

From the Board...

Denise Requardt

PRESIDENT

New things are in the works! To begin, I'm happy to introduce you to our first-ever "Green Issue." Its primary focus is to provide you with neighborhood specific information on yard design and maintenance. Mixed among the Beautification articles, you'll still find some traditional features. We hope you learn and enjoy!

On a similar vein, we've redesigned the Beautification section of our website. We plan on publishing articles that help you develop and keep a yard that compliments the mid-century nature of your home. Visit and bookmark wnna.org/ beautification to access these articles. Neighbor submissions are encouraged.



Our Beautification Director, Cynthia Michaels submitted a proposal to the Neighborhood Vitality Grant (formerly Dallas' GrowSouth Initiative) last fall. We were one of sixteen projects in the city of Dallas that received full funding to improve our neighborhood. We will receive almost \$3400 to replace our street sign-toppers (that say N Wynnewood instead of Wynnewood North) and faded crime watch signs. Good job Cynthia!

Later this year, WNNA members will help select the new design that will be used for our signs. Designs will

be presented for a vote, so stay tuned for additional details on when and how this vote will occur. We expect this project to wrap up around October of this year!

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Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association

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Donations are tax deductible and can be made at general meetings, by mail, in person to the Treasurer, or by visiting wynnewoodnorth.org/donate.

Receipts are provide upon request.

General Meeting Notice

Kidd Springs Recreation Center | 711 W. Canty Street, Dallas 75208 Agenda Online @ wynnewoodnorth.com/meetings

April 18, 2019 | 7:00 PM (Cookies at 6:30)

Guest Speaker: David Perziosi (Executive Director of Preservation Dallas) Topic: Preservation Dallas & History of Wynnewood Shopping Center





Join us for the Annual Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt!

When: Saturday, April 20th | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Where: Greenbelt at the Corner of Mayrant & S Manus

Bring: Comfortable Chairs, A Potluck Dish, & Plastic Eggs for Your Child (No Chocolate Please!)

Dogs, Chips, & Soda Provided

Egg Hunt at 1:00

Bounce in our Bounce House



Janice Coffee

COMMUNICATIONS

Welcome to our newest neighbors that moved into Wynnewood North this quarter:

- 652 Bizerte Anil Devegowda
- 731 Mayrant Paul & Caroline Noebels
- 1817 Shelmire Jimmie & Holly Contreas
- 604 Woolsey Michael C Ferguson & Antonio Calvo-Rodriguez

Real Estate Stats (Q1-2019)

By Ric Shanahan, Guest Contributor

Properties Sold/Exchanged Ownership:	3*
Lowest Overall Sold Price:	\$362,900
Highest Overall Sold Price:	\$407,000
Maximum Sold Price/Square Foot:	\$212.42
Properties Currently for Sale:	2
Average Asking Price:	\$381,457
Average Sold Price:	\$387,300
Average Sold Price/Square Foot:	\$188.90
Average days on Market:	76

* Properties Sold Through MLS

WHEN IT COMES TO COLON CANCER DETECTION, 45 IS THE NEW 50.

If you're in your mid-40s and haven't had your colon checked, it might be time. Screening guidelines have changed.

The American Cancer Society's guidelines for colon cancer screening now recommend that adults at average risk get screened starting at age 45 instead of 50. Getting screened is the first step in prevention.

Talk to your doctor about which screening option is best for you. Methodist Dallas Medical Center providers offer personalized healthcare services for every stage of life and every state of health. Trust. Methodist.

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Curb Appeal - Mid Century Shrubbery

By Teri Lipscomb, Realtor (Wynnewood North Webmaster)

Postponing regular maintenance on your shrubs may save you money today, but cost you money in the future. Here are the five common issues with shrubs that affect the value of a mid-century home:

- Blocked Views. Shrubs that have grown above your window tend to decrease natural light inside the home, and detract from the structure and appeal of the exterior.
- Foundation Killers. Some bushes consume all the moisture needed to keep the soil around your home stable. This adversely affects your foundation. Inspectors say Red Tip Photinias are the worst offenders.
- Spacing. Shrubs should be planted far enough from the foundation to allow an adult to walk behind them with ease. This allows for routine

inspection of foundations and walls. Bushes that are too close raise flags.

- Linear Planting. Although a favorite of developers during post war construction, this planting style is now passé. Used curved and varied beds.
- 5. Disparate Species. As bushes in the hedge die off, vacant spaces, stringy stragglers, and disparate varieties remain. These hedges tell perspective home owners that you haven't been vigilant in maintaining both the interior and exterior of your home.

