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From your President:

Hello everyone,,

I hope everyone made it safely through Christmas and New Year. As you may or may not know, we canceled the December meeting due to the ice storm. The elections have been moved to the January meeting on the 14th. Anyone interested in running for office can contact John Morris, of the nominating committee, to apply. Call any Officer for his phone number.

At the time of this writing the information coming from the City Manager, Mr. Mark Edwards, is that the City is attempting to hire a contractor to remove the tree limbs that can be placed at the curb for pickup. They hope to start picking up the limbs after Christmas. They will also designate places where citizens can take their limbs to dump. No exact information as of this time.

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy new year. I want to thank all those Officers and Patrollers that donated their time and fuel to help keep our neighborhood a safer place to live. I also would like to thank the Block Captains for helping us get information distributed to our members by delivering the news letters. And lastly but definitely not the least, I would like to thank all those who attend our meetings to help make decisions about how DANWA can help our neighborhood and hope more will become involved in this coming year.

James Standfill 677-2333

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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 Court house, third Thursday of the month.

Web Site is up and working, check out the information available at your finger tips!!! [**www.danwa.org**](http://www.danwa.org)

A reminder to everyone, if you see something that doesn't look right, call the POLICE. If you see someone speeding up and down your street, call the POLICE. If you see someone breaking in to a house, call the POLICE. DANWA is not a policing organization, we are here to help thwart crime and be eyes and ears for the police but the **first action anyone should take is to call the POLICE—FIRST** if it is an emergency, call 911, if it is information or to report a car speeding and you have his tag number, call 672-2443

CALL POLICE FIRST...



DANWA area Crime Statistics

November 2007

Auto Burglary = 4 (1)

47xx DEL PORTE RD	11/22/2007	09:02
47xx WOODVIEW DR	11/18/2007	12:50
47xx WOODVIEW DR	11/18/2007	12:34
40xx KIM DR	11/06/2007	22:44

Larceny = 9 (6)

39xx HARTLINE DR	11/26/2007	17:10
48xx SE 44 ST	11/22/2007	22:23
43xx SE 44 ST	11/20/2007	23:21
44xx SE 40 ST	11/20/2007	15:25
48xx SE 44 ST	11/20/2007	10:58
43xx SE 41 ST	11/16/2007	10:06
48xx KRISTIE DR	11/14/2007	14:01
48xx SE 44 ST	11/04/2007	21:56
47xx RIDGEWAY DR	11/01/2007	08:20

Parking Complaint = 3 (2)

43xx DEL AIRE PL	11/15/2007	17:17
42xx EPPERLY DR	11/13/2007	14:40
48xx SE 41 ST	11/12/2007	21:24

Residential Burglary = 6 (14)

40xx S VICKIE (S) DR	11/30/2007	19:23
40xx BISMARC DR 369	11/30/2007	11:38
30xx S VICKIE (S) DR	11/29/2007	00:43
47xx NEWPORT DR	11/20/2007	13:49
38xx DEL VIEW DR	11/09/2007	13:28
47xx SE 41 ST	11/07/2007	14:02

Robbery/Extortion = 1 (0)

46xx SE 29 ST	11/21/2007	22:50
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Stolen Vehicle = 1 (0)

30xx S VICKIE (S) DR	11/12/2007	01:09
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Vandalism = 8 (3)

47xx NEWPORT DR	11/27/2007	18:54
47xx NEWPORT DR	11/27/2007	05:46
48xx DEL AIRE DR	11/27/2007	05:14
48xx SE 44 ST	11/24/2007	13:51
48xx SE 44 ST	11/11/2007	18:25
44xx S SOONER RD	11/07/2007	11:22
48xx KRISTIE DR	11/05/2007	09:53
44xx S SOONER RD	11/01/2007	11:03

Prowler = 0 (0)

() = Prior months count

Happy New Year!!!
We hope your Christmas
was Merry too....

Need Block Captains for:

Holliday from 31st to 37th

Call Ron 677-7923 for details.

Oakbrook from Del View to Montrose
Lamar from Montclair to Montrose

Call Yvonne 670-3971 for details.

