

The Del Aire DEFENDER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Hello Del Aire!

Well, it's a new fiscal year and with it there will be many changes. Until recently, I, like most of you, didn't like the idea of change to anything. I knew how to get to my house off of 29th street, didn't know the neighborhood, didn't know we had a park, and life was good. And then things started to change, they became better than ever. So now as things develop or change I tend to look forward to the outcome, because I know that everything happens for a reason. This month our member meeting will be held in the Court Room at the Police Station. In the months ahead we will be trying to find a "Home" for our Association to meet regularly. This year several new members have joined. To all of you, Welcome to the DANWA! Renewals are coming along somewhat slowly. We still have approximately 270 members that need to renew their membership. This is a "must" to be included on the list that our base operators (as well as the DCPD) use to contact you or friends/family members in an emergency. So do that right now. I'll wait here for you. Now then, many members have indicated that they were able to help in one way or another. This is what makes our association stronger and for that I thank you! We have also taken note of people who are home bound or otherwise challenged. If you have any special needs please feel free to call our "Hot Line" at 672-XTRA if we can help with transportation to meetings or even errand running. By no means is anyone alone in this neighborhood! If you need a hand, just let us know. In closing, here is something for the Internet/America Online user's. We have an E-Mail address now! Send your comments to DANWATCH from America Online or DANWATCH@aol.com from the Internet. Neat Huh? This mail will be printed off for the executive board to review. Thanks again to all our members for your support, especially those who indicated they can help in some way! ...Kim Lee

**NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 5
7:00 P.M.
COURT ROOM AT
POLICE STATION**

Neighborhood Valued Most

(The following is reprinted from the Daily Oklahoman)

These days, more of you care about where you live than what you live in. Two-thirds of Americans are more concerned with the quality of neighborhoods than with the houses themselves, says a Census Bureau report cited in American Demographics magazine. The magazine speculates that people feel it's a lot easier to make improvements to their homes than it is to fix up the community.

TEE PEE WOES

Besides the open garage doors, dome lights left on, bicycles left out, etc., we've spotted several teens in the act of TeePeeing houses. The TeePee'ers we've seen in action have "gotten away with it" because the residents of those homes were not members and we had no way to contact them. TeePeeing, for the most part, is harmless...very messy but harmless. But, did you know that according to the police, it's "Vandalism" none the less? Mom's and Dad's Beware! There is new legislation, soon to be passed, that will hold the parents responsible for crimes their children commit.

MISSING YARD ORNAMENTS?

A couple of weekends ago, someone went through our neighborhood stealing yard ornaments. The ornaments were things like little, painted, wooden bunnies and ducks (on sticks that stick into the ground). The people who took them had an artistic flare about them...they didn't destroy any of them. Instead, they planted them, very carefully and very creatively, in a yard on Del View. We would like to thank the individual living on Del View who took the time to notify us and the police about his new yard "display". If you are missing any yard decorations, give us a call. Hopefully, we can reunite the owners with their property.

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.

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Last First MI

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Spouse Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

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Vice President, Buddy Sayer
677-1128

Patrol Captain, John Hirsch
670-3971

Treasurer, Carol Carbone 672-0443

Asst. Amanda Boston 670-5426

Secretary, JoAnn Lau 677-9506

DAYTIME CB BASE OPERATORS NEEDED

In our efforts to "beef-up" our daytime/afternoon patrol, we find ourselves in need of more daytime CB base operators (and more patrollers too!). We have noticed the majority of burglaries committed in our area are done during the day while most of us are at work. Fortunately for us, we've had a couple of people volunteer to patrol during this time. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, the association will provide and set up a Base Radio complete with antenna and police scanner for you to use. The base operators duties can be done from an "easy" chair. Basically, you will be listening to the CB Base Radio for the patrollers while they are out patrolling. If the patroller sees

something unusual, he/she will radio in to (you) the Base Operator. (You) the base operator will make notes of addresses, write down tag numbers, and if needed, call the police. This is a great way to "get out" without leaving your home. When it's your time to run base, you don't have to get up and go anywhere - just turn your radio on and let the patrollers know your there. You'll get to know some truly wonderful people, keep your neighborhood safe, and have fun all at the same time. If you would like to see how it's done before you decide, call John Hirsch at 670-3971 or our Hotline 672-9872 (672-XTRA). We'll be happy to have you "sit in" on a session...anytime.

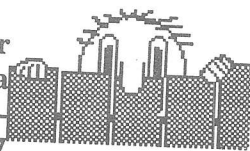
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If you never budge, don't expect a push.