If your shrubbery needs an update, do it today so that you can enjoy it before you need to sell.

"Curb Appeal" is monthly series where local realtors share tips on making your home a showcase property. Watch for more articles at wnna.org/beautification in the future.

Oh Bee-Have (or Bee Hive)!

BY BOB ROBERTS, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

In the Spring of 2005, our home was under full remodel. One day, we heard a huge buzz and saw a black cloud pass across the hood of my car. Within an hour, this cloud disappeared into the juniper tree just outside our front door.



l eft:

The tall juniper tree has housed a hive of bees since 2005.

Fifteen years later, the colony remains healthy and happy. To this day, we know of no instances where any neighbors have been stung. We encourage you to monitor what pesticides you use at your home and in your planters to manage mosquitos and bugs. We hope this hive is here for a hundred years!

A Mite-y Cry: War on The Roses

By Colter Hoggan, Publications Director

Last fall, we had several hundred people peruse our home and back yard as part of the HOC Tour of Homes. To our chagrin, several master gardeners pulled us aside to inform us that our rose bed, which we have been nurturing for five years, is infected with Witches Broom. I'd noticed an odd growth pattern in our roses, but hadn't taken the time to research what it meant. Unfortunately, it's not good for us, or the neighborhood.

Witch's Broom is also known as Rose Rosette disease. It is characterized by funny growth spurts on a rose bush,



ABOVE: Have you noticed weird growth on your roses? Witch's Broom may have affected your roses, and it will appear like thornier and mutated (like a thick broom).

where the leaves remain smaller and purple (not changing to the characteristic green). The stems are thicker and thornier, and the flowers themselves are deformed from the traditional buds you see on your rose bushes. The infection is caused by a virus that affects the rose bushes DNA, and in most cases, once infected, the entire bush must be removed and discarded in the trash (not compost, nor bulk trash).

The area near the rose bush is tainted with a wooly mite that transmits the disease to other bushes. The mites can linger for several years, affecting and infecting any rose bush planted in the same area with the same disease. Miticides are

ineffective on the creatures, so your only solution is to plant something different in your garden for at least three to five years.

Botanists and plant scientists believe that pruning shears do not spread the virus; however, it is always important to disinfect your pruners between bushes. If you notice that your bushes are infected, have your lawn team dig up the bush and discard it. Doing so will prevent the mites from reproducing and affecting your neighbor's bushes. Some people believe pruning and discarding the affected branches may help, but it's hard (almost impossible) to kill the mites, especially in warmer winters.

For further information jump online to our Beautification blog (wnna.org/beautification) to see color photos and links about diagnosis, treatment, and eradication.



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Confessions of A Shelmire Cat: My Three Day Bender

By Big Boy, Guest Contributor

Little did I know that a small bag of catnip could take me on the adventure of a lifetime. Here I was, enjoying the sun of a nice spring day, sprawling out on the warm concrete of 1717 Shelmire Drive, just doing what cats normally do. Out of the corner of my eye, I spot a small baggie filled with who knows what, lodged up next to the petunias of the front flower bed.

'It's nothing!' I said to myself and returned to sunning, but it stayed there in the back of my mind—eating away at my thoughts. Eventually, I folded and went to examine the contents. Afterall, curiosity never has killed anyone, even less a cat, right? To no real surprise, the bag reeked of Tator Tot, my arch-rival from down the street. His nefarious plans had never snagged me before, but there's always a first time. Today was his lucky day. Inside the bag was some wacky weed—catnip—as it's known on the street. Even the smallest whiff can turn the most puritan of all cats into the wildest of beasts. I was hooked instantly. At first it seemed innocent. Everything was a laser I was bound to catch. I felt like I could solve all the world's issues in a single afternoon. I was walking on cloud nine.

Without much thought, I figured I'd visit Blue, the Australian sheep dog over at



1805. I'm not sure why she wasn't that impressed with my superior suggestions on herd management and recovery of lost sheep. After a few hours of banter back and forth, she let it slip that there was a rat-pack down at 1839. I had the munchies, and some rodent abatement is just my specialty. Little did I know that the rat pack was just a nick name for the four

canines housed under that roof. Let me tell you... those boys can sing.

Music has always been a salve to my soul, mixed with the catnip though, it triggered my inner yearnings for love and connection. I'd heard of this Rus-



sian babe, Smirnoff, living at 715 S Manus. Normally, I wouldn't go so far for love, but I was half-way there already, and a Russian accent has always been a weakness of mine. Within moments, I knew her accent was fake. Turns out she was actually living under an alias and witness protection. In a previous life, she was known as Miss Kitty. Yes, that Miss Kitty, the... (Continued on Page Seven)

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TOP CENTER: Tater Tot From 1615 Shelmire. Shy & Innocent!

