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**Dates to remember:**

DANWA General Meeting—  
Calvary Christian Church in  
the annex just north of the  
church, 3900 Epperly Dr. at  
7:00 pm, second Monday of  
the month.

The Patrol Meeting will fol-  
low the General Member-  
ship meeting at the Calvary  
Christian Church annex.

CERT General Training  
Meeting, at 7:00 pm, Del  
City Community Center,  
second Tuesday of the  
month.

# Del Aire Defender

DEL AIRE NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH ASSOCIATION

JULY 2010

## From the DANWA President:

Hello everyone,

Well, summer is here and it is not hard to know that. There is not much going on around town and as for crime that is good. The crime stats for our neighborhood are down some from last month. I suppose that the criminals don't like the heat either or it may be the fact that school is out and more homes are occupied during the day. Either way it is good for the neighborhood.

I have several things from the City this month. There will be no loss of city personnel due to budget shortfalls; The On Que at 29<sup>th</sup> and Sooner is scheduled to open by the end of July and the Braum's at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Sunnyslane is going to be replaced with a new store but I do not have any dates at this time.

As the summer heats up, there is concern for children being left in vehicles. If you are a parent or Grandparent please read the following reprint from the Kids Safe Flyer:

Over the past few months, **nine children have died** while alone in a vehicle, and summer hasn't even officially begun. Did you know that a child's body heats up 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's? It only takes a few short minutes before a child can become dangerously overheated.

Every year, more than 30 children die because they are alone in a car. In just 10 minutes a car's temperature can increase by 19 degrees – and it continues to rise. There is no evidence that cracking the windows helps prevent the temperature in vehicle interiors from reaching dangerous levels. In fact, sunlight coming through car windows makes the car work like an oven.

**Follow these tips to help prevent child injuries:**

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the window slightly open.
- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or whatever is to be carried from the car on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This triggers adults to see children when they open the rear door and reach for their belongings.
- Set your cell phone or Blackberry reminder to be sure you dropped your child off at day care.
- Set your computer calendar program, such as Outlook, to ask, "Did you drop off at day-care today?"
- Have a plan that if your child is late for daycare that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off little kids at day care.
- Teach children not to play in any vehicle.
- Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle – especially at home. Keep keys out of children's reach. Cars are not playgrounds or babysitters.
- Check vehicles and trunks FIRST if a child goes missing

*James Standfill*

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**Lend a hand!****We Need block captains for:**

1. Vickie between 37th to south end of Vickie
2. Epperly between 41st to 42nd Terrace

Please call Jim at 677-5044

**WE still need some help for block captains—  
anyone???**

**A block captain is a vital part as a volunteer who  
delivers the newsletter to the neighbors.**

**Good exercise one day a month.**

**Happy Birthday 70 from 34****June Meeting Highlights**

The 15 members present were welcomed to the meeting.  
The Treasurer's report and Crime Stats were reviewed.

Under old business: The Orval Ray Tower cookout was confirmed for Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Under new business: A request for assistance was received from the Boy Scout Troop for an upcoming camping trip. A discussion was held and decision was made to provide the Troop with \$500.00 for their camping trip. A discussion was held about looking into possibility of purchasing a commercially made tire swing to be put in Cheyenne Park. Several members will work on gathering information to present to the membership.

The door prize was won by Donna Eckel.


**DANWA Area Crime Statistics for  
May 2010 plus City wide stats**

**Prowler = 0 (3) [2] {3}**

**Parking Complaint = 1 (3) [1] {31}**

48xx Kristie Dr. (apartment)	05/30/2010	4:18 PM
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**Vandalism = 3 (7) [9] {40}**

40xx Bismarc Dr	05/31/2010	3:10 PM
46xx SE 41 <sup>st</sup> St.	05/10/2010	10:56 PM
44xx SE 40 <sup>th</sup> St.	05/10/2010	4:57 PM

**Larceny = 6 (11) [10] {53}**

48xx SE 44 <sup>th</sup> St. (business)	05/26/2010	3:16 PM
44xx S. Sooner Rd. (apartment)	05/23/2010	5:05 PM
44xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup> St. (business)	05/17/2010	12:53 PM
48xx Montrose Dr.	05/14/2010	3:31 PM
46xx SE 42 <sup>nd</sup> St.	05/06/2010	9:10 AM
48xxSE 44 <sup>th</sup> St. (business)	05/04/2010	4:23 PM