M. Forbes

FACTS OF LIFE

Like it or not, there is a crime committed every 17

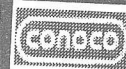


seconds. Each tick of the clock marks someone's misfortune, another shooting, another robbery, another offense committed against a citizen just like you. Crime is not just someone else's tragedy that we view on the five o'clock news or the day's newspaper, it is our own—very real problem. We can just ignore the problem, defer it and hope that the police and the judicial system can "eventually" solve it. But, with every sweep of the clock's second hand, another person . . . perhaps you, will become a victim.

We don't have to be victims. Through awareness, proactive deterrence and citizen patrols, we can change the stats and reduce the crime offenses in our area. These tactics will work, but they require your dedication and action. We need to become "hard targets" and put obstacles up in the criminals way. Securing the outside of your home is, of course, the first step. Then, become aware of what areas and items inside your home a burglar will "target" and change them. The target areas in your home are: your bedroom for jewelry, money under the mattress or in sock drawers; bathrooms for drugs; dining room for silverware; and all rooms containing portable electronics, radios, computers, stereo's etc. Move your valuables out of the "common" places into "unusual" places. Let the criminals know, from the outside of your home to the inside, that you've been thinking about him and you've taken steps to deny him access to your property. Even by taking all precautions imaginable, a burglar may still get into your home. Once there though, you will have already slowed him down and

foiled a lot of his plans. He won't find the jewelry on the dresser, money under the mattress or in the sock drawer....and he won't have time to think about where they are.

Too many people believe that the job of crime prevention falls solely on the shoulders of the police. What they fail to realize is that our police department has become largely "reactive," running from call to call. Today's patrol officer has very little time to do his job "proactively." Community-based policing is changing this, but for the most part, police remain overworked. They simply can't be everywhere and see everything, so they must be able to rely on us to lend a hand. Citizen patrols are the most effective visible deterrent we can use to take back our streets. Trained, alert citizens whose sole purpose is to see and report crime can and do stop criminals cold. By taking action and putting these observers on the street, we say what words alone can't convey....."This is our neighborhood, our homes, and our property and we plan on keeping it. We are here to stay!" When citizens come together we become a powerful force against crime. Not only are we a visual deterrent, but we are the "vital" eyes and ears that will relay information to the police. That's how change comes about, that's how we can foil criminals. Until we take a hand in our own destiny and fight back, we will continue to lose our communities to crime. It is a fact of life. One person can make a difference, five people can start a trend, and one hundred can create a permanent change. Through awareness, deterrence and action, we can beat the bad guys. But we all must commit to it and we must all get involved. We urge you to join us today, before you become "just another" victim.



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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Leroy and Wanda Duncan will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday April 7, 1996. The Duncans were married in the Church of God at Maysville, Oklahoma on April 7, 1946. They are blessed with seven children, fourteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren (with more expected soon). They have been residents of Del City, Oklahoma for the last thirty-two years. In that time, they have shared their laughter and compassion through many church and civic activities. Leroy and Wanda enjoy an immense extended family of friends who have witnessed their dedication through the years. Family and friends are invited to attend a reception in their honor on Saturday, April 6, 1996 at the Sunnyslane Southern Baptist Church, 3900 Epperly Drive, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association wishes them a very happy 50th anniversary.

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ARTICLE FROM A MEMBER...

A PAT ON THE BACK FOR MR. KIM LEE.

I was an observer with Mr. Kim Lee, in his vehicle a couple of times in the past two weeks during his nightly patrols. It was to see what the DANWA Patrol really does and also see if I wanted to get involved in being one of those DANWA Patrols.

Well folks, let me tell you that Mr. Kim Lee and his staff are doing a great job for the DANWA. Rest assured that the meager monthly fees we as members pay are well worth it and is the cheapest security anyone can have for their neighborhood.

I was so impressed with what these friendly people belonging to DANWA are doing that I volunteered to patrol one night a week. If anyone out there wants to personally see what these folks do while patrolling, just go out with them and you will experience the night life of some of the finest neighborhoods in Del City.

These people use their own vehicles and are radio equipped so you can be in touch with the Del City Police if necessary. Volunteering your time, vehicle and that friendly smile says a whole lot of who these folks are.

I don't want anyone to feel as though I'm trying to recruit anyone for any help but just to let you know that the DANWA is a great neighborhood watch to join. If you already belong, that's great. If not, join the fun. It's a great feeling knowing that there is someone out there from DANWA looking out for your property.

