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From your President:

Hello everyone,

Well we are into March, which is membership renewal month. Our membership runs from March 1st through February 29th of next year, as next year is a leap year. We have already received a number of renewals and new membership households already. I would like to thank everyone that has joined or renewed, for their support of the watch group. Remember, all your dues go to the benefit of our community and purchase of equipment. All patrollers and officers are volunteers; they donate their time, fuel and use of their vehicle to the watch as a service to the neighborhood; in order to make our neighborhood a safer place to live. If you would like to help, we would love to have you. We can always use more patrollers, even a couple of hours a week would help. Even if you cannot patrol, you can help! Watch the homes right around yours. You know what cars your neighbors have, and a strange car parked in the street or driveway when no one is home, is not a good thing. You know what your neighborhood sounds like. If you hear unusual noises such as metal sawing, wood splintering or breaking glass, look, it might not be a good thing. If you see something in progress, call 911. If you see something that just doesn't look right and want it checked out, then call the police dispatcher at 677-2443. You can remain anonymous if you wish; but they will send an officer to investigate.

Our meeting in March will be held on the 12th. Some of the items of discussion will be a cookout for the residents of Orval Ray Towers, review of Patrollers Handbook, magnet stickers for members and the April school parties for Townsend.

Officer John Beech, the Del City Community Policing Officer will also be at our meeting to speak and answer questions. Hope to see you there.

James Standfill email: danwapres@flash.net phone 677-2333



Report any suspicious activity to the Del City Police 677-2443.

Help keep our neighborhood safe. Don't be afraid to call, you may remain anonymous.

More information - the neighborhood watches in and around Del City have been instrumental in assisting the police by being the eyes and ears and have helped apprehend some criminals and would-be criminals over the past years.

So keep your eyes and ears open, your information DOES help.



*Happy Birthday to those who are
having a birthday this month.*



Dates to remember:

1. DANWA General Meeting will be at Calvary Christian Church in the annex just north of the church, 3900 Epperly Dr. at 7:00 pm, second Monday of the month.
2. CERT General Training Meeting, at 7:00 pm, Del City Community Center, second Tuesday of the month.
3. Patrol Meeting, at 7:00 pm, Del City Courthouse, third Thursday of the month.

Need Block Captains for:

37th Street from Epperly to Vickie
Holiday from 31st to 37th
Call Ron 677-7923 for details.

Vickie Dr. from 37th to 44th street,
Call Jim 677-5044 for details.

Monclair Rd. from Bismark to
Oakbrook
Call Yvonne 670-3971 for details.

Good exercise once a month.



**DANWA area Crime Statistics
for January 2007**

Vandalism = 8

47xx SE 29 th St	01/02/07	08:31
48xx SE 41 st St	01/02/07	11:15
43xx SE 37 th St	01/03/07	07:08
46xx SE 35 th St	01/06/07	20:29
37xx Holiday Ave.	01/07/07	23:29
48xx SE 44 th St	01/08/07	09:08
32xx Wofford Ave	01/13/07	10:13
48xx Kristie Dr.	01/10/07	17:28

Larceny = 6

48xx Woodview Dr.	01/02/07	17:39
43xx SE 29 th	01/10/07	18:40
42xx Sunnyview	01/13/07	16:35
44xx SE 29 th St.	01/14/07	12:40
47xx Ridgeway Dr.	01/15/07	02:57
43xx SE 44 th St	01/27/07	00:09
30xx Del View Dr	01/30/07	09:12

Residential Burglary = 6

52xx SE 29 th St	01/02/07	01:27
30xx Del View Dr	01/02/07	01:38
42xx Epperly Dr	01/04/07	08:22
37xx S Sunnylane Rd	01/09/07	15:29
51xx SE 29 th St	01/24/07	16:10
30xx Del View Dr	01/30/07	17:26

Stolen Vehicle = 0

GOOD NEWS !!!!!

Auto Burglary = 1

47xx SE 41 st St	01/27/07	04:34
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Parking Complaint = 1

42xx S Sunnylane Rd	01/27/07	10:19
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From the Desk of the Patrol Captain

As your new Patrol Captain I want to first thank all of those who have been serving our community so well over the past years. I feel very strongly that we have a much safer and more cohesive neighborhood because of the actions of those individuals who started this Neighborhood Watch organization and those who have sustained it through the years. I also want to express a special thanks to our past Patrol Captain, Jimie Hendricks. Jimie is one of those people you really should get to know if you don't.. An excellent neighbor and friend and he has and will continue to serve us well as part of your Neighborhood Watch.

