

### President's Voice

MELANIE LOE

In my opinion Fall is the most "wanderful" time of the year. Not only do we have cooler weather, the Texas State Fair. and football season (the Cowboys are actually winning) but we also have a plethora of fun events to keep us busy in our neighborhood. Please plan to attend out general meeting at Tops Café in Wynnewood Village where we will have a very special presentation by the Dallas Police Department on "How to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft", also an update from OmniWatch on our camera system, and some wonderful things to report with our VIP training graduates. Get ready for the upcoming community mixers with the always fun Wynnewood North Wander, the new Wynnewood movies on the lawn, and our annual Holiday Party. Pull out your work boots too because we have another neighborhood cleanup to make sure our neighborhood stays beautiful especially since we have the honor of having a home on the OOCCL home tour. This season also gives Wynnewood North a chance to give back to our comHow to Protect Yourself From Identity Theft
DPD Officers Forney and Anderson
Also Special OmniWatch Update by Bill Mott, OmniWatch
WNNA GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007, 7:00 P.M.
TOPS RESTAURANT-WYNNEWOOD VILLAGE

munity as well as get to know our neighbors better with our neighborhood fundraising recipe book—a great gift for family and friends this holiday season. Last but certainly not least, it's time to exercise your right to vote with our upcoming Trinity River Proposition 1 ballot on November 6 (early voting begins Oct.22), as well as Wynnewood North Board elections in January. I am very excited about our line-up from October to December! It will be an eventful quarter!

I am counting down the days until the Fall Wander on Oct. 20. It is one of my favorite Wynnewood North events because of the three great F's: food, friends, and fellowship. The Wander is a great mixing bowl for the neighborhood. We all get together, hob-knob and just have some good old fash-

ioned fun! If you haven't secured your tickets to the Fall Wander yet, I would encourage you to contact Donald Henderson ASAP and get your tickets now. It's an event you won't want to miss!

On October 27th, we will have out first ever Wynnewood North Movie on the Lawn. It will be an excellent venue for old and new neighbors to meet and get to know one another. Admission is \$4.00 for adults and free for children and we will also sell popcorn, candy, hot dogs, and drinks—of course all monies raised will go to Wynnewood's general fund. The movie will begin around dark at my house: 606 Monssen. Bring your blankets, bug spray, and chairs for a riproaring good time while we laugh and enjoy some ole cin-

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### President's Voice (continued)

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ema magic.

Old Oak Cliff Conservation League has honored Wynnewood North by selecting one of our homes for its tour on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th and 14th. In preparation for this great opportunity to represent our neighborhood to the large number of guests, we ask that everyone lend a hand in this call to action with our bi-annual cleanup. If you cannot help out in the common areas, please make your lawns beautiful for all those new eyes that will reflect on our neighborhood as a whole. Areas of greatest need include alley ways and any yard with grass higher than 10 inches. We appreciate you attention to these matters in advance. Let's make sure everyone knows how fabulous our neighborhood really is.

Wynnewood North Board of Directors is very excited with a great opportunity we have this year to raise money for a good cause and learn more about our neighbors. We are rolling out our first annual neighborhood recipe book but need your help in filling it! Gather all your favorite family traditions or new concoctions and choose the best ones to submit—there is no limit. Please send all recipes by Oct. 21 to: vicepresident@wynnewoodnorth.org

We are looking forward to a celebratory Holiday Party on December 15th. If you are interested in hosting this fun party, please contact our own Mr. Social Donald Henderson. More details will follow in the near future but plan on attending this festive event!

As you can see, we have a busy fall schedule in Wynnewood. Please be thinking about ways that

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#### **2007 WNNA Block Captains**

In addition to distributing the WNNA newsletter and other flyers, these dedicated volunteers help you and the entire community in various ways. They contact our newest neighbors and update our directory. If you've just moved in or if you've changed your contact information, give them a call. These folks are your first point of contact, so get to know your Block Captain and thank them for their time and commitment.

