try to pick a deserving Patroller for "Patroller of the Month." We have many patrollers who are doing such an outstanding job and need to be recognized. This makes the selection process even

#### Patrol Statistics

**467.26 hours logged**

**240 hours logged for Base Operators**

**3,633 miles driven by patrollers!**

**9.5 hours ridden by bike patroller**

harder!

The Patroller for the month of May, 1997 is **Sharon Hendrix, Unit #36**. She has devoted 33 hours and 298 miles to the patrol effort as well as 11 hours to the operation of a base station for other

people during May, 1997. Sharon is on the Membership Committee as well as the Fund-raising Committee and worked some long and hard hours during the recent bake sales.

Unit #36 was born in Springfield, Missouri and grew up in a very small town outside of Springfield, in the "typical '50's era." After graduation from high school, she went to business college and one year later married an Air Force guy and became an "Air Force Wife." Home to Sharon and her husband was in many, many of the different United States as well as England. While in England, Unit #36 had the opportunity to train as a Dental Assistant at RAF Upper Hayford, which proved useful when her and her husband transferred to Tinker AFB. Sharon Hendrix and her husband bought their home in Del City and eventually decided to make Del City their permanent home, since they had lived there already 16 ½ years! Unit #36's sons

and their families live in Owasso, Oklahoma, near Tulsa, so she gets to enjoy all four grandchildren.

Unit #36 is interested in all that "'50's stuff" and cars - race cars that is, drag cars, show cars, you name it - all due to the man she chose to marry!

**Thanks Unit #36**, we all appreciate your efforts and commitment to the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association (D.A.N.W.A.)!

## 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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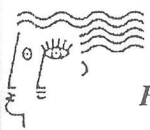
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## DANWA HOTLINE - 672-4434

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*Sophie Veach and Douglas Veach's names were incorrectly spelled in the May 1997 Del Aire Defender. We apologize for this error.*

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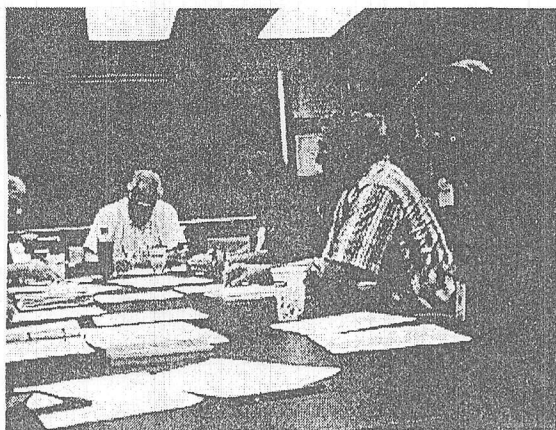
## Emergency!

What would you do if a disaster such as a tornado struck a portion of our neighborhood? Would you be a part of the group that responded to aid? Who would assist the responding emergency crews? What streets must be closed and which must be kept open? What about the school, whether or not occupied - what would it be used for? Are there locks and fences and gates that pose a problem for emergency crews responding? Are you physically restricted to your home or your bed? Will you need special assistance in an emergency?

All these issues have been or are to be a part of the discussions and planning for our participation in an upcoming Okla-homa County Disaster Exercise. It will take place during the afternoon of June 17. It will center in the CONDEA VISTA parking lot, south of the intersection of Mackleman and SE 59<sup>th</sup>. It will be a **SIMULATED DISASTER**. Emergency fire, police and ambulance teams as well as our DANWA patrol will participate.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.** Plans call for simulated tornado damage as well as danger from noxious fumes. Volunteer patients are needed. If you live on the **EAST** section of our neighborhood, and would like to play the part of a victim (adults, seniors and all ages of children can play), please call: Ed Eakens (672-1299), or John Morris (672-4273). Of course, other residents are invited to participate as well, but the simulated damage will be along Sooner Rd. Release forms will be made available for those who participate. If you live in the area to be involved and do not wish to participate, just stay inside and play like you're gone - if you want to watch, choose a window with a good view. It is possible that entry into this area of the neighborhood during the exercise will be restricted. We hope this does not inconvenience our residents, but the time period will no doubt be shorter than it would in a real emergency.