Del Aire (Vickie to Sooner) or it can be split from Sooner to Del View, and Del View to Vickie.

Call Steve 670-2878 for details.

Help help help help help

We need **you**, within our neighborhood watch, to help distribute the newsletter.

Good exercise once a month.

Our thanks to the block captains who distribute the newsletters each month. Our intent is to get them out before or on the first week of the month. It's a minor job but one that is certainly appreciated in order to get the information out to all the people who read the newsletter.

Thanks very much block captains!!!

If you are new to Del City, we WELCOME you and hope you will participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program.



From the Desk of the Patrol Captain

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Another year has flown by except, of course, for that last week without power which went much slower than the rest. I don't want to dwell on this negative point in our recent history but I would like to say I was pleasantly surprised to see the way our neighborhood rallied and took care of each other during those difficult few days. It may not have been apparent to everyone but there were many instances of neighbors extending a helping hand. It's something we sometimes think no longer exists in better times but it always surfaces when things are tough.

I like to try to keep this space as upbeat as possible but I feel I would be remiss if I didn't take some space at least once in a while to appeal to your sense of community spirit. We have a great group of patrollers who have been on your streets for many, many hours. Some have been patrolling since our neighborhood watch organization was founded and I can say for a fact that they don't do it for the excitement. No matter how great they are, none of them can go on indefinitely. If we want to continue to have an effective watch group we need new volunteers to step up and do their share. If you have a few hours a week to contribute please give us a call or stop by the monthly members meeting and find out a little more about what we do.

Once again many thanks to all of you who lend a hand or that occasional kind word.

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



ELECTION TIME AGAIN !!!

It's election time again, keep the present officers or elect new ones? Your choice. If you have someone who you think would make a good DANWA officer, contact John Morris (Nomination Committee Chairman) at 823-7793 and let him know who you think would be a good officer.

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December General Meeting Highlights

The December meeting was canceled due to the weather.

This note from a thankful Patroller.

I would like to send a big
“thank you”

to: friends, patroller’s (6, 23, 36, 38, 22, 27, 27 1/2, 3), family, and neighbors for helping me through the 8 days of no electricity.

I couldn’t have done it without your help. I can’t begin to thank you enough. From patroller 21

During the early December ice storm, some of the patrollers lost power in their homes. That didn’t stop them from caring for the neighborhood; they were out in their vehicles clearing fallen tree limbs and branches from the streets so an emergency vehicle could have clear roads to come to someone’s rescue if need be. At least they could get through the streets.

Also other patrollers attempted to detour people from driving over what appeared to be downed power lines. As little as you might think, trying to drive over a power line could become entangled in tires and wheels. The vehicle could wind up being a HOT POTATO. One occurrence west of our area had that exact thing happen and it took the fire department away from other needed priorities or rescues.

A tremendous round of applause and a grateful **Thanks** to those who helped continue watching the neighborhood.

For Sale: Computer, 1000 Mhz AMD processor, Samsung 753DF - 17” monitor, 13 Gig hard drive, 3.5 floppy drive, two RW/CD DVD/ROM drives, 640 MB memory, Windows XP installed, Nvidia GeForce MX 440 video card, 2 USB ports, Ethernet card, keyboard, and mouse. Ready to put to use, work, or play—**\$150**. Call 672-0409 or 850-2177.

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Scout Corner

Hello DANWA,

Last month was a slow month for the Troop. The rain, wind, snow and ice scared us away from our overnigher at Wes Watkins lake. We plan do try again next month baring any nasty weather. We can do wet, cold or wind but not all three at once.

We are planning to attend summer camp at Slippery Falls Scout Ranch this July. Do you know what that means? We need money to pay for it. Please save your aluminum cans for us. Each bag helps! Call John at 672-0633 or drop them of at my home.

Also, we have a small chainsaw and a small crew, if you need some SMALL tree clean up give us a call. We can try and do some on a weekend.