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### Crime Watch Update

ANDY SHELL

We had a challenging summer this year and we are currently experiencing a trend of rear-entry breakins. During the month of August we had reports of (5) crimes in the neighborhood. We had two vehicles broken into with minor theft and one theft of construction tools at a house that was being renovated. In September there was a burglary of \$2,000 in the 600 block of North Manus. There was a break-in from the alley behind a house on the 500 block of Woolsey with photo and electronic equipment taken.

Please be aware that we have had recent robberies in the neighborhood with access from the alleys. The perpetrators are breaking into storage units and the backs of homes through windows. There has been a request to increase our police patrol during the hours of 9–5 during the week days in our alleys. Please ensure that your points of access are secure and locked, security systems set when away from home, and typical measures to make it appear that you are at home. Please report ANY suspicious activity, vehicles, or persons in the neighborhood to 911 as soon as possible.

Thank you to all of you who called 911 to report any suspicious activity or behavior, reported crimes to 911, and reported crimes to WNNA Crime Watch and the Crime Watch Hotline. For those of you who are not familiar with the Crime Watch Hotline, WNNA has a phone number and message center where you can call to report crimes or call to listen to an outgoing message when you see the Crime Alert signs posted at the neighborhood entrances. The WNNA Crime Watch Hotline number is: 214-964-5157.

There are several ways to report crimes or suspicious activity and they should be done in the following order: (1) Call 911! This is the most important thing you can do. Not only does this document the incident it also helps to boost the need for police patrol in our neighborhood. (2) Call the SW Police Division Patrol: 214-670-7470; this station is located on Illinois west of Hampton. (3) Contact our SW Division ICP Officer Nancy Skinner at 214-287-1724; Nancy may

email also bе contacted via at Nancy.Skinner@dpd.dallascityhall.com (4) Report the incident to the WNNA Crime Watch Hotline: 214-964-5157; this is typically checked only weekly. (4) Send an email about incident t o Crime@wynnewoodnorth.org and/or VIP@wynnewoodnorth.org.

If you notice or suspect unsuitable behaviors related to graffiti, prostitution, gang activity, or drug activity please call Nancy Skinner immediately or as a follow up to your 911 call. <u>Either way, we want you to report *all* suspicious activity to the Dallas Police.</u>

WNNA had a second VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) training session in September with seven additional trained neighbors. We now have a VIP group of 17! While this is a great start we would love to see the number of VIP neighbors at least double. This helps build a network of folks trained and registered to assist with providing the Dallas Police with information and to view our security camera system. The Dallas Police ICP VIP training will soon be available to us on a more frequent schedule with allowing small number of our neighbors to join larger groups. We understand that weekday evening training sessions will become available as well.

During the last VIP training we learned some interesting information: the 311 system is not only a phone based reporting system but is also available (Continued on page 12)

#### Newsletter Advertising Rates & Information

Advertising can be purchased on a yearly or issue-byissue basis. Businesses can promote special events, sales, etc. with a single issue ad, but discounted rates are offered for yearly contracts.

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### Tales from 506 Woolsey

CINDY KIRK

Hopefully by now everyone is aware that Lorin Combs is heading up our latest neighborhood project of putting together a Wynnewood North cookbook. I would really encourage everyone to submit a recipe. My culinary skills have vastly improved over the years, but without some basic recipes from my Mom and Aunt Mildred, Mary and I would still be eating lots of beanies and I have very fond memories of my weenies. mother's cooking. Mom was not a gourmet chef; something like sushi would have been expensive bait, but she was a great home-style, country cook. One of my fondest recollections was when Mom made pumpkin bread. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, she would make loaves of pumpkin bread for all of her co-workers, neighbors and family. When Mary and I moved to Dallas, I thought it was time that I carry on the family tradition. I went to the grocery store and bought all of the necessary ingredients for Mom's pumpkin bread, but after getting everything home, it dawned on me that I had no idea how to actually make pumpkin bread. Growing up I had excelled at licking the bowl, not doing the actual cooking. Thus began, the first of my phone calls home. The call home went something like this:

Me: "Momma, will you tell me the recipe for your pumpkin bread?"

Momma: "Oh honey, I've made that so many times I don't need a recipe, I just know how to make it."