ABOVE RIGHT: The Rat Pack at 1839 Shelmire: Maggie, Lucy, Lola, and Hugo. Posing for Camera.

TOP RIGHT: Bonnie Blue from 1805 Shelmire. Majestic Beauty.









An Enthusiast's Perspective: Planning Your Landscape in Wynnewood North

By Colter Hoggan, Publications Director, & Marylin Jolly, Guest Contributor

Just recently, I had the opportunity to visit the home of Paul and Marilyn Jolly on North Manus. Their home was featured on last year's Heritage Oak Cliff Tour of Homes based on the unique and inspiring garden (and interior artwork).

Marilyn welcomed me into her home with a glass of tea and a fruit and cheese platter. After a brief introduction to their two lovely cats, we delved into what makes a good landscape design in our neighborhood.

Colter (CH): Suppose you had bought a home in Wynnewood North 60 years ago when the subdivision was new and the yards were nearly a blank canvas. What would you do first?

Marilyn Jolly (MJ): I think it's important to examine the entire property and develop a vision. This vision can be as detailed or generic as you want—but heading to the nursery without a plan may turn out to be a costly mistake.

CH: Why is that?

MJ: Well, you'll end up purchasing plants that are not complimentary to your existing property, or you'll end up purchasing plants that really don't 'play well' together. If you go to a nursery that is less reputable, you might even get plants that shouldn't be grown in Texas.

CH: For example?

MJ: Well, you might end up buying trees that, when fully grown, have an adverse effect on your

property. They may limit your view, your property value, or your design [with other trees and beds]. One big offender is the Bradford Pear. They are an invasive species that harms the environment, and they last only 10 years before nature rips them apart. Ten years is a long time for trees. Once a Bradford Pear dies, your

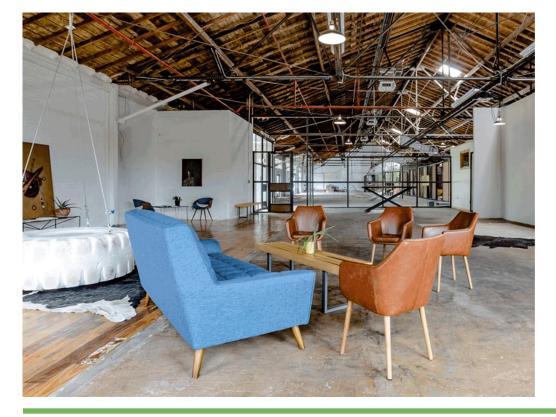


ABOVE: Marilyn and Paul Jolly have multiple different plantings and beds to reflect the native Texas flora.

Yard of Month (Q1 - 2019)

Color photos for January, February, and March winners (listed respectively below) are online at wnna.org/YOM:

- 630 Mayrant Meaghan & Raymond
- 1819 Shelmire Matthew
- 531 Monssen Ashley & Chris



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FINE PRINT: Coat rack space is first come first serve. For insurance and lawyer reasons that tire swing in the picture is not a tire swing, please refer to it as a "thinking pendulum" instead. Thank you.





Crime Watch

By Jeff Sappenfield, Crime Watch

Crime Stats

Just a reminder, with Spring and Summer, burglaries pick up in all parts of Dallas. Make sure to keep your Garage door closed and that you notify your contractors to quard their tools.

Date	Crime
1/5	Stolen Vehicle Recovered
1/8	Property Theft: Front Yard
2/1	Property Theft: Front Yard
3/29	Property Theft: Tools From Garage

VIP - Recruitment & Rewards

We've had a couple of neighbors express interest in joining the VIP team. We need a few more before DPD will schedule the next training class. Please consider volunteering. Email me at crime@wynnewoodnorth.org for enrollment details.

VIPs who patrol are entered into a drawing for \$50 gift cards. Last quarter winners were Cynthia M, Denise R, and Jay S.

