

# Del Pire Defender

Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association

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Happy Easter 2007

### 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.

## From your President:

Hello everyone,

I recently received a letter from one of our members that has concerns about Del City in general and our neighborhood watch area. I thought this would be a good time to respond to the letter and provide everyone with some useful information, as others may have some of the same concerns.

The first concern our member has, is with old cars, trailers and junk in peoples driveways. People have the right to park cars in their driveways; and as long as the tag is current and the tires are aired up, then it is permitted. Trailers are also permitted. However, if the tag is not current or the vehicle is inoperable, then the vehicle must be covered with a **car cover** (not a tarp) to be within code compliance. So if you have complaint about a **non compliant** vehicle or junk, then contact Code Enforcement at 671-2817. Leave a description of the problem and the address where the problem exists on the recorder.

The next concern our member has, is with the streets not being in good condition or repaired. If you know of a problem spot or street, contact Street Maintenance at 671-2872. As for all the street maintenance personnel being down at Eagle Lake; I cannot say.

Another concern is with rental properties having rules. I know from meetings with the City Manager, that the city is currently in the process of strengthening the requirements for rental property owners. The city is in the process of implementing higher utility deposits for renters and deposits from owners as well as inspections for code compliance prior to renting. The city has also hired a second code inspector. So things should begin to get better. But should you know of a problem property, contact Code Enforcement as listed above or below.

At this point I must say that as a citizen of Del City, if you are not happy with the way things are, then you need to get involved. Attend your city council meetings; they are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6 PM. They have a block of time set aside for citizens input. Make the problems you see known.

The last concern our member has is with the watch patrollers. The member wanted to know if they were off drinking coffee all the time because they did not see them. I can tell you that they are out there. The patrollers cover 20 miles of roads in our area during a 2 hour session; so they cannot be everywhere at once. We would like to have 3 or 4 patrollers out at any given time but that is not possible given the number of volunteers we currently have. Would anyone like to step up and help? I did notice from the letter that the one complaint that the member did not have was that they had been a victim of a property crime; which by the way is the only thing that DANWA can have an effect on. We are only here to deter crime and benefit the citizens in our watch area. Our watch area has the lowest percentage of total Del City crimes of all the Del City watch areas. And just so you know, all your patrollers are volunteers. They volunteer their time, vehicle and gas to make our area safer.

Helpful phone numbers and Email addresses: Mayor: Brian Linley, 670-4651, brian.linley @cox.net, City Manager: Mark Edwards, 671-2800, man-

Code Enforcement: 671-2817 Street Maintenance: 671-2872

Animal Control: 677-2444 City Hall Administration: 671-2800 Del City Police non emergency: 677-2443

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

**DANWA President** 

ager@cityofdelcity.com



Happy 43rd anniversary Virginia
Your lovimg Husband Jim
Happy Birthday to someone 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:

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

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

Oakbrook from Del View to Montrose

Lamar from Montclair to Montrose

Call Yvonne 670-3971 for details.

Help your neighborhood watch distribute the newsletter.

Good exercise once a month.







# DANWA area Crime Statistics

for March 2007			
Vandalism =6			
45xx SE 37 <sup>th</sup> St	03/10/07	12:38	
33xx Holiday Ave	03/10/07	21:13	
31xx Epperly Dr	03/11/07	11:51	
42xx S. Sunnylane Rd 44xx Sooner Rd	03/13/07 03/16/07	23:02 11:17	
48xx Newport Dr	03/18/07	17:17	
10XX NOWPOREDI	00/20/01	17.10	
Larceny = 7			
46xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup> St	03/09/07	22:41	
48xx SE 44 <sup>th</sup> St	03/10/07	03:20	
30xx Del View Dr	03/19/07	17:55	
43xx Sunnylane Pl	03/21/07	19:54	
47xx Ridgeway Dr	03/22/07	13:33	
42xx S Sunnylane Rd	03/27/07	22;26	
33xx Holliday Ave	03/29/07	19:46	
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Residential Burglary	<u></u>		
52xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup> St	03/01/07	11:49	
43xx Suntane Cir	03/10/07	15:47	
47xx Ridgeway Dr	03/17/07	10:08	
46xx SE 37 <sup>th</sup> St	03/31/07	14:33	
Stolen Vehicle = 3			
44xx S Sooner Rd	03/11/07	12:49	
48xx Kristie Dr	03/17/07	10:29	
40xx Bismarc Dr	03/17/07	11:10	
Auto Dunalem 4			
Auto Burglary = 4	00/40/07	40.40	
33xx Del Aire Pl	03/12/07	16:42	
47xx Ridgeway Dr	03/20/07	13:43	
42xx SE 44 <sup>th</sup> St	03/21/07	12:10	
43xx SE 43 <sup>rd</sup> St	03/22/07	16:00	
Parking Complaint – 2			
Parking Complaint =		40.05	
46xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup> St	03/03/07	12:25	
36xx S Vickie Dr	03/31/07	12:10	