**Residential Burglary = 5 (6) [11] {29}**

43xx Spiva Dr.	05/28/2010	2:38 PM
40xx Angela Dr.	05/20/2010	12:45 PM
43xx Epperly Dr.	05/13/2010	1:14 PM
46xx SE 35 <sup>th</sup> St.	05/08/2010	4:03 PM
44xx SE 43 <sup>rd</sup> St.	05/07/2010	8:49 PM

**Robbery/Extortion = 0 (0) [1] {3}**

**Stolen Vehicle = 1 (0) [4] {10}**

39xx Epperly Dr (school)	05/16/2010	11:56 PM
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**Burglary of Business = 0 (1) [?] {5}**

**Auto Burglary = 2 (3) [5] {39}**

47xx Ridgeway	05/19/2010	6:31 PM
48xx Kristie Dr. (apartment)	05/02/2010	12:13 PM

**() = Prior month counts**

**[] = Same month prior year**

**{ } = Del City wide counts for same period**

We welcome **Sunnylane Southern Baptist Church** and membership back within our borders.

Early Bible Study Session 1 (Sunday School) takes up at 8:30 am, Worship Service begins at 9:45am and Bible Study Session 2 (Sunday School) takes up at 11:00am.

Come and join us in the Celebration of our GRAND OPENING July 11th. Everyone is invited to experience the excitement. You can also visit [www.thelane.tv](http://www.thelane.tv)

**Location: 4500 S.E. 31st ( S.E. 31st and Holliday)**



One of our readers forwarded the following:

I have not tried this 'yet' but if it will do half of what they say, it will be worth it. I've tried all the other kooky things people send me, one more ain't going to hurt.

Mosquito Spray—worth a try: **LISTERINE MOUTH WASH**

I was at a deck party a while back and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine—and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4 oz. bottle and used it around my seat wherever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it.

**Our thanks again for those who help keep the memorial trail clean by picking up trash and by helping maintain the flower beds at the memorial site. We finally have the trash bins located along the trail.**

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Neighborhood Watch Association

DANWA Short membership application form

P.O. Box 55558

Del City, OK 73155

Membership to DANWA is 1 March to 28 February the following year and dues are (\$12.00). If joining through the year, dues are prorated as follows: Apr-\$11, May-\$10, Jun-\$9, Jul-\$8, Aug-\$7, Sep-\$6, Oct-\$5, Nov-\$4 Dec-\$3, Jan-\$2, Feb-\$1. Provide the following information along with membership dues to the above address.

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

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Safe Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Storm Cellar: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children in Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

This registration is for the sole possession of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association (DANWA) and is protected from any unauthorized disclosure other than to local law enforcement officials, the officers and patrollers of DANWA and is for official use only.



## DID YOU KNOW?

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

### **Here is something Every American should know.**

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps...' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment..

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words (lyrics) are:

Day is done.	Fading light.	Thanks and praise.
Gone the sun.	Dims the sight.	For our days.
From the lakes	And a star.	Neath the sun.
From the hills.	Gems the sky.	Neath the stars.
From the sky.	Gleaming bright.	Neath the sky
All is well..	From afar.	As we go.
Safely rest.	Drawing nigh.	This we know.
God is nigh.	Falls the night.	God is nigh.

I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

**Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.**

**Also Remember Those Who Have Served And Returned; and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.**



Del City ordinances are available for you at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com).

Hope this will answer some questions regarding curfew and minors.

Sec. 13-36. Curfew for minors.

(a) It shall be unlawful for:

(1) Any person under **eighteen (18) years of age** to be or remain in or upon the streets or any public place within the city at night, during curfew hours;

(2) Any parent of a minor to knowingly permit or, by insufficient control, allow a minor to remain in any public place or street within the city during curfew hours; or

(3) Any owner, operator, or employee of a public place to knowingly allow a minor to remain upon the premises of any public place during curfew hours.

(b) It is a defense to subsection (a)(1) of this section if the minor is:

(1) Accompanied by a parent of such minor, or when accompanied by an adult, who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, authorized by a parent of such minor to take said parent's place in accompanying said minor for a designated period of time and purpose within a specified area, provided that the authorization shall be such that it can be immediately verified by any police officer. If an officer is unable to verify the authenticity of the required authorization, there shall be a presumption that the authorization is invalid;

(2) Exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly;

(3) On an errand at the specific direction of the minor's parent, without any detour or stop;

(4) Involved in an emergency;

(5) On the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not object to a police officer;

(6) In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

(7) Engaged in an employment activity, or going home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop, provided that the employment shall be such that can be immediately verified by any police officer. If an officer is unable to verify the minor's employment, there shall be a presumption that the minor is not so employed;

(8) Attending or traveling between home and an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by a civic organization or other similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor with permission from the minor's parents or guardian, provided that the permission shall be such that it can be immediately verified by any police officer. If an officer is unable to verify the authenticity of the required permission, there shall be a presumption that the permission is invalid; or

(9) Married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with state law.

