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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.

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

Greetings Friends and Neighbors

The January meetings went very well. Councilman Michael Dean popped in and gave us an explanation as to why some of us may be receiving two Del City utility bills. As I understand it, the City is making an effort to start us off on a January 1st billing cycle. If you receive two bills, don't pay both of them, pay the higher of the two. If you are still confused or have questions, call the Utility Billing Dept. at 405-677-5741 ext 7309, 7319, 7326, or 7328.

Also at the meeting was our new DCPD Community Policing Officer (CPO), Lt Anthony Barr. He has been with DCPD for thirteen years with prior service as an Oklahoma County Sheriff Deputy, and private security work before that. We can look forward to working with Lt. Barr in the future as he appears to be very approachable.

At our February 9th meeting we will be hosting Mica Unruh as our guest speaker. Mr. Unruh is the Del City Street Supervisor and thus will be informing us on some of the recent and future street projects. Yes, he is the person who you can tell about the pot hole you almost lost your car in.

On February 21st, all of the Del City Neighborhood Watch Patrollers will be having a Blinky Blitz. This time we will be concentrating on the Hartsdale area. If you are interested in participating, contact me at 405-517-0502 or Jim Gordon at 405-343-6020. Or just show up at the Braums at 9:30 am on Feb. 21st.

The Del City Neighborhood Watch Council has already started planning for our annual Neighbors Night Out, Scheduled for April 25th, at the Community Center on S.E. 15, from 4 pm till 8 pm. Thus far, we are looking at various games, activities, a petting zoo, a bouncy house, food trucks, Disc Jockey, and various small vendors. If any of you home hobbyist are interested in setting up a booth to sell some of your items, contact Josh Schultz with the Del City Chamber of Commerce, 405-443-0898. Also if anyone is interested in helping out as a volunteer, contact me at 405-517-0502.

Reaching clear out to May 16th is the annual Armed Forces Day / Shriners Parade. DANWA will be entering out float again this year. And yes, we will be needing volunteers to help decorate and dismantle the float. James Hightower has volunteered to mastermind the adventure again this year. His number is 405-664-8964 or 405-664-6608 (Sandy's).

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN, DANWA Annual Renewal Time. Everyone should have received a renewal application and envelope inside this month's Defender. PLEASE fill out this application completely, (It's the best way for us to be sure we have the most UpToDate information). Include your \$15.00 membership fee, in the pre addressed envelope and mail it in or bring it with you to the February 9 th meeting.

Fly your FLAG days in February are Feb 12, Lincoln's Birthday and February 16, Presidents Day (Washington's Birthday Observed)

May **God** bless and keep you and yours

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Congratulations to the current DANWA officers on their re-election to the following positions:

President
 Vice-President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Assistant Treasurer
 Patrol Captain

Ron McCall
 James Gordon
 Pat Satterwhite
 Rex Warlick
 Sandy Hightower
 VACANT

Looking forward to another great year.



!!!! HELP !!!!

We could use YOUR HELP!! We need "block captains" for the following areas:

S.E. 42nd and Kim - Vickie to 41st (27)

S.E. 44th - Wofford to Epperly (10)

S.E. 40th - Epperly to Sunnyslane (35)

S.E. 41st - Epperly to Sunnyslane (24)

S.E. 43rd - Wofford to Epperly (12)

Epperly - 44th to 42nd Terrace (28)

S.E. 41st - Vickie to Epperly (25)

Contact Jim Highfill 405-206-7457

Newport From Vickie to Del View (34)

Contact Steve Gold 405-501-7080

Block Captains help deliver the DANWA newsletters. Some blocks only have 20 homes to deliver to, some have more as shown in parentheses above. 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.

Can you spare some time?

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

Crime stats were unavailable this month. I would like to remind everyone that our community has become safer since the neighborhood watch program began. As a matter of fact, the neighborhood watch programs have helped all over Del City. I only have a small collection to provide but eventually I am sure we can obtain more:

	2019	2020	2022	2024
Prowler	6	1	0	0
Vandalism	28	18	13	12
Larceny	45	55	36	9
Res. Burglary	18	14	7	4
Robbery/Extortion	6	5	2	0
Stolen Vehicle	20	36	20	7
Auto Burglary	33	35	5	7
Burglary of Bus.	3	6	4	0

These are just samples in our one square mile of how much crime has been reduced and much of it is due to you members being vigilant in reporting something that looks unusual or out of the ordinary.