Me: "Gee, that's helpful. Since you didn't allow me in the kitchen as a child I am now helpless and have no idea how to make pumpkin bread. Do you think you can take a guess and confirm I at least have the right ingredients?"

Momma: I didn't want you in the kitchen because you were a mess...how about I just send you some pumpkin bread?

Me: "No, I want to learn how to make it myself."

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#### **Bulk Trash Schedule**

The City of Dallas will collect brush and bulk trash during the last week of the month on the following dates:

October: 22 - 26

**November: 26 - 30** 

**December: 24 - 28** 

**January 2008**: 28-31

Please place your items on your front curb for collection no earlier than 7 am on the Thursday preceding the collection week. Bulk trash set out too early can become a hazard and an eyesore that simply destroys Wynnewood North's beauty.

Bulk trash includes large tree limbs, shrubs, furniture, appliances, mattresses and box springs. Do no put grass clippings, construction or remodeling materials, such as lumber, out for collection. Please note that bricks, concrete, rocks and dirt are not collected.

Please place your bulk trash on your curb only. The City of Dallas will not pick up bulk trash left in the public areas, such as the creek or greenbelts. Do not put your bulk trash in these areas just to save your home's "curb appeal." That's not fair to your neighbors and it diminishes our community's appearance and property values.

If you need a special pick up or have nonstandard items that need to be picked up, you may call Sanitation Customer Service at 214-670-8613 to obtain a free estimate on their cost to pick up such materials.

As a friendly reminder, the City of Dallas is regularly citing code violators for bulk trash offenses as well as violation to city codes for single family dwellings. Be forewarned—there are various neighbors who regularly patrol the neighborhood and report such violations which can cost you hundreds of dollars if cited. So let's all do our part to keep the neighborhood clean!

MIKE WICKER

Fall is off to an early start this year with cooler weather and more rain. While the water has been much needed, I've noticed my yard has gotten patches of yellow and light-green here and there. This is likely brown patch which can be treated with a spray form of antifungal like "Fungaway". The all-natural approach is to use a spreader to put out corn glutein. This beefs up the already-present beneficial microbes that compete for nutrients with the brown patch fungus. Probably the most important thing is to make sure your sprinkler system isn't still watering the lawn every other day even after a rain and when the temperatures (especially the evenings) are cooler. Fall and winter is the time that overwatering can allow the fungus to crop up. This leads to a lawn with patchy dead spots in the spring that may take weeks or months to recover. As the weather cools down, allow your lawn to dry out thoroughly between waterings.

Additionally, now is the time to put out fall fertilizer. I would recommend an all purpose timed release formula. I have been told to steer clear of all "weed and feed" fertilizers by my arborist. He's been to too many houses where the owner has dying trees and shrubs because the weed and feed has poisoned them slowly over the years. The labels on weed and feed fertilizers usually warn about avoiding the drip line of trees and shrubs, but that may be impossible with the large trees in our neighborhood. I've found that the best way to avoid weeds in my lawn is to choke them out with healthy grass. Regular mowing in the spring is a great deterrent.

Each of you should have received a flyer regarding an informal fall cleanup in preparation for the Oak Cliff Home Tour October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Let's all do our part to spruce things up and pay special attention to our alleys. Have a great fall!

### Yard of the Month

WYNNEWOOD NORTH



July 2007-646 Monssen-Bonnie Johnson



August 2007-723 Woolsey-Patrick McCleary

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### News of the Neighborhood

JOHN RIDGLEY

#### A slice of life -- Growing up in Wynnewood North during the 50's and 60's

I was eight years old when we moved into our brand-new home at 708 Woolsey in 1954. The Wynnewood North neighborhood east of Llewellyn was more established with just a few vacant lots on the east end of N. Manus. In the new area being developed, west of Llewellyn, there were lots of homes being built along with vacant lots and fields to explore. West Bizerte was not yet a road. In fact, from the lake south to Wynnewood Drive, the area was just fields and trees.

