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<u>Dates to remember:</u> 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.

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

# DEL MIRE DEFENDE

DEL AIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 2025

### From the DANWA President:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Ahh February, the month of Presidents Day and Valentine Day, of daffodils and crocus poking their yellow and purple heads up. The sounds of birds singing in the warm sunny afternoons. But spring isn't here yet so don't put those winter coats away yet. This is also the month we start DANWA's annual membership drive. As noted below, we're putting a little twist in the game this year, so let's start filling out those applications and writing those checks.

2025 is looking to be an action packed and fun year of events. There is talk of having a cookout or covered dish dinner this spring and again this fall, we have the Armed Forces Day Parade on May 17th, a Del City wide Neighborhood Night Out in June, Independence Day events and then the rest of the year is still being planned. There is also a variety of guest speakers to be scheduled. Whew I'm worn out already, but it's going to be fun.

I know that some of you have expressed concerns about not being able to read about the crime stats that we normally have at our monthly meetings and in the Defender. The DCPD recently went to a new computer system of reporting and logging in those stats. The new system doesn't automatically allow for the information we were getting to be separated out from the more sensitive information that goes into those reports. DCPD Major Cowden is working on a way that we can get out stats but as I understand, he is having to rewrite part of the program. He has promised to get us our info soon. We just have to hang in there.

> Quote from Henry James "I think Patriotism is like charity - it begins at home"

May God Bless You and Yours, Next General Meeting Feb. 10, 2025 at 7 pm

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## Are You Ready to WIN a \$100.00 gift card?

DANWA is giving one lucky **MEMBER** a \$100.00 gift card. To be eligible, your 2025 DANWA membership form must be filled out and received along with your \$12.00 membership fee by April 30,2025. The winning DANWA household name will be drawn at the May 12th meeting.

The winner does NOT need to be present to win, but wouldn't that be exciting if you were present.

As a matter of clarity, DANWA members do not have to be homeowners. That means, if you are renting, you are welcome to be a member of DANWA. DANWA Officers and all member businesses are not eligible to win.



### DEL AIRE DEFENDER







# We could use <u>YOUR HELP!!</u> We need "block captains" for the following areas:

S.E. 42nd from Sunnylane to Wofford (13)

Sunnylane Cir. and Sunnylane (12)
Place off of 42nd

Kim from S.E. 37th to S.E. 41st (42) **Contact Jim Highfill 405-206-7457** 

Newport From Vickie to Del View (34) Contact Steve Gold 405-501-7080

All of Meench Dr. (28)

Contact David Ellison 405-641-2193

If you can spare some time, we can use block captains to help deliver the DANWA newsletter. Some blocks only have 20 homes to deliver to, most are less than 25 homes. If you can help with any of these please contact any of the District Captains above. It takes me about 15 minutes to deliver 23 and I even get a little exercise.

You don't have to be a member to volunteer to deliver the newsletters, it's good exercise.

### NOTICE

You will notice in this months newsletter the yearly application and envelope for Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association membership renewal. Your membership is greatly appreciated. February and March is when our yearly membership drive occurs and we hope to keep you as a member or gain you as a new member. Please take a few moments and provide the information listed to include emergency information as quickly as you can.

Be advised all information is confidential and not used in any way except to contact you as needed in case of emergency.

Note that <u>all cases listed to the right and the left</u> are actual and have occurred within the Del City neighborhood watch areas.

Respectfully, DANWA

### **DANWA Area Crime Statistics**

Due to some changes at Del City Police Department the crime stats have been delayed. We will continue them when it all becomes available again.

# IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DEL AIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

It was a cold winter Sunday afternoon when a concerned citizen was returning home. As they drove by the corner house noticed a lot of water rushing out from under the stockade fence from the back yard of a residence. Since they were a member of DANWA they knew that one of the officers might know how to locate the home owners in case of an emergency. Sure enough the officer had the capability to find out if the house in question was a member of DANWA, THEY WERE! An attempt was made to contact the resident by phone. The home owners were not home at the time and too far out of town to rush home to see where the water was coming from. Concerned that it might be coming from inside the house asked if I could peer through the fence and see if it might be coming out of the house. As I walked up to the fence I detected a slight odor of sewer but was able to see there didn't appear to be anything coming from the house. I provided the DANWA resident with some numbers to call and a picture of what I was seeing and they were able to get in contact with the City of Del City Customer Service. They were able to contact the City of Del City Water Department and shortly the emergency crew was on the scene and able to determine there was a sewer backup which was what the overflowing water was. Thanks for the concerned citizen for spotting the issue and going forward in a effort to resolve the "running water". Thanks to the concerned citizen for noticing the uncommon occurrence of water running where it shouldn't. Thanks to the residence for being a member of DANWA. Thanks to the City of Del City for being responsive.

Folks, we really could use some help on the above left block captains if there is any way you can help out.



