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President's Voice

MELANIE LOE

As I reflect back on the flurry of activity between January 2006 when I assumed this post and now, I am amazed at what has been accomplished by the Boards and our Wynnewood neighbors. We have accomplished several firsts and have set several records for WN! As I was brainstorming for ideas to write about for this article I recalled one of my favorite quotes, "A dream is just a dream until you write it down, then it becomes a goal." Goals, with appropriate action are what make the difference between dreams being just dreams. I am very proud to announce that your Board has not only set goals but we have delivered on our objectives. We also continue to take action to improve Wynnewood North!

The Board identified top priorities for the neighborhood: safety, beautification, social activities, and civic involvement. We set forth to put actions in place to accomplish those goals. We raised over \$24,000 in record time for the Omni-Watch (OW) Security Camera System. We were con-

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cerned that surrounding neighborhoods would get OW before us. Our major concern was the fact that being a follower with OW, not a leader, would potentially increase crime in our beat so we stepped it up a notch and beat them to the punch! Believe me, raising the money in such a short time was no small feat but we accomplished our goal and have all but one of the initial cameras installed already! You should all feel very proud because we could not have done it without the support of your generous tax-deductible donations (please keep them coming!).

You may not have noticed but the large OW signs are now posted throughout the neighborhood. These should help squelch crime significantly as they are posted at all of the major entrances/exits of the development. We will be putting up the rest of the small OW signs soon;

you may get a visit from one of the Board members requesting permission to post a sign on your alley fence. Thanks to Andy Shell and John Ridgley for taking point on sign installation and to Gail Ridgley and Robert Curlin for helping us ID where the signs should be posted.

As you will read in Andy's article, there is a process we must follow before we can allow access to view the cameras online. We will review this process at the General Meeting on April 19th so I encourage you all to attend the meeting. Meanwhile, if you run into Andy Shell, please thank him for all that he has done for WN as Crime Watch Captain. I can not tell you how many hours Andy has poured into the OW project but I can tell you that it has been nothing short of a part time job for several of us. That means it has been

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President's Voice (continued)

MELANIE LOE

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a full-time job for Andy. Please join me in congratulating Andy and the 2006 and 2007 Boards for a job well done on Omni-Watch! I am very proud of our accomplishments to date!

With the beautiful Spring weather we now have goals of beautification and we need your help! We will have a Neighborhood Spring Clean-up and BBQ on May 5th. Although it sounds like work, it really is a lot of fun! It's a great way to meet your new and established neighbors as well as give back to the community. Not to mention we will have a fun cook-out where you can relax and enjoy a meal cooked by someone else! I am expecting to see lots of you there to enjoy the fun and fellowship as well as the fruits of your labor!

You will also see some upgrades to the triangles by the end of May. We were awarded a grant from OOCCL and Beautification Chair Mike Wicker is spearheading some great additions to our neighborhood triangles. I don't want to spoil the surprise but we think you will enjoy the improvements.

The Spring Wander is just around the corner and we still need several host homes. If you are interested in hosting or attending, please contact Don Henderson. I personally can't wait for this event! The Wanders are my favorite social event in all of Dallas, bar none! I hope to see you there!

Keep dreaming and accomplishing your goals! Cheers!

Melanie

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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

I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful spring weather changes and the wonderful "greening" of the neighborhood. We're on the brink of change in one way we are approaching crime prevention in our neighborhood, as we are close to finalizing the last steps in the installation of our initial twelve security cameras through the Omni-Watch system.

We've had to relocate two cameras, and are working to find hosts that are as close as possible to the original desired locations. The neighborhood is very grateful to our camera host homeowners, who've unselfishly agreed to have a camera installed on their property and share their DSL uplink. As much as we would love to list the names of these generous folks, we'd prefer not to publicize the initial camera locations. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

There are some technology challenges and a learning curve that we've all had to work through in getting the cameras' signals through the various internet providers, and then coordinated within the network to be visible online. Omni-Watch's technical support team has been working to resolve these issues quickly and successfully each step. The good news is the digital video recorders have been saving images from the less challenging cameras since installation!