John—Troop 60 Scoutmaster call 672-0633

Isn't it strange? Post Office vs. City Boundaries

One would think that every city has its boundaries and every city has its mail route and there wouldn't be any confusion between the two. Physically - -

In a recent conversation with Mayor Brian Linley, City of Del City, it was learned that the Post Office requires business and residents in Del City located on Sooner Road to use a mailing address of Midwest City with a Zip Code of 73110. Mayor Linley stated *"that he has talked with representatives of the Postal System as well as some of our elected officials in Washington D.C. about this problem."* So far to date the Post Office refuses to recognize municipal boundaries when they assign zip codes and since the Post Office generates their operational funds independent of federal dollars the question remains how to resolve the problem?

Can anyone out there help?

I find it very interesting since the City boundary between the two cities could confuse many different folks when doing business. It is confusing to say my address is Midwest City but I am physically and actually located in Del City. Kind of like someone living in Choctaw and having to say their address is Shawnee.....???

Is this a result of the Post Office refusing to accept City boundaries as actual City location? I bet if it were the other way around, there would be thousands of residents in Midwest City complaining to the Postmaster General because they live in Midwest City but have a Del City address..... Maybe the Postmaster General is too overwhelmed to do some simple like draw lines and rename these letter changes? A few years ago, the post office dictated the zip+4 coding and now EVERYONE has a zip+4. Maybe it is; well, I plan to spin a letter to see what the Postmaster has to say before I continue this bit of education.

If anyone knows a better plan or someone in the postal system to write, contact me through the danwanews@cox.net

Isn't it strange?



Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association
P.O. Box 55558
Del City, OK 73155

DANWA Short membership application form

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—\$8, Oct—\$6, Nov—\$4, Dec—\$3, Jan—\$2, Feb—\$1. Provide the following information along with membership dues to the above address.

Last Name: _____ First Name _____ MI _____
 Address: _____
 Spouse Name: _____
 Children's Names: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____
 Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Additional information or comments: _____

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Here are some possible—helpful things that might help prevent ID theft:

1. The next time you order checks have only your initials instead of first name and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks. (this might not prevent check theft because the stores wouldn't know either, however, it might key them to ask for an ID.)
2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED" or "CID" (see ID)
3. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the numbers, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
4. Put your work phone number on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a P.O Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a P.O. Box, use your work address. **Never** have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
5. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.



LOOK HERE !!!!! Progress !!!!!

More work has begun on the memorial to the tornado victims on the trail along Sooner Road. The memorial is on the way up. This is a welcome site to those who are wondering why the trail divides in this area.

Our Honorable Mayor Linley advises that "the project is out of design and in the manufacturing phase. Water line, electric lines have been installed and the 3 Flag Poles have been erected. In addition, the steel frame to support the monument has been installed and the stone cutter will be out early this next week (week of Dec 10th) to make a foam impression of the steel frame so he can get to work on the actual cutting of the monument. The monument will be complimented with benches to match the memorial as well as real nice landscaping with an in ground sprin-



kler system. The City Council has also asked that Drinking Fountains be installed along the memorial trail as well as by the memorial site. Once we have established a completion date the City will plan a Dedication Ceremony and notify the residence as well as the family's of those that lost a loved one in the May 3rd, 1999 tornado."

(Continued) Here are some possible—helpful things that might help prevent ID theft:

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important of all:

Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases. Here are the numbers you always need to contact if your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- (1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- (2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- (3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- (4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271



ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERSION: The US Department of Commerce has announced that on 17 FEB 09 all television broadcast in the United States will convert from analog to digital (i.e. DTV) format. Although the conversion will not take effect until 2009, the conversion boxes should be available JAN 08. Following are some consumer questions with answers regarding the conversion and the Converter Coupon Program:

