

WYNNEWOOD N O R T H

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Next General Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 7:00 pm
Orion Ballroom, 15th floor
Bank of America Building

Calendar of Events

W N N A

Mark your calendars now and look inside for information about these upcoming events!

General Neighborhood Meeting.....	4/16/09
Spring Clean-Up.....	4/18/09
<i>Dedication of Entrance Sign to Melanie Loe</i>	
<i>Spring Fling BBQ</i>	
Oak Cliff Earth Day.....	4/19/09
Spring Wander.....	5/02/09
Garage Sale.....	5/16/09
General Neighborhood Meeting.....	7/16/09
National Night Out.....	10/6/09
General Neighborhood Meeting.....	10/22/09

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President's Voice

JOSEPH HERNANDEZ

Hello Everyone! If you're anything like me, you've already seen your yards springing to life, pond fish becoming active and warmer temperatures pulling us outside everyday. This is a good time to reflect on the past and plan for the future of WNNA. This is a new year, a new beginning and a new board has stepped up to serve YOU! I want to thank the previous board for their hard work and continued support as we move forward. Just in case you missed the General Meeting in January, please welcome your new WNNA Board:

President – Joseph Hernandez
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Communications – Tom Claeys
Crime Watch – Pam Westerheide
Publications – John Sarlay
Special Projects – Dean Rose

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Past President, Melanie Loe, who passed away on January 9. Melanie served our neighborhood and community in so many ways and she is truly missed. So much that I have decided to dedicate the "Wynnewood North" sign on the corner of Mayrant/Manus in her honor. Please join your WNNA Board, neighbors and friends on Saturday April 18th at 11:45am for the dedication ceremony, followed by the WNNA Spring Fling.

I am also pleased to see that we have some new neighbors so please be sure to make everyone feel welcome and informed. This is the type of outreach that make Wynnewood the place to be. There will be plenty of opportunities to do so since several events are planned in the coming months.

While other articles in this newsletter will discuss neighborhood activities, events, real estate and community events...let me touch on something not so fun and exciting...code compliance and animal control: two issues that are becoming a hot topic in Wynnewood North. Please be advised that while the board is does not police the streets and report every violation, we are here to help you understand the city's policies and procedures in place to comply with the laws established in keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe. That is the responsibility you have bestowed on us and on occasion, code violators will get reported – plain and simple. The best advice I can give everyone is keep your properties up to code, your animals under control and report all suspicious activity to 911.

This will be the year to COMMUNICATE with your neighbors and board. We have implemented a website, email blasts, newsletters and general meetings to keep you informed as well as provide you an opportunity to let us know how we can help. Take advantage of that and help us...help YOU. Let's make this a great year and lets all get involved. See you at the General Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2009 !

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Crime Watch

PAM WESTERHEIDE

I can't believe it's already April! It seems like just yesterday I innocently attended a general neighborhood meeting, and voila! I left as the WNNNA Crime Watch Director! Actually, I must admit, part of my motivation in accepting the position came from Melanie Loe. She was such an inspiration and gave so much to our wonderful community, I felt the least I could do was give something back in her honor.

My first order of business has been to pilot the WNNNA "VIPer" patrol program. If you've seen bright flashing lights pass by your house in the last couple of months, it could well have been one of our VIP teams. What is VIP? Volunteers in Patrol is a group of residents interested in deterring crime in our neighborhood. Each VIP member has attended a four-hour training with the Dallas Police Department to hone their observation and reporting skills. After completing training, VIP members can sign up for one or two hour monthly neighborhood patrols. Active, frequent patrols create a presence in our community and put criminals on notice that we're on the lookout. Patrols are randomly scheduled, so there's no telling when those flashing lights may appear. With VIPers on the loose, we intend to let criminals know Wynnewood North is not an easy target!!

If you're already trained as a VIP and want to be part of a VIPer patrol, please email me at crime@wynnewoodnorth.org or call me at 214-943-5673 and let me know your availability. We ask that each VIP volunteer a minimum of one to two hours per month. (It may be a testament to my exciting (NOT!) life, but I think the patrols are fun!). If you're interested in becoming a VIP and need to be trained, please email Lynn Sulander at lynnsulander@sbcglobal.net or call her at 214-941-0135. She will be setting up a VIP training for May or June. And many thanks to Jeff Sappenfield, Pat Ford, and Richard London for creating and organizing our VIPer supplies. Our patrols couldn't have started without their preliminary work.