Social Media & Print Media

By Colter Hoggan, Publications &

TERRI LIPSCOMB, WEBMASTER

If you haven't visited www.wynnewoodnorth.org recently, you are missing out! Past, Present, and Future posts by date are listed below:

Beautification Blog (wnna.org/beautification):

- Upcycling Adventures (Coming Soon) 4/20
- Water Restrictions and Free Assessment 4/02
- WNNA Curb Appeal: Mid Century Shrubbery 4/06

Main Blog (wnna.org OR wynnewoodnorth.org):

- WNNA Ladies Golfing for Greatness (Coming Soon) 4/15
- Minor Updates to WNNA.ORG 04/02
- Wynnewood North To Be Renamed 4/01

Neighbors are invited to submit articles for publication in the newsletter or our neighborhood website and Facebook page.

To be considered for the next newsletter, please review the submission theme and other requirements at www.wnna.org/media or email publications@wynnewoodnorth.org for details. Submissions for the Summer newsletter must occur no later than 06/21/2019.

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Three-Day Bender (Continued from Page 4)

Madame of a Texas' most famous house of ill repute. But those days were long gone; her interest now was the Fancy Feast

delivered to her bowl every morning—and as the morning sun was peaking over the horizon, she bid me farewell as her prized meal took precedence over my looks, soft coat, and smooth talking.

As we parted ways, she advised me to stay clear of FC13, a gang of street cats living off the lam behind 567



Bizerte. I was still Supercat though, showing no signs of abatement from the effects of that fanciful herb. I meandered down the street, making my way to the headquarters of the infamous gang. If I could infiltrate this group, they could be convinced of their wicked ways and disperse. At first, my sly style ingratiated me with the group. All was well. I was top cat. But alas, my collar eventually betrayed me. One of the gang recognized my collar



and knew I was a house cat, claimed and owned. If not for the disorganized nature of their organization, I'd be down one life. My agility, wit, speed, and increased endorphins help my escape; however, I was lost.

Like as an oxford comma in a New England trucking contract, I was nowhere to be found. I'm not sure where I was. Occasionally, I thought I

ABOVE LEFT: Big Boy, the Shelmire Cat - 1717 Shelmire **ABOVE RIGHT:** Smirnoff, the Russian Imposter - 715 S Manus

recognized the dicey alleys of Woolsey and Mayrant, or the forested trenches of Wynnewood Parkway, only to find that my haunches were incorrect. The catnip had long since left my system and my courage waned. In my wanderings, I encountered a cat trapped in a tree. Our combined calls eventually alerted the neighbors to her plight. Her misfortune turned out to be advantageous to me, as I recognized the neighbors speaking of their street: North Manus. I knew where I was—just a half day's walk from home sweet home. The journey was swift, and the driveway and sun were waiting form me as if I'd never left. As for Tator Tot, I'm plotting revenge now.

To prevent the loss of your pet to a three-day bender:

- Register your pets online at wnna.org/register
- ► Locate owners of found pets at wnna.org/pets





A New Directory is On Its Way

By Janice Coffee, Communications Director

D uring March, our block captains contacted most of you to validate your contact details for the directory. Teri Lipscomb (our webmaster) is now updating our database with your details.



ABOVE: The new directory.

RIGHT: Example of your validation

post card.

During April, we will be sending out post cards for you to validate that we have correctly keyed the data into the database.

The postcard will list your details, we ask you to verify those details. If the data is correct, you can discard the card. If it is invalid, please return the card to either your block captain, me, Colter Hoggan, or Teri Lipscomb.

Thanks!

2937 Shelmire Dear Gladys Krabitz, We are updating the neighborhood directory and have the following details about you: Name Krabitz, Gladys Cellular: 817-555-5123 Land Line: Fmail: ohabner@bewitched.com Pets: Yes _____ No (Parent Liaison Use Only) Kids Here: None Please validate this information is correct. If it is not, please correct it and return this card to your Block Caption (address/phone on opposite side) by 04/30/2019. An example of how you will appear in the directory is included on the reverse side of this card.

Water Restrictions & Free Assessment

FROM SAVEDALLASWATER.COM

Did you know that the worst thing you can do for your lawn is over water, especially in the spring when roots are reawakening and determining their depth based on how much water is available to them? Did you know that your sprinkler system may be your worst enemy?

Last Digit of HouseWatering Days0, 2, 4, 6, 8 (Even Numbers)Sunday & Thursday1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (Odd Numbers)Saturday & Wednesday

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has determined that homes with in-ground automatic irrigation systems use 35% more water than those without irrigation systems. And those households using automatic timers for their irrigation systems use 47% more than their neighbors with in-ground systems operating their systems manually.

Poor irrigation scheduling—watering too often and for too long—is the primary source of water waste associated with landscape irrigation. You may be using a lot more water than your lawn needs and if you are a Dallas Water Utilities customer, you can have a FREE irrigation system evaluation by a licensed landscape irrigation specialist. These evaluations have saved customers hundreds of dollars per year on their water bill.