Along with that there have been many instances where the patrollers have seen (1) water coming out of someone's garage, (2) A lot of water gushing from under your stockade fence, (3) you're home and don't realize you left your garage door open and it is very late at night, (4) a flashlight roaming within your parked vehicle (someone is in there looking for money or a gun), who knows what unusual circumstance could happen. DANWA patrollers are able to call you and if no answer, your emergency contact, and if no answer, the police to make sure things are secure.

If your are interested in becoming a District Captain or Block Captain, contact Joe at 405-850-2177
District Captain distributes various quantities of the newsletter to the Block Captains. > > >

The **Block Captain** is the one who delivers the newsletter to the door. He/She gets the exercise I'm talking about when I say "IT'S GOOD EXERCISE". Please help if you can.



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The Importance of Volunteering

Volunteering is an important activity that allows people to help others while also improving themselves. It involves giving time and effort without expecting payment in return. Many communities rely on volunteers to support schools, shelters, and local organizations. Volunteering is valuable because it helps those in need, builds a stronger community, and teaches important life skills.

One reason volunteering is important is that it helps people who need support. Volunteers often assist at food banks, hospitals, and animal shelters, where their help can make a big difference. For example, volunteers at food pantries help families who may not have enough to eat. By donating their time, volunteers help improve the quality of life for others and show kindness and compassion.

Volunteering also strengthens communities. When people work together to solve problems, communities become safer and more connected. Local events, clean-up projects, and charity drives would not be possible without volunteers. These activities bring people together and encourage teamwork. As a result, individuals feel more connected to their neighbors and more responsible to their community.

In addition, volunteering helps people develop important skills. Volunteers can improve communication, leadership, and time-management skills. For students, volunteering can also be a good way to explore career interests and gain experience. Helping others often builds confidence and teaches responsibility, which are useful in school, work, and everyday life.

In conclusion, volunteering plays an important role in both individual growth and community well-being. It benefits people in need, brings communities together, and helps volunteers gain valuable skills. By choosing to volunteer, individuals can make a positive difference in the world while also

Waste Management reminder

Chances are—the ones who won't read the newsletter from the City of Del City regarding placement of the trash bins, won't read this article either.

The waste management truck driver in our area is one of the nicest people around. If I am home I usually talk to him each week as he comes by to retrieve the trash/waste from our area.

One of his biggest problems is when there are two or more trash bins placed on the curb **side by side**, no space between them! The mechanical arms from the truck need some room between bins to safely and easily pick up the bins for emptying. SO if you are the one placing your trash bins on the curb and have more than one.

A tidbit of information about our square mile that will overwhelm you with information that you could care less about.

There are 1618 homes, 5 vacant lots, 91 businesses/churches.

There are 45 different street names in our square mile not counting Sooner, Sunnyslane, S.E. 29th and S.E. 44th. S.E. 29th has 46 businesses or business addresses on the south side.

Mickey Rd. has 1 home and 1 vacant lot.

Suntane Circle is the shortest street.

Oakbrook, Spiva, Bismarc, S.E. 39th, S.E. 42nd, S.E. 43rd and Lamar are streets that are split or not connected to each other.

S.E. 41st is the only East to West Street that is named the same from Sunnyslane to Sooner and has 100 homes.

Wofford and Epperly are the only North to South streets that are named the same from S.E. 29th to S.E. 44th

Epperly has 70 homes

Wofford has 74 homes

Oakbrook has 74 homes

Del Aire Dr. has 66 homes

Del View has 67 homes but runs North, South, East and West.

I hope this brought some insight as to how much the neighborhood watch has to cover in our area.



Do you know what your \$15.00 a year DANWA membership 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.

Regarding

the membership application, 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, SECOND 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 \$15.00.

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 the number looks 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.

I've found another way of reducing unwanted calls - 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 "ONE PHONE CALL" scam where a caller will call you and when you call them back thinking you answered too quickly 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.