Thanks from a happy DANWA member.
- Armando

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It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action.
- A Batt

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY... I was
in a muffler shop, having some
work done on my patrol vehicle.
While I was waiting, I noticed this
on the wall and thought our readers
would enjoy it. Author is unknown.**

I asked for riches,
that I might be happy.

I was given poverty,
that I might be wise.

I asked for power,
that I might have the praise of
men.

I was given weakness,
that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things,
that I might enjoy life.

I was given life,
that I might enjoy all things.



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BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

While most of our streets have Block Captains, we still have a few in need. Some of the streets that have Block Captains could use a "Back-up" Block Captain in case of vacations, illnesses, etc. The streets "in need" are:

Elmview Drive (from Oakbrook east to Sooner) has approx. 26 houses

S.E. 35th (from Sunnyslane east to Vickie) has approx. 27 houses

S.E. 38th (from Sunnyslane east to Kim) has approx. 56 houses

Epperly (from S.E. 31st south to S.E. 37th) has approx. 24 houses

Epperly (from S.E. 41st south to S.E. 42nd Terr.) has approx. 17 houses

S.E. 43rd (from Wofford east to Epperly) has approx. 14 houses

S.E. 42nd Terrace has approx. 8 houses

S.E. 42nd (4700 blk. - from Vickie east to S.E. 41st) has approx. 15 houses

S.E. 43rd (4700 blk. - from Lamar to Spiva) has approx. 25 houses

S.E. 43rd & Mickey has approx. 24 houses

S.E. 44th has approx. 12 houses

Del View (from Ridgeway to Sooner) has approx 71 houses. This street can be split up between two or more people.

Folks, the newsletters come out once a month and it takes less than an hour to put them under all the door handles. Our officers have been delivering them (mostly these same streets) since the association began. Please, won't you help us get newsletters out on your street? If you know who your Block Captain is, volunteer to be their back-up. If you don't know who your Captain is, call us. If everyone will do a little, no one will have to do a lot!

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"If you think you can, you can.
And if you think you can't, you're
right."
Mary Kay Ash

ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD

DANWA members may place a special notice, advertisement or announcement in the newsletter, Free. Limit to three lines. Deliver to Cindy Lee no later than the 1st Friday of the month. Commercial items included on a space available basis.

DON'T FORGET OUR NEXT MEETING!!!!

Friday - April 5, 1996 - 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Del City Police Department!!

EASTER BUNNY will deliver customized baskets, \$20 - all ages, 2 baskets to one address for only \$35. Baskets will be delivered by the Easter Bunny beginning Saturday, March 30 through Saturday, April 6. To order call 670-4965, leave message. Hurry limited number available!!!

Craftsman 22-inch Electric Start Mulch/rear-bag self-propelled mower with catcher - \$90 - 672-6095 ask for Mike.

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Sunnylane United Methodist Church Pre-School, for 3 & 4 year olds, is now taking applications for the 1996-97 school year. For more information call 677-3347 or 672-1978 ask for Carroll Jackson.

SEAMSTRESS - Donna Miller - 4741 Tempo Drive - 677-0791

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12' Arkansas Traveler Boat on Dilly Trailer with "like new" 7 1/2 H.P. Mercury Motor - \$1,200 - See Ray Newsom at 3120 Del View.

ATV PROGRAM

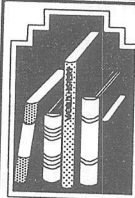
At our March meeting, we had Ted Kleber, a spokesperson from the A.T.V. (Alternative To Violence) Program, speak to us about this program. Ted, along with several other Del City Police Officers, has been working during "off duty" time to put together this program for our youth. This A.T.V. program is one of three in the country! They will have certified instructors teach our children how to ride and maintain "off-road" motorcycles of all sizes. The wonderful thing about this program is that it is geared as an incentive plan for the kids. In other words, a child must stay out of trouble at school and with the law in order to be able to participate. Our members, after hearing about the program, voted to donate \$400 to help purchase safety equipment for the kids. **WAY TO GO MEMBERS!!!** We found out later that another neighborhood watch group donated \$500 to the ATV program. We feel this is a good opportunity to help give our children something positive to do. For more information on this very worth while program, call Ted Kleber at DCPD - 677-2443. Let's get our kids involved!

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Go the extra mile. It's never crowded. Unk

BRICK LAYERS NEEDED

We are ready to move forward with the restoration of the entry ways off of Sooner. The brick walls at some of the entry ways are in serious need of repair or reconstruction. At our last meeting, we decided to start taking bids on getting these walls repaired. At one time, these decorative brick entryways had gas lanterns at each end. We will be looking at restoring these as close to "original" as possible. If you are a brick mason or know someone who is, please have them call Kim Lee at 677-6354 or Buddy Sayre 677-1128.