Now to the nitty gritty: neighborhood crime in 2009. From January 1 to late March, we have had 3 burglaries, 2 thefts, 3 criminal mischief/vandalisms, and one disorderly conduct (phone harassment). Of course, even one crime is one too many, so please continue to watch out for yourself and your neighbors. A few safety tips:

ALWAYS keep garage doors closed, and exterior doors and windows locked.

ALWAYS park your locked vehicle in the driveway or in the garage, and **NEVER** keep valuables or personal items in your vehicle.

ALWAYS call 911 any time you see suspicious persons, activities, or vehicles. When you call, provide as many details as possible and use the term "suspicious" (person/activity/vehicle). That elevates the urgency of the call and allows for a quicker response time. If you ever have an instance when you feel your calls have not been responded to in an appropriate manner, let me know and I will discuss it with our liaison at the Dallas Police Department.

Want to keep up with crimes occurring in our neighborhood? Terry Thomas regularly updates our Crime Watch phone line at 214-967-5157. If you're more of a techie type, you can see our crime watch stats online at www.dallaspolice.net. Click on "Public Access", accept their disclaimer, and enter the search parameters. For a general search, it's easiest to search by either a street name or our beat number (451) and reporting areas (4166, 4167, 4192).

As we head into the warmer months, be safe, be observant, and report any suspicious activity. There's no better way to add value to our neighborhood, and your neighbors will thank you!



Spring is finally here! Now that the weather is more consistently beautiful, it's time to clean up our neighborhood, clean out our closets, and get out and meet our neighbors! I have a season full of neighborhood events that I hope you will participate in this year.

Spring Fling

First things first, **The Spring Fling** will be on Saturday, April 18th, the same day as our neighborhood clean-up. We'll get up early on the morning of April 18th to help beautify our community. We will then have a dedication plaque in honor of Melanie Loe, followed by the Spring Fling. This year Lance Ivy, our Beautification Director, will host the event in his backyard at 520 Monssen Drive. You'll know which house it is because in my opinion, it has the nicest yard in the neighborhood.

As someone who is fairly new to the neighborhood and since this is my first year on the board as social director, I had to ask the question, "What is a Spring Fling?" In a nutshell, it's an excuse to get out and meet your neighbors, while pigging out on some good BBQ grub. WNNA will provide the basics, such as the meat, soda, ice, cups, plates, plastic ware, and all we ask is you bring your favorite side dish or dessert. As a vegetarian, I hope everyone remembers to bring a dish; otherwise I'll be pretty hungry! If you don't make it out to help clean-up, please don't feel like you can't come to the Fling. I promise, we won't make you feel too guilty...maybe just a little. In all seriousness, we want to see everyone out and enjoying themselves at the Fling.



Spring Wander

Now, the next event is where I'm going to need your help...**The Spring Wander!** I have a couple of people who are willing to help co-host the Wander, but claim their houses aren't "Wander Worthy." If you are willing to open up your house to the neighborhood please call me right now. That's right, put down this newsletter and call me at 214-669-2547. If it's after 10 PM, still call, just leave a message! I would like some volunteers, otherwise I am going to come knocking on your door and beg you to host! Remember, I have people to help with expense and time involved in hosting, so it won't be that bad! In fact, I bet it's quite enjoyable and you'd feel really good about helping your neighborhood raise money. If it makes you more willing to help, know that I already have the houses for the Fall Wander so I promise if you host in the spring, I won't ask you again in the fall!

Since most of our homes were built in the 1950's, I thought it would be fun to have a 50's theme for the Spring Wander. A flashback to how Wynnewood North used to be. It's just too bad Wynnewood Village isn't what it used to be! I went to Round Top, TX to that huge antique show they have twice a year and I have the perfect vintage 1950's dress ready to go! I also bought a McCall's magazine from January 1953 if anyone would like to look at it for ideas. Dressing to the theme is highly encouraged, but not required.

For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, let me briefly explain what a Wander is. WNNA puts on two Wanders year; one in the spring and one in the fall. These are Wynnewood North's biggest neighborhood fundraisers. Tickets sell for \$40 per person for Wynnewood residents and \$45 for guests. This will gain you access to a progressive dinner of three, possibly four, homes in the neighborhood. Besides enjoying food and drinks, you will have plenty of time to meet new neighbors and catch up with the ones you already know. Since this will be my very first Wander to attend, I hope to see you there and make it a success!