The most visible components of the system, of course, are the large warning signs. These signs are the size of typical traffic signs and installed at the same height. The signs were recently delivered and we now have them installed in several locations near most all entrances and exits. We have ordered and are coordinating additional large sign installations.

Additionally, we have many smaller signs which can be placed at alley entrances. If you are a homeowner living at the end of an alley, and will allow us to attach one of the signs on your fence, please contact Andy Shell at 214.941.6160 or crime@wynnewoodnorth.org. The two methods we have at this time for securing the signs are Liquid Nails and tamper-resistant wood screws. If you know of a good location, or would volunteer a small piece of your fence to help fight crime, please give Andy a call.

As this first camera installation phase and beta-testing is completed, we need to schedule our group V.I.P. (Volunteers In Patrol) training sessions, which the association voted to have those WNNA residents complete who wish to have camera viewing access through the Omni-Watch website. Prerequisites for

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2007



General Neighborhood Mtg.

Thursday, April 16, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Tops Cafe

Oak Cliff Earth Day

April 22, 2007

WNNA Spring Wander

Saturday, April 28, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 5, 2007

Wynnewood North Garage Sale

Saturday, May 12, 2007

General Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Tops Cafe

The City of Dallas Police V.I.P. Training include: minimum age of 18 and no criminal history in the past two years for class B misdemeanors or higher. Participants will also execute a confidentiality agreement regarding authorized use of the system with WNNA. The V.I.P. program is a 7-hour course split over two Saturdays. It is part classroom work, part 911 call center orientation/observation, and an optional ride with a Dallas Police Beat Officer for one shift. We are trying to schedule the "group" course specifically put together for our neighborhood, and hope to be able to have this info by the April general meeting. Once interested residents have completed V.I.P. training and signed the agreement, we'll be able to provide instructions to them on setting up access to the OW cameras via their home and/or work computer via the Internet with their own User ID and password.

Many in the neighborhood have experienced recent crimes such as cars being broken into (BMVs) or having wheels and rims stolen. For each occurrence we're aware of, we have requested an increase in police patrol and provided email blasts to provide any known information. The Crime Watch warning signs have also been posted with information on the outgo-

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Tales from 506 Woolsey

CINDY KIRK

Prior to the holidays, we ventured yet once again to Arkansas to visit with former neighbors Dean and Scott. Rather than drive the five plus hours over rough eastern Oklahoma highways, we instead flew to Tulsa where Dean had graciously offered to pick us up. After Dean picked us up, we made it to Fayetteville in no time (possibly because time flies when you are going 90 miles an hour...just kidding). Since we had plenty of time until dinner, we all agreed that a trip to Starbucks was a good idea. After all, Dean and I can only get our special holiday drinks during Christmas time, and then we have to wait another long year before enjoying our Gingerbread Latte and Peppermint Mochas. With drinks in hand, we resumed our journey on to Dean and Scott's. It was shortly after getting our coffee that "it" happened. The three of us became another statistic. Less than two miles from Dean's house we had a wreck. To quote Dean, "Good Times!" The wreck happened in a blink of an eye, or the twinkle of a nose, whatever seems appropriate for the holidays. One moment, traffic was moving along smoothly, and the next, Dean had slammed on the breaks, but was unable to avoid hitting the car in front of us, who in turn hit the car in front of them. We had created our own chain reaction.

Immediately after the wreck, there was stunned silence in the car (hard to believe I know!). But, we all had our seat belts on, and no one was hurt. All of a sudden, the Acura RL spoke to us..."Impact Detected...calling Onstar." In the background I vaguely heard the theme music from the Twilight Zone...as the lady from Onstar immediately came online.

OnStar: "This is Onstar, do you need immediate assistance? Is anyone injured? We have your location and will send police assistance." It was just like the commercial!

While we were waiting for the police, the other two cars involved in the accident moved their cars out of traffic and Dean moved his car off of the road as well. Out of three vehicles involved in the accident, Dean's car was the one that looked worse for wear. Even the little Civic which had been hit from behind and into the pick-up truck in front of it looked drivable. Unfortunately, the front of Dean's car looked like an accordion, and the inside of the car smelled strongly of Starbucks Peppermint Mocha...