### From the Desk of the Patrol Captain

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

The end of the school year is fast approaching and many of us will be thinking about summer vacations. One of the benefits of DANWA membership is a little extra feeling of security when you pull out for a few days from home. Let us know when you plan to be gone and we will make sure that all of the patrollers also know and can provide a few extra eyes to help watch your castle while you're away.

Two things you should always do if you are going to be gone for more than a day are stop or have someone pick up your mail and your newspapers. Newspapers lying around the drive and yard are a huge red flag for potential thieves. Mail left unattended can also be an easy target for those that may be less honorable. Both the Oklahoman and the Postal Service make stopping and restarting your service easy with either a call or through their web sites. You can schedule both for stop and restart by visiting www.oklahoman.com and www.usps.com.

Before you head out send me (include all of the e-mail addressees on our newsletter cover in case I'm on vacation too) the following and I will make sure it is passed to all patrollers and also to our community policing officer at the DCPD:

Members name.

Address

Emergency phone number where you can be reached while away.

Date leaving.

Date returning.

Vehicles that will be at home.

Also if you have friends or relatives that will be remaining in the area and stopping by to check things for you let us know who and what they may be driving so we don't alert needlessly. So once again, if you haven't joined or renewed your membership, this is one thing that makes that annual membership fee a real bargain!

Please be safe and enjoy this time that is one of the best of the year. And above all thank you for all you do to help make our neighborhood a great place to live.

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

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Dana Richard Dodson
Managing Director
Certified Escape
School Presenter

8/07



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9/07

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#### **CREDIT CARD SCAM**

This scam is pretty slick since they provide YOU with all the information, except the one piece they want.

Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. By understanding how the VISA and Master-Card Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

An employee was called on Wednesday from "VISA", and another was called on Thursday from "Master Card".

The scam works like this: Person calling says, "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona?" When you say "No", the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address),! is that correct?"

You say "yes". The caller continues - "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security.

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card". He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers". There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers' that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account. VISA is reissuing us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3- digit PIN number on the back of the card. **Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their** conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a "Jason Richardson of Master Card" with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA!. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing each other, we protect each other. (Provided by email from a concerned reader—DANWAnews thanks those who are concerned about others.) Thanks James



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## **April Meeting Highlights**

Membership renewal statistics are; 385 households have renewed their membership and 82 new households have joined. Current total stands at 467. The banner for the 1345<sup>th</sup> OKNG unit was present at the meeting and members had the opportunity to sign the banner.

The refrigerator magnets and yard signs have been put on hold for now. The membership set aside \$500 for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Orval Ray Towers cookout and \$150 for each of the Towsend School Beach parties and Super Party. The purchase of 2000 Superballs for the May 26<sup>th</sup> parade was approved as was providing 6 dozen cookies for the Escape school.

The door prize was won by Eva Beebe.

### School Bond Election

Please get out and vote May 8th.



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### Think about this for a minute!!

The weather is turning nice, you have been outside working in the yard, finished putting up your garden tools or put away the mower and you go inside to relax a minute or two, maybe even take a shower. — [you forgot to close the garage door] — Here is a thought from Cpl Beech, put a note on the remote control that reminds you to shut the garage door. Well, he figures the last thing you might do before you go to bed is watch TV.

### Another reminder from a concerned reader!!

Be sure to remove your garage door opener from your car. Since some of the cases around town have been where the car was broken in to and the perpetrator got the opener and waited a few weeks [time enough where the previous break-in had worn off a little] before coming back to the house and opening the garage door to do their thievery.

## Never leave valuables in your vehicle!!!

This message passed along through one of our GREAT members and it is good information for us all to be aware of. Thanks Jimie.