1. **How do I know whether I need a converter?** If you use "rabbit ears" or a rooftop antenna for TV reception, you probably need a converter. Television sets connected to cable, satellite or other pay TV service do not require converters. Televisions with digital tuners also do not need converters. Take a short quiz at the DTV Transition Web site www.dtvtransition.org to see whether the converter box is the right option for your household to make the digital transition.
2. **Can I request my coupons for the converter program today?** No. The converter coupon program will be up and running on 1 JAN 08. At that time, the government will begin taking requests for coupons.
3. **Can I pre-order my coupons before 1 JAN 08, by providing my address to the government?** No. By law, requests for coupons cannot be taken before 1 JAN 08.
4. **How can I request my coupons?** Requests will be taken beginning 1 JAN 08, and going through 31 MAR 09. Check back to this website during that period of time to find out convenient ways to request your coupons, including calling a toll-free number.
5. **How do I know whether I'm eligible for a coupon?** All households in the United States and its territories are eligible for coupons on a first-come-first-served basis.
6. **How many coupons can I request?** Each household can request a maximum of 2 coupons.
7. **What is the value of a coupon?** Each coupon is worth \$40. Only one coupon can be used per converter.
8. **What information do I need to provide the government to request my coupons?** The government only requires information necessary to mail coupons: name, household address and number of coupons needed (maximum of 2). Applications will be made available beginning in 2008.
9. **Will my coupons expire?** Yes. Coupons will expire 90 days after they are issued.
10. **Will I still need an antenna to receive my programming?** Yes. If you currently use an antenna to receive your over-the-air programming, you will still need it after you install a converter.
11. **Where can I buy a converter?** Coupon-eligible converters are currently not in stores. Beginning in early 2008, they will appear in stores where you would also buy televisions and other consumer electronics products.
12. **Can I buy a converter online?** It is expected that online retailers will participate in the Coupon Program. Again, check back to this website in early 2008 to see a list of participating retailers.
13. **Can I use my coupon(s) to purchase any converter?** No. The government will provide a list of eligible converters and participating retailers on its website. Consumers can also ask participating retailers what converters in their stores can be purchased with a government coupon.
14. **Can I use my coupon to purchase other consumer electronics products, such as DVD recorders or televisions?** *No. Coupons will be electronically coded to be redeemable only for purchase of eligible converters.*
15. **Can I use my coupon to get \$40 off a converter I've already purchased?** No. Coupons must be presented at the point of sale and must be redeemed at the time converters are purchased.
16. **Will I need to buy a new television after 17 FEB 09?** No. Your existing television sets will continue to work after the digital transition if they are connected to converters. You do not need to discard your analog sets.
17. **Will I receive Closed Captioning through a converter?** Yes. Manufacturers of converters are required to pass through Closed Captioning to display on your television.
18. **Will I receive High-Definition TV with the aid of a converter?** No. Analog televisions are not capable of displaying high-definition resolution, but the picture will generally be better with a converter. If you want to view high-definition TV, then you will need one of the newer sets rated for "high-definition" resolution.
19. **How do I know whether my facility is eligible for coupons? For example, are prisons or group homes eligible to receive coupons?** Applicants must meet the Census definition of a household as consisting of "all persons who currently occupy a house, apartment, mobile home, group of rooms, or single room that is occupied as separate living quarters and has a separate U.S. postal address."
20. **Why is the transition from analog to digital television happening?** Because digital broadcasting is more efficient than the current "analog" technology, less of the airwaves are needed to provide programming to consumers. The unused spectrum which broadcasters no longer require will be used for two important purposes. First, it will be given to first responders - our nation's firefighters and police - to better communicate with each other during emergencies. Second, this spectrum will be auctioned off to provide innovative wireless broadband services to consumers.

For additional information about the digital television transition, refer to the following Web sites to become familiar with your options for making a smooth digital transition:

- www.dtvtransition.org - a one-stop clearinghouse of consumer information and tools to manage the digital transition, hosted by the DTV Transition Coalition.
- www.dtv.gov - this is a government site offering comprehensive resources, including a consumer guide on what to look out for as the digital transition approaches.
- www.myceknowhow.com - the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) offers this information to help consumers understand various available equipment options.
- www.ceretailers.org - representing consumer electronics retailers, CERC (Consumer Electronics Retailers Coalition) offers a Q & A about the transition as well as a consumer advisory alerting consumers to the cutoff date.