Growing up here was a young boy's dream. In almost any direction you went, there were creeks and woods waiting to be explored. Critters were bountiful and easy to catch -- rabbits, snakes, horned toads and tarantulas come to mind. The train tracks to the north were great for putting pennies on the tracks, and I remember my little brother found out the hard way not to park his bicycle on the tracks.

Wynnewood Village was much more compact, all of the stores were located in a two block radius of the Wynnewood sign. Wynnewood was innovative in having the open concept where you could do most of your shopping in one area. The upscale clothing stores were representative of the sur-

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### Real Estate Update

LISA KLEYPAS

## There are 10 properties for sale in the neighborhood.

High asking price: \$275,000Low asking price: \$146,900

High Price per square foot: \$165.98 Low Price per square foot: 76.00

### There are currently 3 homes pending close:

High Asking price: \$415,000 Low Asking price: \$148,500

High Price per square foot: \$134.92
Low Price per square foot: \$78.25

#### In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter there was 1 sale:

Sold price: \$212,000.00

Sold Price per square foot: \$111.40

#### In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter there were 4 sales:

High Sold price: \$322,800 Low Sold price: \$182,500

High Price per square foot: \$148.38 Low Price per square foot: \$62.89 Avg price per square foot: \$111.09

These statistics were taken from the local Multiple Listing Service. Private sales are not included in these figures and can change statistics. This report was prepared with statistics available as of 9/20/2007.

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DON HENDERSON

#### **National Night Out**

I want to send thanks to everyone who made "National Night Out" such a success. The best way to beat crime in Wynnewood is to be alert and know your surrounding neighbors. Events such as this help strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. We had strong support from the Dallas Police Department. About 30% of all of the total available officers for entire NNO stopped by Wynnewood North. Thank you for all of your support Dallas Police Department!



**Wynnewood Fall Wander** 

The Fall Wander is Saturday, October 20. We will begin at the first home at 6:30 PM and spend 45 minutes to one hour at each home and "wander" to the next. The three homes on the tour are:

- 1. Tom Claeys and Dean Knight, 716 Woolsey
- 2. Jim Sibert and Sue May, 439 N. Manus
- 3. John Sarlay and J.P. Arnhart, 611 Woolsey

To reserve your tickets you may contact Don Henderson at **cliffnapped@aol.com** or 214-943-3430. I will deliver the tickets a week before the Wander or you may come by my home at 423 N Manus and pick them up. We only sale 50 tickets so please reserve yours soon!

This is a great way to meet brand new neighbors. spend time with old friends and of course see what everyone has done with their most recent home remodeling!

#### **Wynnewood Movies on the Lawn**

Movies on the Lawn will be Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 at 606 Monssen Drive. Admission will be \$4.00 for adults and children will be free. Please bring your blankets, chairs and also feel free to bring your own picnic basket. We will have drinks, candy, hot dogs, and popcorn for sale. I have received requests to show the movie "Young Frankenstein" so that will be our feature presentation. If we receive a positive response to Movies on the Lawn we will have more to come and more movie choices.

Attending these events is a great way to show your support and help raise funds for the Wynnewood Neighborhood Association. All funds at these events go directly into our association fund. As we are looking for new and creative ways to raise funds for WNNA, please show your support.

A few residents have expressed interest in hosting small wine and cheese parties for a few neighbors and quests. You could charge \$10.00 for admission and each hosting home would supply the wine and cheese assortments and all funds raised would go to the WNNA. It would be a great way to raise funds and enjoy a good evening. If one or two homes on each block hosted we could raise a great deal of funds! Please contact me if you would like to host a fundraiser. Thanks!

### September 2007 Yard of the Month



716 Woolsey—Tom Claeys and Dean Knight

### Tales from 506 Woolsey (cont.)

CINDY KIRK

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Momma: "You always were a stubborn little heifer..." Let me write down the ingredients and I will read them off to you on the phone."

Me: "I will call you back in a few minutes...this is a long distance...I can't afford for you to think for thirty minutes.

Momma: "I forgot to mention that in addition to stubborn you were also a smart aleck. Be nice to me or I will substitute the ingredients on you and you will never know it."

Me: "Love you, mean it. I will call you back in about thirty minutes. That should give you plenty of time - write neat so you can read your writing."