I hate to start a new year being redundant but as Jimie has expressed so many times in the past, what we really need more than anything else is more community involvement. It really doesn't take much. A few hours a week getting to know your neighbors and community better and maybe missing an occasional TV program is a very cheap price for the returns you receive. Even if you don't feel you can patrol or provide a base operation, there are many other opportunities to serve. Probably the best deal anywhere is the \$12 annual membership fee (that's 1 little dollar a month). To the best of my recollection I have been a member every year since our watch began and I have no doubt I'm many dollars ahead because of it. Just that call or two to remind me that I was drifting off without closing my garage door have probably more than paid for my membership for many years to come but also the peace of mind that I get when I'm headed out for a few days and I know that someone else is watching for me make that 12 bucks a no brainer for me.

So if your taking the time to read this and you still haven't decided if a couple of your dollars and maybe a little of your time are going to get you a worthwhile return in this case, take a few minutes and come to the next general membership meeting (Mar 12th, 7pm at the Calvary Christian Center Annex).. It's only an hour or so a month and we don't check memberships at the door so anyone is welcome. And if you have any questions or think you might be able to provide an hour or two a week as a patroller or base operator please shoot me an e-mail or give me a call ..

Rex Warlick, Patrol Captain, 249-5927 e-mail: rexwarlick@cox.net

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Smart Alec answers (this one was lucky)

The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window.

"I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said.

The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.



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next month**

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A concerned neighbor writes

A couple of days ago I got an alarming call from my sister. She said she had been followed from S.W. 44th and Shields, by a white man, wearing a baseball cap, and driving a small, blue pick-up truck. She made turns down several streets to make sure she wasn't wrong about him following her. She was correct on both, the man was following her, and she didn't go home.

Even though she had her cell phone, she didn't think to call the police.

Try to remember to be aware of traffic. If you think you are being followed, try a few turns, but don't pull up to your home and don't stray down a one way, be aware of where you are going. Best move is to be aware of where the police department is.

If you are being followed and have a cell phone, think to use it and CALL 911. The police will get the call and not let you go, or put you on hold. If you are in Oklahoma City, your call will be transferred to the OKCPD. If you don't have a cell phone drive to a public place where a lot of people are. Call the police from there, stay there until the police arrive. If You are in a residential neighborhood, and find someone following you, start honking your horn. Draw as much attention to you and the situation as possible. This could save your life. Preplan now, find the police department, fire departments, and public places where you might go. Don't be afraid to attract attention in a situation like this.

Just Do It! Be aware of your surroundings but don't be paranoid. ACN

Here's one for the truckers

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads, "Low Bridge Ahead". Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge.

Cars are backed up for miles.

Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."

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Februarys Meeting Highlights

Membership fliers were received, paid for and distributed. Thanks go out to Joe, Pat, Rose Mary, Jimmie and Sharon for their work on getting out the forms. The Banner donation has been made in the amount of \$200.00. The proceeds from the Banner purchase go to the Del City Camber of Commerce and are used to send packages to the Troops in Iraq. The membership drive officially starts March 1st but we have already received many renewals and 18 new member households. The revised Patroller's handbooks were handed out for review and will be voted on at the March meeting. A free dump will be held in April; dates to be determined.

The watch group is going to hold a cookout for the residents of Orval Ray Tower, date to be determined. Marsha will look into cost and design of magnetic stickers for members. Mike Hucks, representing the American Red Cross, was a guest speaker about the Watch Group partnering with the Red Cross for disaster shelter operation.



A concerned citizen provides a tip from another neighborhood

watch program for personal safety

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside our home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button on your car. The alarm will be activated and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery runs down.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation on. Test it. See if you can set it off from the farthest corner of your home, especially your bedroom.

Chances are when you activate your car alarm, a would be burglar or rapist will scurry and not stick around. Chances are too that your neighbors will be looking out their windows to see WHO IS HONKING THEIR HORN.

Remember to carry your keys IN HAND while waking to and from your car, be ready—no matter how comfortable you feel. Share with your friends and neighbors, maybe it will save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

Here are some facts about the tomb of the unknown soldiers and the guards who guard it, and why.

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why? 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.
3. Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not? He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face, and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.
6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5'10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30".

Other requirements! of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930. We can be very proud of our young men and women in the service no matter where they serve. God Bless them.



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