Our goal in Water Conservation is to help you save water! All recommendations are subject to the homeowner's discretion, but each recommendation will save you money.

Visit our beautification blog at wnna.org/beautification for the blog article about water restrictions that links to the free assessment.

Golfing Greats of Wynnewood North



ABOVE: These women rocked the course at a recent local golfing tournament. To see the color photos and read about their accomplishments, check out the blog on WNNA.org on April 15th when we release their story: Golfing for Greatness!

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for the following events:

- 04/22 to 04/26 Bulky Trash Collection
- 04/18 General Meeting: 7:00 PM
- 04/20 Spring Fling: 11:30 AM
- 04/27 It's My Park Day: 10:00 AM

Event details and additional events relevant to Dallas and Oak Cliff may be found online at wnna.org/calendar.







Beautification Event: It's my Park Day - April 27 | 10 to 1

Meet us at the Monssen triangle on Saturday, April 27th to help pull weeds and spread mulch in both the Monseen and Woolsey triangles. Please bring gloves and weeding tools. Bug spray and sun block are advised. If you have a wheel barrow to bring, contact Cynthia Michaels at beautification@wynnewoodnorth.org. Water and some refreshments may be provided.

Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood looking great!

School & City Elections—May 4th

We encourage you to vote early between April 22 and April 30th. Twenty-five locations exist throughout the city.

Visit dallascountyvotes.org for locations and polling times.

An Enthusiast's Perspective (Continued From Page 6)

yard may have a conspicuous hole where it once lived.

Or, you might buy a tree that, while great for Texas, may not fit in your design when it's fully grown. Examples of this include Pecan trees next to swimming pools, or Crepe Myrtles and Arborvitae that encroach over walkways and windows. Another example is a Live Oak that will eventually provide enough shade that your lawn may not grow underneath it. If unplanned, a muddy patch could result.

If your vision includes ornamental trees such as Japanese Maple, they cannot be planted until you have the appropriate amount of shade to protect them, so purchasing them before you have a shade canopy could be a costly mistake.

Trees

CH: Since we are on topic, let's jump fully into to trees. Any that you specifically suggest for Wynnewood North?

MJ: I follow Howard Garrett's guidelines for Dallas gardeners. He has a list of suggested good trees and bad trees.

CH: And placement of these trees?

MJ: Well if the canvas is completely blank, and you have a larger yard, you should definitely plant at least 10 to 15 feet away

Six Planting Bed Considerations

- 1. Future Maintenance
- 2. Soil Conditions
- Sun Exposure
- 4. Irrigation Needs
- 5. Purpose & Type
- 6. Personality & Character

from your house to prevent foundation issues. After that, the next thing to consider is the canopy and your overall vision. If your plan includes sunny beds and shady beds, you must consider how the full-grown tree will affect those beds.

You may also want to consider your electric bill. There are tools online that suggest where to plant certain varieties to minimize the impact of the sun in summer months.

Two final considerations for your layout include the position of your home's doors and windows, and the position of other trees inside your yard. Design theory suggests you make sure the tree canopy—when full grown—does not block the view of the front door from the street, nor block the street view from the windows.

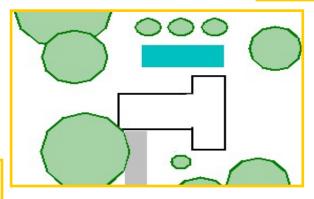
Read the rest of the *Tree* portion of this interview online at wnna.org/beautification.

Good Trees for Wynnewood

Bald Cypress Bur Oak
Caddo Maple Durand Oak
Chinese Pistachio Live Oak
Texas Red Oak Texas Ash
Little Elm Linden Pecan

Trees to Avoid

Arizona Ash Cottonwood
Bradford Pear Honey Locust
Silver Maple Magnolia



Beds

CH: Let's jump to flower and shrub beds. How do I go about planning beds?

MJ: Well, when our neighborhood was built, linear plantings were in style. That's why you'll see hedges along foundations

LEFT:

Sketching out a master plan helps you determine phased implementations, plan your purchases, and match your personality to your design.

in this neighborhood. Sometimes those hedges look great, and sometimes they look not so great; probably because of attrition and mismatched plants.

CH: Mismatched plants?

To read more about mismatched plants; bed planning (Six Considerations); and lawns and lawn care, please read the full interview with Marylin at wnna.org/beautification. You are also welcome to reach out to her for tips and advice.

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