(c) It is a defense to section (a)(2) above for the parent of a minor if the minor would qualify for any defense listed above.

(d) It is a defense to section (a)(3) above [if the] title owner, operator or employee of a public place promptly notified the police department that a minor was present on the premises of the public place during curfew hours and remained after being asked to leave.

(e) Any person convicted of violating any provision in this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), plus costs, or by imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Ord. No. 1289, § 1, 9



### Civil Service Retirement in Lieu of Social Security (CSRS)

If you are a CSRS retiree and reside here in our beautiful Oklahoma I'm sure you are aware of the tax break provided by the state in recent years. Beginning in 2007 the state taxable portion of our annuity has been decreased by 20% each year so that in 2011 the entire annuity for those who retired under CSRS will no longer be taxed. Prior to 2007, and continuing, there was a \$10,000 tax adjustment that benefited retirees in several categories. This will continue and still applies to that portion of our CSRS annuity that remains taxable today.

For all the years I worked and some after I always did my own taxes. They were never that difficult but always time consuming trying to get all the proper records together and stay current on new changes. I finally decided in 2007 to let someone else figure the whole mess out and took my taxes in to one of our local neighborhood services. They, in fact, were the ones that pointed out the new change that would greatly benefit me as a CSRS retiree. Bottom line here is that this year after going in to have my return prepared and receiving some answers that didn't fit with what I thought I knew I decided to do a second review after I returned home. The amount credited on my 511-A line 3 did not come anywhere near the 60% adjustment I thought I should receive for 2009. I reviewed my entire return and came up with a laundry list of questions and requested a second appointment to resolve the issues. The second visit resulted in the correction of some of the issues I raised but still the explanation for the CSRS adjustment did not sit right. I was told by the preparer that yes, I could take the 60% reduction identified on the 511-A line 3 but was not then entitled to the additional adjustment on line 5. I walked out scratching my head again and came home and reread the instructions for the applicable parts of the 511-A. After scratching my head some more I decided to put the question to the folks that should know and forwarded my issue to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The response, I'm happy to say, was fast and validating. If you draw Civil Service Retirement in Lieu of Social Security (CSRS) you are entitled in 2009 to exclude 60% of that annuity from your Oklahoma taxable income. That is done on the Schedule 511-A, line 3A. The remaining 40% of your annuity, up to no more than \$10,000 may be excluded on line 5A of the same form. If you file joint with another CSRS annuitant your exclusion on line 5A could be as much as \$20,000 depending on the taxable annuity balance remaining for each annuitant after the line A3 exclusion.

Someone with a taxable CSRS annuity of \$40,000 in 2009 would effectively only be taxed in our state on \$6000 dollars of that annuity. 60% or 24,000 would be excluded on line A3 and \$10,000 of the remaining \$16,000 on line A5.

For 2010 that same \$40,000 annuity will result in total exclusion for state taxes. \$32,000 or 80% will be reflected on line A3 and the remaining \$8,000 on line A5.

For 2007 and 2008 using the same \$40,000 the results would be:

2007 – 20%: A3 = \$8,000 A5 = \$10,000 Remaining taxable: \$22,000

2008 – 40%: A3 = \$16,000 A5 = \$10,000 Remaining taxable: \$14,000

After realizing there were errors on my 2009 return I decided it would be wise to check the previous years. I found that in 2007 line A3 did not reflect any exclusion at all but that line A5 did include the \$10,000 exclusion. The result being I was taxed on over \$12,000 that I should not have been. The 2008 return was correctly completed and I must say that the 2007 is partially my fault because I should have checked it then. But then if you've got to check every line and you are already getting all of the documents together yourself why are you paying someone to complete the form??

Needless to say I will be doing my own taxes next year or at least looking for someone else to grade!

Many thanks to Aaron Saunders of the Taxpayer Assistance Division/Problem Resolution, Oklahoma Tax Commission!

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