WNNNA Garage Sale

If your house is anything like mine you somewhere have a pile of things that you've been planning on taking to Goodwill. For one reason or another, getting it all in your car and driving down to Westmoreland seems like the biggest task ever. Hold on to it until May 16th and sell in the **Wynnewood North Neighborhood Garage Sale!** WNNNA will advertise in the paper to ensure a good turnout. With tough times already here and still ahead of us, this year there will not be an entry fee, so that leaves 100% of the proceeds in your pocket! Of course, if you would like to donate any of your money to the neighborhood association, we will gladly accept it and give you a donation receipt.



With so many upcoming events for Wynnewood North, I hope to meet everyone in our neighborhood by the end of spring. I want to encourage you to email (social@wynnewoodnorth.org), call or stop me when I'm out walking with any ideas or concerns you may have regarding our social events. I am open to all ideas and suggestions! I look forward to serving our wonderful neighborhood this year and meeting each and every one of you!



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Choosing the Right Flowers

Well it is that time of year to plant your bedding plants for Spring and Summer color. Choosing flowers can be an overwhelming task when growing and cultivating plants is not your specialty. Recently, while wandering through the endless flats of flowers at the Dallas Farmer's market, an energetic young man name Carlos who worked for Ruibals, pushed a full color brochure into my hand and started advising me about what types of flowers to choose. I have to admit that my first reaction was to steer the "no thanks, just looking" route, but as he flipped through the brochure, I was really impressed with the quality and usability of this brochure. It is only a ten page folded letter-sized brochure, but in those ten pages, there are almost 200 different options for flowers and bedding plants with full color photos of each. Furthermore, the clearly labeled photos are referenced as "sun", "part-sun/shade", and "shade" to provide customers expertise at their fingertips. So if you are one of those people who has difficulty finding the right flowers for your sunny and/or shady areas, this guide is exactly what you need to make sure you don't buy impulsively and come home with plants that stop blooming or burn up because they were not suited for the amount of light that they receive in your planting area. If you've ever made these mistakes, you know how frustrating it can be. Now Ruibals has not paid for any advertising for the newsletter, nor do I think you have to necessarily shop there. However, the guide is top notch so I don't mind their receiving a little free press in return for the use of this great reference tool. If you stop by Farmer's market, ask for the *Ruibals Plants of Texas* guide, but better yet, download it yourself at <http://www.ruibals.com/annuals.html>. You will find it an excellent reference to assist you with your Spring planting.



Yard of the Month

W N N A



March 2009 – 655 Monssen – Ken & Linda Molberg



April 2009 – 520 Hoel – Steve & Anita Johnson

W N N A Yard of the Month Nomination Form

Date:

Address of nominated yard:

Reason for nomination (optional):

Cut out the form and return to:
Lance Ivy, 520 Monssen Drive, or
www.wynnewoodnorth.org

Calloway's Nursery April Tip of the Month Go Organic!

Timely Tip for April Gardeners

Calloway's Nursery offers many organic products to help you develop a "green" environment. We also offer traditional solutions but for the gardener who is exploring the "greener" side here are a few ideas.

It all begins with the soil, so have your soil tested the first of each year FREE at any of our stores. Organic matter is important to the soil composition. It helps with drainage and helps increase the soil microbe population. Expanded shale is also used to break up hard, compacted clay soils. Calloway's Organic Fertilizer contains seven food-grade meals and can be applied to your lawn and other plantings. Top dress your flowerbeds and containers with our organic mulches. They not only break down slowly putting organic material back into the soil but, they also prevent weeds, conserve moisture and cool the soil during the heat of the summer.

Other organic insecticides and fungicides are Neem Oil, Diatomaceous Earth, Dipel Dust and Insecticidal Soaps. These are products which are safe to use around pets and children. There are also beneficial insects available such as Ladybugs, Lacewings and Beneficial Nematodes! These guys will attack the pests and take care of them "naturally".

Join us on April 18th, for our Earth Day clinic and learn more about our "natural choices".

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Volunteers In Patrol (VIP)

LYNN SULANDER

Quarterly Meetings

We will have our next VIP Meeting Wednesday, June 10, 2009, and quarterly thereafter. 2009 meeting dates are the second Wednesday in June, September and December, 6/10/09, 9/9/09 and 12/9/09.

Training for New VIPs

The VIP program is a non-confrontational neighborhood program designed to provide a visible presence in the neighborhood as a deterrent to criminal activity. During this training, volunteers learn to observe potential criminal activity in our neighborhood and provide immediate information to the Dallas Police Department about suspicious persons or other matters requiring a police response. Those interested in this training, please contact Lynn Sulander via email lynnsulander@sbcglobal.net or by calling 214-941-0135. We expect to have our next training session in mid-May to mid-June when our DPD liaison, Officer Skinner, returns from maternity leave.