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2007 Brush & Bulk Trash Collection

April: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

May: 28, 29, 30, 31

June: 26, 26, 27, 28, 29

July: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

August: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

September: 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

October: 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

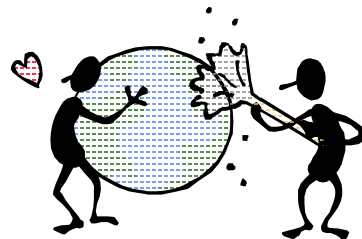
November: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

December: 24, 25, 26, 27, 28



Earth Day: A Community Celebration

LORIN COMBS



Since the first Earth Day in 1970, people around the world have been creating their own ways to celebrate Earth, to observe the beauty and vitality of nature—and to renew their commitment to saving our living planet. Oak Cliff is no exception, and on April 22, the Oak Cliff community will be hosting an Earth Day Fair and Cultural Festival in Lake Cliff Park.

United States Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin is credited with establishing the first Earth Day in response to an oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara in 1969. According to lore, he was so outraged by what he saw that he returned to Washington and introduced a bill to inspire awareness of and appreciation for Earth's environment. In the wake of the Earth Day bill, Congress passed a number a laws, such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. Earth Day quickly gathered momentum at a grassroots level and is now celebrated by over 500 million people in 175 countries, making it the largest secular holiday in the world.

In honor of Earth Day, here are some tips and gadgets you can use around the house to save energy:

For the Nature Neophyte:

Switch to cold water when doing laundry. 85-90% of the energy used to wash clothes is used to heat the water. Cost Free

Do-it-Yourself Energy Audit Programs assess the energy usage in your house and offer recommendations on how to use energy more efficiently. Cost Free

Use the recyclable Razor Preserve – at least 65% of the handle is made from recycled Stoneyfield Farm yogurt cups. Cost \$7.00

Invest in a low-flow shower head, which can reduce your water usage by up to 20% and save you up to \$200.00 per year. Cost \$10.00

Try Vermiculture Composting, which uses worms to decompose organic food waste, turning the waste into a nutrient-rich material capable of supplying necessary nutrients to sustaining healthy plant life and vital growth and adding beneficial organisms to the soil. Cost \$25.00

For the Eco-Activist:

Eclipse Solar Gear produces backpacks, coolers and camera bags with built-in solar panels that can charge cell phones, iPods, PDA's and GPS devices while on the go. Cost \$150.00+

Powered completely by solar energy, a single solar attic fan can fully vent up to 1,200 square feet. Cost \$315.00

Tankless water heaters heat water only as it is needed and can save 30-50% on water heating costs. Cost \$900.00+

Conservation Connoisseur:

The Dileka is a water filter that transforms tap water into highly ionized, balanced water containing fewer polluting agents and bacteria and requires no replacement parts or electricity to operate. Cost \$2,800.00+

The QR5 is a residential-scale wind turbine that generates enough electricity to power a standard U.S. home or a small office. Cost \$48,000.00

The RK1 model prefab house assembles in one day and features LED lighting, solar panels and an environmental monitoring system. Countertops, tiles, structural steel and insulation are produced from recycled materials. Cost \$775,000.00.

Earth Day in Oak Cliff

22 APRIL AT LAKE CLIFF PARK

Located at the beautiful historic Lake Cliff Park, corner of Zang & Colorado, festivities begin at 11am and continue to 5pm. Over 150 state and local environmental, conservation, and wildlife groups; garden clubs, "green" businesses, city departments, state agencies; outdoor recreation groups; schools, and performing and visual arts groups will be participating.

Help make Oak Cliff's celebration of Earth Day one of the largest in the State of Texas.
Contact info: OakCliffEarthDay@aol.com

News of the Neighborhood

JOHN RIDGLEY

Welcome to all the new neighbors! You'll soon find that we have friendly neighbors and an active Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association! Please let us know about new neighbors by contacting John Ridgley at 214-943-3192 or emailing blockcaptain@wynnewoodnorth.org.