Momma: "If I could reach through the phone right now I'd smack you on the behind...love you too."

In due time, I called Mom back. Unfortunately, lots of the ingredients were "guesstimates" because she always "tripled" the recipe so that she didn't have to make as many batches of bread up. Like every good cook, she just "knew by looking" that she had enough of whatever ingredient it was she needed. So...my version of what she relayed included a "tich" of this, and "just a pinch of that." I only had to send Mary back to the store once something about baking soda vs. baking powder. Mom was very clear that you needed two cups of pumpkin. Unfortunately, I apparently wasn't listening to Mom - which she later said was nothing new – and just heard "two c's of pumpkin." To let you know how poor my culinary skills were at the time, I interpreted my notes to mean two cans of pumpkin – not two cups. In my defense, they both started with "c." I dutifully mixed up all of the ingredients. It smelled right – but the batter was a really bright orange, much brighter than I remembered it being as a child. I was able to convince myself that my memory had dimmed over the years and the batter must have really been that color and just baked to a darker color...I was wrong.

For the record, if you actually use two cans of pumpkin to make a couple of loaves of pumpkin bread, it will take over three hours to bake and the loaves will feel like they weigh over 5 lbs each. If you need a high fiber diet, my original version of the pumpkin bread would fit the bill. The bread baked to the point I had to call home again to check on why it was taking so long to cook. Mom asked me what I had put in the bread, and I read off the ingredients...starting at the top of the list with two cans of pumpkin. After she quit laughing (she has since stated that my call "tickled" her, but the guffaws I heard could only be described as laughter bordering on wet your pants ha ha's), she explained that "two c's" meant two cups not two cans. I of course had used up all of my canned pumpkin, so I had to send Mary back to the store as I was determined to try this pumpkin bread thing one more time.

I eventually got the recipe right, and we gave the two experimental loaves, along with a "real" loaf to our next door neighbor, Joe. Joe's wife was diabetic, so they rarely had sweets in their home – that is the only reason I can think of as to why poor Joe was willing to be the guinea pig for the first batch of bread. For a week, he used the loaves as part of his weight lifting regimen. Joe eventually ate both loaves and was too polite to tell me how bad my first endeavor at baking actually was. As an added bonus, he was apparently regular for a month.

Sadly, Mom no longer remembers how to cook due to the ravages of Alzheimer's - but she left me a wonderful legacy of her special recipes. After the pumpkin bread incident, Mom made an effort to write down many of our favorite recipes and gave them to me one Christmas. It's amazing how something as simple as a recipe can capture memories and moments in time. For that reason alone, I would encourage everyone to submit at least one special recipe to the WNNA cookbook. Just be sure to explain what those abbreviations mean – you may have some idiot who thinks 2 C's equals 2 cans!

Old Oak Cliff Conservation League Annual Tour of Homes is October 13 and 14, 2007. Check the OOCCL web site for complete information. It is an interesting and fun thing to do!

### Webmaster

GAIL RIDGLEY

Thanks to everyone for their kind remarks after the last WNNA General Meeting about the new look of the WNNA website.

Please notice that the PayPal link is up and running -- waiting for your WNNA contributions.

When the rain ceases, don't forget the Calloway's coupon. Neighbors have reported great savings by using the coupon.

All the WNNA photos are available for viewing along with the Yard of the Month winners. If you haven't viewed the historical photos at the Dallas Public Library collection, please take the time to re-visit how Wynnewood North looked in the 1950's.

Please let info@wynnewoodnorth.org know about any links that would be useful for our website.

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RICHARD LONDON

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ENDING BALANCE: \$3,897.01



### News of the Neighborhood

JOHN RIDGLEY

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rounding neighborhood. We also had the Wynnewood Theatre, the O'Brien Hardware Store, drug stores, and jewelers.

In the 50's and 60's the vast array of fast food places were yet to come to every corner, but you did not want for eating places in Wynnewood. Fred's Bar-B-Cue, Kip's, a New York style Deli, and Goff's were just a few.