This should be a lot of fun for our participating volunteer casual-ties. But



the result should be a recall roster for our neighborhood to get help on the way to a real disaster should it occur and, between the neighborhood organizations, development of a model plan for others to use in their neighborhoods.

The Parkview Neighborhood will have the most involvement in this exercise and will be in contact with our patrol in a mutual assistance mode.

**Harvey Pratt**, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations' sketch artist, gave a fascinating talk at the Del City Police Academy IV graduation. Mr. Pratt also recently appeared on the Geraldo Rivera program and explained how the woman who was threatened by the alleged killer of Ennis Cosby provided such an accurate description when she saw him so briefly. Mr. Pratt concluded that in such frightening situations, a witness often focuses completely on specific characteristics of the criminal.

Let's all be so keenly aware of our surroundings, and people we come in contact with, that we may be able to aide in the arrest and possible conviction of criminals. As evidenced in the Ennis Cosby case, we might all be witnesses to a crime and ultimately help our law enforcement officials bring wrong-doers to face their punishment.



### Involvement is the key - - -

"How do I begin to tell you about our special neighborhood? Los Angeles County can be unsafe because of the high crime rate. But there is a neighborhood in the foothills that is beautiful and safe. This neighborhood is circled with oak trees. Families stand on elderly neighbors' yards and sing "Happy Birthday" to them. New neighbors are welcomed and former neighbors come to visit with a welcoming front-yard potluck party.

At Christmas, they have a progressive party, with a prize for the best decorated house. They also have a visit from Santa Claus, caroling, and a gift exchange for the kids. Everyone strings their homes with beautiful lights. On Halloween, garages turn into haunted houses, and they have 400 trick-or-treaters. On the Fourth of July, children decorate their bicycles and ride around the streets with city police cars and fire engines. They

have a garage sale every June, and everyone participates. They even have a lemonade stand during the sale. *Neighborhood involvement is what makes your neighborhood fun, safe, and a happy place to live."*

Nancy Berk  
Glendale, California

This neighborhood we just read about is missing one thing, don't you think? They are missing the even greater bene-fits of a neighborhood watch association bent towards excellence! Seems as though an exchange of ideas is what we can benefit from each other - from a valley in California to our front yards in Oklahoma. These folks in Glendale are involved - richly, deeply, involved in their neighborhood as evidenced by their willing participation in their little corner of the world. We too in D.A.N.W.A. are willing to participate in the neighbor-hood we live in, from Sunnyside to Sooner and from 29th Street to 44th St.. Friends, it is not too late to join in a simple, honest, sincere effort to make this area a better place to live! Join the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association (D.A.N.W.A.) or renew your membership and then, *get involved*. We have a good time, we laugh and we dream about this area. Your whole-hearted involve-ment only takes a few hours once or twice a month to make a substantial difference in the livelihood of this D.A.N.W.A. area we call home! Join us today!!

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# Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association



## PICNIC

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SATURDAY, June 21, 1997

### GAMES

10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Townsend Elementary School

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and drinks  
will be provided FREE.

The *Police EXPLORERS* will be at the picnic to *fingerprint children*.

D.A.N.W.A. T-shirts, caps, and sweatshirts  
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*Moon walk for the kids!*

~If you'd like, you can bring a covered dish~

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
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# **COME TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!**

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1997 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**TOWNSEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**COME TAKE A WALK WITH THE**

**D.C.P.D., D.C.F.D., AND D.A.N.W.A.**

**AS WE WALK THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE  
DEL AIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION AREA.**

Officer Austin Slaten with the Del City Police Department has organized a "walk-through" of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association Area. The Del City Police Department, Del City Fire Department, the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association, friends, and citizens of Del City will gather together for a "parade of neighbors" followed by a FREE PICNIC.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**

*A FLATBED trailer will be provided  
for those who cannot walk or do not wish to walk.*

**A PARADE OF NEIGHBORS!!  
NEIGHBORS WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH  
THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS WITH  
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POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS,  
ALL TAKING PRIDE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD!!**

So walk your dog, ride your bike,  
roller blade, push a stroller, ride your skate board,  
or jog as we all walk through the  
streets of our neighborhood.

*Then join us at the FREE picnic following the walk!!*