At Your Library

Del City Library,
4509 SE 15,
672-1377

For Children:

Spring Toddlertime. Ages 2 - 3. Wednesdays, March 20 & 27, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Spring Storytimes. Ages 4 - 5. Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24; 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Pre-register.

'Spring Has Sprung' Crafts Program. Grades 1 - 6. Saturday, April 13, 2 - 2:30 p.m. Pre-register

For Adults:

Songwriting. Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. Pre-register.

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PATROL PAGES "THE STATS"

The Del City Police department has provided us with February's crime statistics for our area. Here is our breakdown:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	STREET
2/01	Burglary/Res/Day	43?? Lamar
2/17	Burglary/Res/Unkn. Time	40?? Bismarc
2/20	Burglary/Res/Unkn. Time	37?? Vickie
2/25	Burglary/Residential/Night	48?? Montclair
2/20	Larceny Fm Building	44?? 42nd Terrace
2/23	Larceny Fm Building	43?? Del Aire Dr.
2/14	Felony Assault	33?? Holliday
2/25	Possession Marijuana	47?? Meench

Commercial Businesses

2/02	Sale/Manf/Opium,Coc,Derv	47?? S.E. 29th
2/10	Larceny - Shoplifting	43?? S.E. 44th
2/17	Larceny - Shoplifting	48?? S.E. 44th
2/21	Larceny - Other	48?? S.E. 44th
2/23	Larceny From Building	34?? Sunnylane



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FROM THE PATROL CAPTAIN...

Well members, it's time for you to renew your membership and keep our neighborhood strong. With a strong membership it is

DANWA's chance to do what we set out to accomplish. Today is the day, the hour, the minute to start. If you don't like something, share it with us; or if you do like what the neighborhood watch is doing for your community, there are many ways to voice your support. Do what you can do. You don't have to be up front; there are many things to do behind the lines that make our DANWA work. It takes every member doing some part to accomplish our goals. It begins when you take one small step. DANWA needs everyone's input, whatever it is, to survive. Our neighborhood has a good mix of people and we have accomplished many things. We have rightly earned recognition as being a strong, effective neighborhood watch association. Criticism, compromise and commitment will made our association strong and will make it last.

I would like to thank our people behind the scenes that you members don't see blinking around our neighborhood. They are our BASE STATIONS. During an average month, our 7 Base Station Operators log about 40 to 60 hours a month protecting your patrollers. Again thanks for taking care of us while we are on patrol.

A special THANK YOU again goes to Irene Sommercamp for continuing her CPR training classes. Since our last newsletter, a total of 13 patrollers have gained Irene's extensive knowledge of CPR and First Aid. Everyone who has attended this training session has come away with a thorough understanding of two very important life saving techniques. So, Irene, from all of us...Thank you. If you are interested in this CPR training, we still have several class dates available, just call me at 670-3971. Remember, the life you could save might be a loved one.

Also, I want to give you the patrol statistics for our "active"

patrollers. For the month of February ...2280 miles driven - 315.15 hours of voluntary service was given!! Several of our patrollers have been putting in more than their share of hours. The next time you see a patroller's blinking light, wave and say hello. It's all right to stop us to talk. We appreciate it when you stop to ask how we're doing. Remember, you can join the DANWA patrol to help strengthen our patrol force. Please call and find out how you can be a part of a team that can make the difference.

PATROLLER OF THE MONTH

Our Patroller Of The Month for April is Unit 22. Unit 22 is an outstanding and dedicated individual with a wonderful sense of humor. (He'd have to have working with us!) He has survived some of the toughest base operators we have. All joking aside, he has averaged 450 miles a month patrolling our neighborhood! This takes about 46 hours a month of his time. He is a very perceptive patroller with an eye for details. Unit 22 has been a patroller since our patrol began. His suggestions and ideas have been instrumental in the development and growth of our patrol. He notifies the Patrol Captain and fellow patrollers of things that warrant their attention. Unit 22 leaves his base radio on even when he's "off duty" and has, on many occasions, "jumped out" to assist a neighbor or patroller when he hears someone in need. To hear 22 on the air, he sounds very professional in the way he uses the radio codes. This is one reason why our association is known to be very organized, since the police monitor our patrols too! He is a strong supporter of the association and attends all patrol meetings and monthly member meetings. Unit 22, THANK YOU for your tireless efforts! We would be "lop-sided and lost" without you!