Don't forget to send us any news that you would like to share with your neighborhood. This includes births, deaths, anniversaries, milestones, or special events.

Speaking of special events... The SSNOW brunch will be held on Saturday, April 21, 11 am.—2 p.m., at the home of Cheryl Ballou and Liz Edwards, 715 Woolsey. Invitations will be sent soon.

Calling all neighbors who lived in Wynnewood North in the 1950's when it was first being developed! We're interested in your reminiscences and want to publish them in the next few editions of the newsletter. We hope that everyone will find this project enjoyable.

Please remember the next time you see you block captain to shake their hand and tell them they are doing a great job! They are in the background, but the association could not do without them!

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Real Estate Update

SUE MAY

There are currently 6 homes on the market.

High asking price=\$269,000

Low asking price=\$185,000

High price per Sq. Ft.=\$126.47

Low price per Sq. Ft.=\$89.51

3 homes sold to date in the 1st quarter

High sale price=\$260,000

Low sale price=\$166,000

High price per Sq. Ft.=\$92.62

Low price per Sq. Ft.=\$88.16

Average price per Sq. Ft.=\$90.19

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 3/28/2007



Seems life is full of deadlines and quick decisions. My deadline for the week was getting this article to Laurie Wright by March 23 and the decisions to be made were finding three more houses for the Wynnewood Spring Wander.

As you are reading this you can figure out that Laurie is now happy and one thing is off my list. Now, I am still looking for hosts for the Spring Wander. Mary and Cindy at 506 Woolsey have graciously offered to be the first home on the Spring Wander but I think we should be careful if we drink in their newly decorated den. I'm just saying, don't quote me, but I heard a rumor that if anyone spilled a drink on the new furniture our bodies would never be found because "little sister don't miss when she aims her gun".

Looking back I should have thought of a plan when I walked the neighborhood giving out literature for Joseph Hernandez running for Dallas City Council for District 3. I should have said "Good Morning, May I please hand you literature on my friend that is running to be your City Councilman in District 3 ... and do you want to host the Spring Wander? Seems hindsight is always that after all.

The day for the Spring Wander is Saturday April 28th. The first home will start at 6:30 PM. The tickets for Wynnewood residents will be \$ 35.00 and all guests outside WN attending will be \$ 40.00. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend as we only sell 50 tickets. If you would like to be a host for the upcoming Spring Wander or the Fall Wander please let me know. You may contact me at cliffnapped@aol.com or 214 943 3430.

The annual garage sale is scheduled for the second Saturday in May, which is May 12th, 2007. There is a \$10 fee per household to participate. This covers the cost of the ad for the neighborhood. So start cleaning out your closets and get ready to make some money!

I had sent out an earlier blast concerning people getting in touch with each other that wanted to look for other dog owners in search of doggie play dates. It was brought to my attention that we have a Wynnewood resident that offers such a service. Please contact Lois with Shampoo Sweeties at 214 673 3190 (see add in our newsletter).

But really, what we all want to know is why was Sanjaya Malakar on American Idol? And who really is the father of Anna Nicole's baby? But according to my partner, David, I am not allowed to watch any more coverage on Anna Nicole. So if you hear something let me know.

Thanks, Don



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Crime Watch (continued)

ANDY SHELL

ing message of the Crime Watch Hotline. These crimes increased and appeared to be tied to kids during Spring Break; and we've actually noticed a recent drop in activity. Thank you to all neighbors who have taken the time to report these crimes and associated details to 911 and Wynnewood Crime Watch.

For those who have not had the opportunity to provide a financial contribution towards the cost of the camera system, or are new to the neighborhood, please understand that we still need your support. So far, about 58% of the neighborhood has contributed the base funds for initial system installation; your support to cover the cost of monthly monitoring fees, added cameras as needed, and any possible maintenance issues is still much needed. Our suggested minimum donation was \$75 - \$100 per household to cover a 3-year period. We have received several more generous donations--even up to \$1500 from a few households, boosting our ability to make this come together in just 7 months.