Did you know...?

The WNNA Crime Watch Director has an **engraver** you can borrow to ID your household items? Marking big-ticket items with serial numbers, and creating and maintaining a household inventory is helpful in case of theft, fire, or other catastrophic loss. Contact crime@wynnewoodnorth.org or call Pam Westerheide at 214-943-5673 to borrow the WNNA engraving tool.



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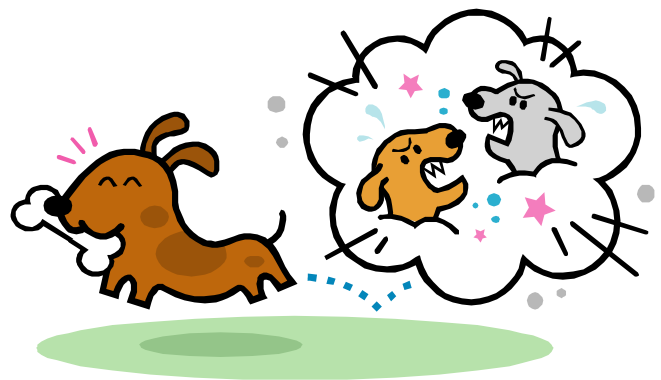
When I first moved to Wynnewood North I loved just about everything our neighborhood had to offer. It has well kept homes, friendly neighbors, social events, and it's a great place to get some exercise and walk my dog. It only took me about two walks to realize almost everyone in the neighborhood has a dog, and unfortunately, not everyone in the neighborhood keeps their dogs where they belong...inside, in a fenced backyard, or on a leash.

I try to get out and walk my dog around the neighborhood on most days, weather permitting. I was always curious about portions of the neighborhood. It seemed like such a mysterious street that I had never been down. While I was pregnant, I decided to take a tour of the whole neighborhood and see what the homes looked like. I quickly learned that one particular street wasn't so much a mysterious street as it is a terrifying street! I got about half way down the road when all of a sudden this big, strong dog came charging at me and barking like crazy. There I was, 8 months pregnant, and jumping in the back of a stranger's truck that was parked on the side of the road with my little beagle, Howie. I was scared poor Howie was about to become a Scooby snack and was more afraid for my baby. I waited in the back of this truck until the dog was out of sight. I carefully scurried off, carrying Howie so I wouldn't draw attention to the dog. The next day I went to the store and purchased some dog mace. I now keep a can of dog mace in my stroller at all times and at some points in the neighborhood I actually have it in hand, ready to aim and fire!

When my mother-in-law came to stay with my son while we were on vacation, I didn't think to tell her about the mace that was in the stroller. I didn't want to frighten her and I was also a bit afraid that she may end up harming herself with it. When we got back and were sharing stories, Sandy told us about her rather frightening experience on one of her daily walks. Would you believe she too was in that same area walking with my then 7 month old

in the stroller when a man on a motorcycle came up behind her, put his hand on her back and said, "Ma'am, I don't mean to scare you, but there is a loose pit bull just ahead of you. It is often loose and I just want to guide you back to safety." This man did frighten the heck out of her, but he did just what he said. He walked her and my son, out of the cul-de-sac, and out of harms way. Can you imagine how scared my 65 year old mother-in-law was at this point? If you're reading this, and you were the mystery man on the motorcycle, thank you!

I find it alarming that people would allow dogs to be loose and threaten the well being of our neighbors. We should all be able to walk about the neighborhood without fear of being attacked by someone else's pet. The thing is, we're all adults here. We all know the responsibilities that come with dog ownership. We have to get their shots, feed and water them, pick up after them, and we have to make sure they are not loose to harm someone, some thing or themselves. These are all things to consider before owning a dog. Even if you're thinking, "My dog would never hurt anyone. My dog is so cute no one would be afraid." Think again! Unless you're Cesar the Dog Whisperer, a strange dog is frightening. Please help keep Wynnewood North a safe and relaxing place to live by keeping your animals where they legally belong.