If there were burglaries and breakins, they had to be few. moms stayed home with the kids and kept a watch on everything. Every street had lots of kids playing and riding on their bikes.

Looking back at those times, one vivid memory that stays with me was the tornado of 1957 (it first touched down across the street from the fire station). When it snowed, all of the kids would make some kind of sled and slide down the hills on LLewellyn and North Manus. Goff's was a great place to get a burger (#2 Hickory burger) and ice cream (Spumoni) after a date. At night you could still see the Milky Way, and it was as quiet as living in the country (I-35 had not been built).

Kids remember things different from adults, but I have nothing but good thoughts growing up in Wynnewood. Five years ago we moved back to Wynnewood after being away for over thirty five years, and, you know, it just got better with age.

We have lots of new people in our neighborhood. Please say hello to them and welcome to the neighborhood! Don't forget to send their names and contact information to the Board or Block Captains.

**Dog Does Damage**— a dangerous looking pit bull chasing a cat extensively damaged a fence in the 500 block of Heyser in September.

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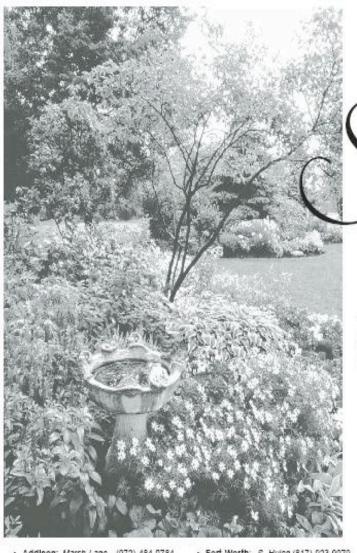


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you would like to be more involved in your community. You will have an opportunity to formally volunteer for committees and/or Board positions at the General Meeting in January but we welcome your support now. If you are interested in getting involved in any aspect of Wynnewood North, give me a call! I was elected to this post just a couple of months after I moved into the neighborhood and I am so glad that I jumped right in! There is not enough space in this newsletter for me to impart the positives that serving you, my neighbors, has afforded me! I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and get to know the folks around you, get involved! You will be blessed, I guarantee it!

Last, I would be remiss if I failed to mention that we need your continued support with in-kind donations. This organization operates solely on your generous tax deductible contributions (we are a 501c3 organization) and we must keep a steady income flow to support our camera system, neighborhood upkeep/beautification, and general expenses. In advance, thank you for your ongoing support!

I look forward to seeing you often over the next several months! Melanie

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### Crime Watch Update

ANDY SHELL

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online. Anyone can view area crime statistics for the SW Division at www.southwestcrimewatch.org. For now our area falls under beat number 458. The SW Division area is shifting slightly and now starts to the west of I35 and goes north of I30 into west Dallas. Because of this change there will be some updates to the beat and reporting area numbers.

Crime Watch needs your help! If you are interested in VIP training or in volunteering to help monitor the WNNA Crime Watch Hotline, please contact Andy Shell at Crime@wynnewoodnorth.org.

I urge you and your family members to attend the next neighborhood General Meeting on October 18. The special topic being addressed by the Dallas Police is "Identity Theft Prevention". This should be an eve-opening and very valuable presentation. You don't want to miss it! Also, Omni-Watch will update us on our camera system.

Please continue to be safe, watch out for yourself, your family, and your neighbors. Please also think of eliminating "messages" to criminals that may attract crime to your home. Remember, a home with a well kept, clean lawn free of delivery notices, papers, and trash cans are less targeted by criminals because it appears that someone is frequently at home.

The VIP Program, which uses volunteers to observe and patrol the neighborhood in a nonconfrontive way, requires training through the Dallas Police Department. Completing the training recently were Barbara Nunn, Jan Scott, Vicki Patsdauter, Tom Claeys, Lynn Sulander, and Melanie Loe. These new VIP's brought the WNNA VIP Team to sixteen volunteers. Other VIP Team members are David Watson, Doug Norton, Robert Curlin, Bob Bash, Pat Ford, Natasha Johnigan, Noble Scott, Larry Libby, Kat Stewart, and Andy Shell.

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