# **K O Storage**

677-0795

1 block East of Sunnylane 4321 S.E. 33 rd St. Del City, Okla. 73115

Climate Control Available
Office Hours 9:30 am—5:30 pm Mon—Fri
Office space available

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Bookkeeping, Payroll,
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### [6/2025] **NOW OPEN**

**Highland Park Family Medical Center** 

**Community Health Centers of Oklahoma** 

A Mary Mahoney Grassroots Expansion

Family Medical and Behavioral Health Service Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8 am—5 pm Tuesday 8 am - 6:30 pm

Please visit or call to schedule an appointment 5301 Dimple Dr.
Oklahoma City, OK 73135
(405)674-2028

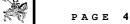


30% off to active duty, retired military, or law enforcement (1/26)

Do you know what your \$12.00 a year DANWA membership (\$1.00 a month) actually does for you? It helps the patrollers notify, locate, contact, and watch for:

- Seeing someone in a back yard or elsewhere they aren't supposed to be, the patroller can contact you and or the police.
- Maybe notice water running out of the house or garage due to a broken water pipe.
- Possibly spot a strange light (say a flashlight) moving around within a house when nobody is supposed to be there; that is the
  owner of the residence is gone on vacation or the house is VACANT.
- Possibly an open garage door; it's dark around the residence and nobody answers that home phone, nobody answers their emergency phone number—DANWA calls the police.
- Maybe an alarm is sounding and DANWA assists by notifying the police and continues to watch the house while waiting for the
  police to arrive and assists the police with an emergency number to call.
- Possibly a dome light remains illuminated in your vehicle and you aren't aware of it.
- Your car door's open and everything else is dark—nobody is around.
- Elderly might live alone and newspapers or mail start piling up—need to contact someone to see if the occupant of the residence is okay or needs attention.
- You go on vacation—DANWA patrollers make extra attempts and safety measures to watch the house.
- There might be a lost of stray animal or even a child—DANWA can help watch for them.
- Many times a child or elderly person gets lost—DANWA helps watch for them, no matter what neighborhood they are in. Whether you are a member or not, your eyes are valuable to contact the police in situations such as these.

Be cautious and informed of what to do.



### **DEL AIRE DEFENDER**

### Regarding

the <u>membership application</u>, please fill this form as complete as possible. If you visit the information on page three, wouldn't you want to know if your hot water tank had developed a leak and water was running out of the garage and a patroller noticed it but didn't have any phone numbers to notify you or you didn't have an emergency contact that we could call that knew another way of getting hold of you? If you don't provide an emergency number along with your emergency contact, we can't call them either.

### Patrolling, Volunteering

as a reminder, none of our officers, patrollers, committee members are paid for anything they do for DANWA, everything is strictly volunteer. No reimbursement for gas or vehicle maintenance, no reimbursement for the use of their phone while patrolling, no reimbursement for eating while patrolling. Because you don't see blinkies running around does not mean we aren't watching! Even if you aren't a member, be a good citizen if you see something that is unusual and call the police!

### **WINTER**

is still not over, those cold days are still around the corner. Double check those outdoor spigots and make sure your hose is not attached during a freeze, double check your vehicle's antifreeze that it is in the safe range. Check your tires and tire pressure for proper inflation, especially during snow days. And finally, place an extra blanket in the back seat or trunk of the car just in case you get stranded that blanket will help keep you warm till help arrives.

### Membership

The Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association would like to take this opportunity to FIRST thank you for becoming a member, SEC-OND thank you if you are on a committee, and THIRD **a special thank you** for those who have sent in their dues plus extra amounts over and above the \$12.00.

#### !!!!!!!!!Statistics!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to James Standfill for providing the following yearly comparison of 2009 and 2022 to demonstrate how crime has changed with the help of the neighborhood watch programs and the increase of police presence. The question is—can you see the difference and importance of your membership and presence in the neighborhood watch program is?

	2009 Year Total	2014 Year Total	2018 Year Total	2022 Year Total
Prowler	14	18	8	0
Vandalism	90	22	27	1
Larceny	68	52	57	3
Residential Burglary	71	38	30	0
Robbery/Extortion	6	6	5	0
Stolen Vehicle	24	17	27	1
Auto Burglary	50	41	33	0
Burglary of Business	0	1	1	0

### Local trash pickup regarding your trash containers and extra bags

I see it happen every week somewhere along my travels, the trash cans need to be separated so the driver can get the claws between the bins to pick it up. If you have extra trash bags of leaves for instance, leave room for the claws to pick the containers up, generally the driver will get out and work with the extra bags.

Phone scammers paradise (similar occurrences happen by email) Scams occur every day and while the circumstances may differ, nearly all schemes have common threads that indicate you are about to be scammed. These just touch the surface but beware!!!

You are asked to confirm a large order — when you haven't ordered anything.

Connecting two unconnected entities — the caller says he can connect you with the fraud department at your bank.

Asked to help police solve a crime — fake police officer attempts to build credibility by providing fictitious name and badge number.

The scammer stays on the line — while you go to the bank, he doesn't want to lose connection with you as he could if you hung up.

**Told to buy gift cards** — while still on the line instructs you to purchase gift cards with the money you just withdrew from the bank.

Personally the use of caller ID is a benefit. If I don't recognize the number I don't answer, second if it is important they will leave a message on voice mail, same with home phone answering machines, they can leave a message, third if no message is left I google the number and if it comes up suspicious or not showing a legitimate business, I block that number. Over the years I have blocked over 700 numbers. Can you imagine if I would answer those calls...... And from each answered call they add you to a list that indicates you answer your phone and you are a potential customer to be scammed.

<u>I've found another way of reducing unwanted calls</u> - iphone settings, phone, "silence unknown callers". That will automatically send them to voice mail. If it is important that they talk to you they can leave a message and you can call them back.

On that note, however, don't be scammed into the "<u>ONE PHONE CALL</u>" scam where a caller will call you and when you call them back thinking you answered too guickly they will try to keep you on the line and there will be a charge for your call.

Good luck and I'm doing what I can to help lessen the fact of someone scamming our neighborhood watch people.