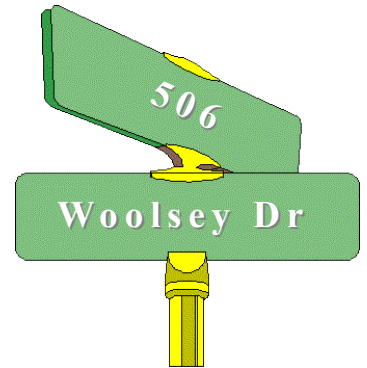
Tales from 506 Woolsey

CINDY KIRK

Mary and I were recently reminiscing about having lived in the neighborhood for almost 14 years. We've watched neighbors move in and out of the neighborhood, move back, move again, move back...oh right, that's only Dean and Scott! We have been blessed in Wynnewood to have a very diverse neighborhood that cares about each other. Esmond Hardin, our neighbor across the street, is an institution on Woolsey and things wouldn't be quite the same without him. He is a fixture walking with his dogs Susie and Bob early in the morning. I have it on good authority that Esmond and Tawana have plotted and schemed with each other to capture and find homes for many a stray dog that has wandered into the neighborhood. Esmond has a heart of gold and shows it every day. I think what makes this such a special place to live is that we all make an effort to know our neighbors – and we are concerned about each other. Esmond is the unofficial “Granddad” of Woolsey, but of course, he is not our only senior, he is just near and dear to our hearts. The reality is that all of our seniors contribute in their own way – just by being here. They have lived and contributed to the history that makes Wynnewood a special place to live. They have accepted and embraced the “newcomers,” and our seniors continue to support Wynnewood through monetary support and participation in neighborhood functions.

It goes without saying that the unofficial Mayor of Wynnewood is Silver Poteete. Silver has been a big supporter of Wynnewood for many years, and is the eyes and ears of Wynnewood, so you had better be prepared to show some I.D! In addition to being diligent about crime watch, and code compliance, Silver is also vigilant about keeping the neighborhood free of any dead varmints that may litter the street. About a month ago, Mary and I were headed out to the store and were pulling out from Mayrant on to Pratt. There in the middle of the road with a big, black hefty bag, a shovel, and a box of lime were Silver and Winnie Kaspar. Silver had called Winnie and asked her if she wanted to help her out on a project. I don't know if full disclosure was given – but the next thing

Winnie knew, she was hiking up to Pratt with Silver with all of their possum road-kill gear in tow. A rather large possum had met his demise earlier in the week, and rather than continuing to let the possum be hit by cars



and become ground-up road kill, Silver decided it needed to be “cleaned-up” and disposed of. When Mary and I rounded the corner, there stood our two little neighbors...in the middle of the street... Silver was shoveling the dead possum into the trash bag, and Winnie was trying to hold the bag open while trying to avoid becoming road kill herself. Mary and I turned around and blocked the road, but by the time we had done that, Silver had gleefully scrapped up the last of the possum; dumped him in the trash bag, and covered him with lime. I think one little piece of the possum had escaped her shoveling efforts as we heard her exclaim “Oooh, look at this, that possum had a big old heart!” I was having visions of Granny from Beverly Hillbillies...but, ultimately, I feel fairly confident that Silver didn't cook up the possum heart for husband Bill as part of their afternoon vittles. But with Silver, you never know. That's what makes her so fun...just ask Ronnie and Guillermo! Fair warning to all of our WNNA neighbors...get full disclosure before volunteering to go for a walk with Silver, you never know if you are going for a casual stroll, or if you will be on road-kill patrol. I believe that Winnie is now utilizing her caller I.D.

The years have flown by. Once we were the new kids on the block and now we are the older kids on the block. One minute you are volunteering to host SSNOW events, and before you know it, you are old enough to attend SSNOW! When did that happen? Regardless, Mary and I will look forward to helping with SSNOW events and someday attending them...but in the meantime, I came across this version of “My Favorite Things” which was re-written by Julie Andrews to commemorate her birthday. I found it funny and I know some boys who recently turned 40 who will soon be relating as well!

“My Favorite Things”
(Re-written for Julie Andrews’ Birthday)

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don’t feel so bad.


Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin’,
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin’
And we won’t mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.


When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I’ve had,
And then I don’t feel so bad.



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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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Bizerte (652-757).....	Guy Allbright
Pratt.....	Silver & Bill Poteete
Heyser.....	Silver & Bill Poteete
Hoel.....	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Llewellyn.....	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
N. Manus (East).....	John & Gail Ridgley
N. Manus (West).....	Lisa Tully & Mary K Trostmann
S. Manus.....	Larry & Donna Libby
Mayrant (East).....	Silver & Bill Poteete
Mayrant (West).....	Janice Coffee & Terry Thomas
Monssen (East 303-431).....	Lois Carker
Monssen (East 436-531).....	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Monssen (West).....	Lisa Kleypas & Jessica Hamilton
Monssen Pkwy.....	Lisa Kleypas & Jessica Hamilton
Shelmire.....	Tom Claeys & Dean Knight
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Woolsey (West).....	John Sarlay & JP Arnhart



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