Dear Residents and Merchants,

Spring is here and it is time for a semi-annual reminder concerning Gypsy activity. First a little historical background. There are two classifications of gypsy, both of which have frequented Nichols Hills over the past forty years. The first classification is a group called "The Travelers" or sometimes referred to as "The Irish Travelers". They are American born, mostly Caucasian, who travel across the U.S.A. committing mostly non-violent crimes, specifically insurance fraud, confidence or con games, home repair scams, personal injury claims and burglary. They are the ones who have fixed your roof or driveway. They have committed violent crimes including murder, on occasion, but so far, not in Nichols Hills. The violent crimes have been rare in the past but seem to be rapidly increasing. They are referred to as gypsies because of their adopted lifestyle and the fact that they travel almost continually. The second classification of Gypsy refers to the true Eastern European Gypsy, a pseudo nationality that by some estimates, have existed for a 1000 years. They are for the most part, of Romanian decent and have continued to immigrate to the U.S for many years. Most of the major Gypsy enclaves exist on or around the east coast and their individual groups usually consist of family members, trained from birth in the art of criminal activity. They are the ones who have been known to walk into your living room unannounced if you have left your door unlocked. They are the ones who have gathered all of your jewelry, placed it in one of your pillow cases and left without ever having been seen. They are the ones who will rob your house while you work in the flower bed or when you have just gone to Crescent Market for a few minutes. They are the ones who will walk into your store and while one keeps you busy, the other steals your purse or wallet and you don't discover it until three hours later. We have arrested both classifications here in the past. They immediately bring in a lawyer usually from Dallas, post a cash bond, and are never seen again. They use a variety of names and are extremely difficult to trace. Information and a few precautions are your best line of defense.

Don't leave doors unlocked, even if you're in the backyard. Don't allow strangers into your home, regardless of the story or the uniform they might be wearing, (they may be imposters). When in doubt call the police and we can be there in two minutes. Don't invite telephone solicitors into your home unless you know and trust them. Don't leave bicycles and yard equipment in the front yard, even for short periods. Don't hire strangers to work on your chimney, roof or driveway. When in doubt call the police and we can be there in two minutes. Keep jewelry and other valuables locked in a safe if possible. Report suspicious people and activity in your neighborhood. Remember the Orbachs, "1982", they were in an upper middleclass neighborhood, not far from Nichols Hills, killed during the day, with no forced entry, within sight of a major highway, and it was spring. No credible motive, suspects or evidence have ever been established other than robbery.

Thank you,

Chief Richard Mask

Ps For a very accurate portrayal of the Irish Travelers, watch the cable channel FX and tune into a program called " The Riches".

Editor's note: This information is provided to make you aware of a different type of criminal activity. Our thanks to Chief Mask of Nichols Hills for providing this information through one of our members as reference and does <u>not</u> commit the Del City Police Department in any way.

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If you need to get rid of chemicals and paints you can call 739-1352 (Midwest City Storm Water Quality) and get an appointment to drop those items off at the facility at 2425 South Douglas (just north of SE 29<sup>th</sup> and Douglas). This service is FREE to Del City residents. They take all types of chemicals; cleaning products, automotive products, lawn products, pesticides, workshop supplies and miscellaneous things like household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and all flammable products. They also take all types of paints, thinners and stains.



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### Del Aire Defender

**Jokes:** I know I am no Larry the Cable Guy, Eddie Murphy, Bob Mills (Bob Hopes joke writer) who can say just about anything and get a laugh. If you are familiar with the internet and email, you probably get "literally" millions of jokes the same as me. Many I laugh till my belly hurts and some don't even get a smile. When I feel there is one particularly funny, I like to pass it along.

This newsletter is intended to provide information to you, the public, whether you are a member or not.

To that, I earnestly apologize to those who were offended by <u>any</u> joke in <u>any</u> newsletter I author (especially - any blonde) and I certainly hope you can find <u>something</u> to laugh about over the course of your life because life is too short to not be happy or to try to find <u>something</u> to laugh about.

Sincerely,

Your DANWA newsletter Editor

## ANNUAL SHRINERS & ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

The City of Del City and the Del City Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Annual Shriners & Armed Forces Day Parade will be held May 26<sup>th</sup> in Del City.

Special guests for this year's parade include SPC Christian Stone and SPC Matthew Herndon, both soldiers who were wounded in the Iraq war while serving as part of the 1345<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Army National Guard.

Individuals and community groups of all kinds are encouraged to enter this year's parade. For information or an entry form, contact Jim De Puy at the City of Del City or the Del City Chamber of Commerce.

### PLAN TO ATTEND AND BRING YOUR FLAG!

Del Aire Neighborhood Watch As P.O. Box 55558 Del City, OK 73155 Membership to DANWA is 1 March dues are prorated as follows: Apr— Feb-\$1. Provide the following infor	to 28 February the fo \$11, May-\$10, Jun-\$	9, Jul-\$8, Aug-\$7, Sep-\$6, Oct-\$5,	). If joining through the year, Nov-\$4, Dec-\$3, Jan-\$2,
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