Don't forget that any donation you make to WNNA is tax deductible. You can send a check or money order to WNNA / P.O. Box 3872 / Dallas, TX 75208; or you can transfer funds or pay on a credit card on-line via PayPal by sending the contribution to treasurer@wynnewoodnorth.org, noting your payment "Camera Security System."

The WNNA Board would like to extend a special thanks to Terry Thomas and Mary Scherer, both previous Board members, for their continued help and advice in coordinating our neighborhood crime fighting efforts. Terry still places the signs at the entrances and monitors the WNNA Crime Watch Hotline. Mary has volunteered to attend community meetings and DPD meetings involving Crime Watch on our behalf.

As you all know, successfully entering this agreement with Omni-Watch has been a vast effort shared by many in the neighborhood. Because all our camera host homeowners lead busy lives, this installation phase has been a challenging effort to organize, communicate, and schedule; consequently, it's taken a little longer than we'd hoped, and we appreciate your continued patience and support. But remember that installing a camera system like this is only the first step, as the on-going effectiveness of this project will be determined only by the participation and dedication of our Crime Watch committee volunteers and network of system users.

A neighborhood infrared video camera real-time digital recording security system makes Wynnewood North another "first" for Oak Cliff; so if you have some time and would be willing to get more involved with our state-of-the-art Crime Watch effort, please contact Andy Shell to volunteer!

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Tales from 506 Woolsey (cont.)

CINDY KIRK

One of Fayetteville's finest arrived at the scene and immediately began assessing the situation. He spoke to the other two drivers first, and then headed over to our car. At this point, it was dark outside, and the officer was using his flashlight in order to see the damage. He shined the light in the car and immediately asked me if I needed medical attention. For future reference, if you are wearing a light colored shirt, and for some reason a Peppermint Mocha explodes all over you, and it is dark outside, it will appear as if you are splattered with blood...yuck! I looked down at my shirt, then back at the cop with the now nearly empty Grande Mocha in my hand and advised the officer I was fine, I had just been mochaed.

The officer then turned his attention to Dean and politely asked him what seemed to have happened. Dean of course had a classic Dean response. "It appears that I have plowed into these cars..." (Aren't you glad you aren't Dean's insurance carrier? I'm sure they will love getting the police report stating car number three acknowledged "plowing" into the other cars...). The officer nodded in agreement, and then wrote Dean a ticket. He was a really nice cop – noting for the record that Dean's birthday was just the day before...he then wished him a belated happy birthday. There are just times you know not to laugh out loud. That was one of them.

Even though the weekend started with a wreck, we still ended up having a great time. We even went touring around the countryside with Ralph Worth

(another Wynnewood alumni) looking at new houses and property. For any of you who remember Ralph, you will be amused by the mental image of all of us being piled in Ralph's huge extended cab diesel pick-up as we drove the back roads of Arkansas. It was a far cry from when he lived in the neighborhood and had all of his refinished antiques "dipped" so that they would be uniform in their finish. The times they are a changing...

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Yard of the Month March 2007

434 N. Manus
Greg & Lorin Combs

Calloway's April Timely Gardening Tips

Timely Tip for April Gardeners:

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You can create your own masterpieces for the patio, porch or as an accent in the flowerbed. Just follow these easy steps and have fun!

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2. Choose a well blended potting soil that drains well. *Calloway's Patio Mix* contains water-retaining crystals that release water over extended periods of time.
3. Choose plants that require the same lighting needs. Will the container be in full sun, shade, or a mixture? In selecting the grouping of plants, mix different textures and colors of foliage. Vary the growing heights and trailing habits for interest. Choose bloom colors that have contrast or harmony.
4. Start planting! Fill the container half way with soil, position the plants and start filling in with the rest of the potting soil. You can also add professional fertilizer such as *Calloway's Professional Flower Food* into the soil. This slow release fertilizer will provide continuous feeding over the season.
5. Lastly I add a top dressing of decorative bark or mulch. This adds the finishing touch, plus it will keep the soil cooler and prevent it from drying out as quickly.

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