

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

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Omni-Watch (OW) Security Camera System. We were concerned 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

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President's Voice (continued)

MELANIE LOE

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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 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

While the summer weather has been mild so far this season we have had a mild warm-up in summer crime activity.

During the month of June we had reports of (4) crimes in the neighborhood:

June 4 – Burglary of a motor vehicle in the 500 block of Bizerte. There was a broken window and a CD case containing (30) CDs were taken. This incident occurred during the night time hours.

June 6 - There was a residence burglary in the 600 block of S. Manus between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The entry was through the back door and jewelry was stolen.

June 14 –A window was broken out of a vehicle in the 400 block of N. Manus with nothing reported stolen.

June 17 – There was a residence burglary in the 700 block of Mayrant between 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Access was through the back yard fence gate and the back door was kicked in. Several electronic items were stolen.

There was a report of gunfire in the alley between Monssen and Mayrant. A police report was filed. There was also a report of a resident experiencing evidence of at attempted break-in through the back entry of a house with access to the backyard by scaling a fence.

Crime Watch and Communications notified neighbors of the recent trend in rear entry breakins (sign posted to call outgoing message on the crime watch hotline and an email blast were provided). There were no perpetrators or vehicular descriptions possible so camera investigation was not beneficial.

The VIP group (Volunteers in Patrol) has started with the first round of VIP training of ten neighbors! The group received information and training from the Dallas Police and 911 system. For those who are interested in the VIP training we will be requesting a second training day (a Saturday) after the next general meeting. Melissa Person who helped with the first VIP training group will speak at the next general meeting about the VIP program. Melissa is a great speaker and you will not want to miss this presentation to learn more about VIP. Upon completion of the VIP training, successful background check, and execu-

tion of a confidentiality statement, VIP members are provided camera viewing access.

We are working to strengthen the graphics of the camera warning signs. The board plans to have the Omni-Watch provided signs altered to provide bolder warnings with easily identified graphic enhancements so they more clearly communicate 24-hour camera surveillance.

Lastly, since our first National Night Out event was so successful last year we are planning to do it again! Here are the details:

What: National Night Out Event

Where: Wynnewood North, Hoel Dr. (street

closed for safe street party)

When: August 7, 2007 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Who: Hosted by the Wynnewood North Neighbor-

hood Association

National Night Out is the perfect time to learn about the power of "Four". What is "Four"? Four is the minimum number of neighbors you should know - your neighbor on either side of you, your neighbor across the street, and your neighbor behind you. If everyone watches out for their four neighbors, our entire neighborhood would be a safer place to be. Join us on August 7th and bring your four neighbors with you! We will be serving hotdogs, chips, lemonade, and cookies. We will also be giving out ID Kits to parents of children in the neighborhood. The kits contain sterile swabs for DNA, fingerprinting, a place for a current picture of your child, and an area to note your child's vital statistics. A representative from the Dallas Police will be present as well to discuss crime prevention and meet us like we enjoyed last year. Please plan to attend!

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Tales from 506 Woolsey

CINDY KIRK

We have returned from vacation/visiting family in Pennsylvania. Overall, the trip was a success as the hormone pills seem to be working and I didn't have any serious melt-downs. I think the vacation massage helped in that arena as well. There is nothing better than getting a massage while on vacation. I can't tell you the joy that sprang up in my heart when we saw a brand new gym facility in Daleville Pennsylvania advertising that they now had certified massage therapists. Trust me; Daleville is not exactly a hotbed of cultural events, so to actually find a place to get a massage that wasn't miles away (think New York City) was an absolute thrill. We immediately pulled in and scheduled a massage for that coming Sunday...oh yeah; did I mention it was Memorial Weekend? I waited with great anticipation for Sunday. Other than finding a Starbucks, the upcoming massage was the highlight of my weekend. On the appointed day, we went to church, then to eat and then we headed up to the gym. That is when my world came crashing down. The therapist had called and cancelled. I was very bitter.

As a consolation prize, Mary said we could drive around the Pocono's – Mt. Pocono to be exact. Mt. Pocono is the area that newlyweds head to in celebration of their recent nuptials. They have nifty things like hotels with heart shaped tubs, and even champagne glass tubs that are built up off the ground, wherein the only access is from climbing a ladder (this is a visual I don't need), AND they boldly advertise these honeymoon getaways on their billboards so there is lots of reading material while driving the winding roads.

While driving around to our next tourist trap store, we saw it...the sign...it said Massage Therapy...and more importantly, it said OPEN! This was a sign, a sign we must follow. We decided that if the Open sign was still on during our return trip to Daleville, we would stop. Guess what? The Open sign was still on – so, we pulled in to check it out. Being flexible and having the ability to change plans is what makes a vacation fun! The parking lot was empty except for a lone Lexus parked in the back. We walked up to the front door, where a sign was posted that said go to the side door and ring the doorbell. On the way, we noticed that the Massage Therapy sign also adver
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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:

✓ July: 23 - 27

✓ August: 27 - 31

✓ September: 24 - 28

✓ October: 22 - 26

✓ November: 26 - 30

✓ December: 24 - 28

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

What a great spring it's been so far—not too hot, yet, and plenty of rain. Lawns around Wynnewood North are looking greener than ever. Unfortunately all the rain has brought big storms this year. Hopefully we've all been able to recover from any damage that was done. Please know that a very important way to minimize tree damage by high winds is to have your trees regularly pruned up and thinned out. It also removes dead wood—disouraging disease and helps your lawn by ensuring it gets adequate sunlight to grow. The benefits can far outweigh the potential costs, and Castro's tree service has provided excellent rates and good service for many of our neighbors. This fall after the heat has died down and any time during the winter is the best time to have your trees pruned. It is also when you're likely to get the best rates since tree services are looking for work.

By now I'm sure everyone has noticed the improvements in the neighborhood. When I took the Beautification position at the first of the year, my priority was to make use of a grant from the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League that was coming due May 30, 2007. The original grant was written for "lighting, signage, and landscaping". The grant would give our association \$2300.00 in reimbursements when we submitted at least \$4600.00 toward the grant project. The board agreed on a proposal to add one neighborhood sign, two uplights for the trees on the triangles, and one crape myrtle to the Woolsey triangle. I would like to thank A.G. Black and Peter Sehnert for allowing the neighborhood to utilized the corner of their property to locate the sign, as well as John Ridgely for the electrical work installing the

lights. I hope everyone is pleased with the way things turned out. Regarding the sign, I wanted to let everyone know the challenges that resulted in the final placement and design of the sign. The sign could not be place on any park property (ie. the greenspaces at the Mayrant entrance to the neighborhood. Any signage on city property (ie. the triangles) would require a \$1000.00/ year fee per city ordinance. It was only because Peter and A.G. allowed us to use the corner of their property that this project was even possible. I also found out that the Lewellyn Park sign has been vandalized 3 times already. The board agreed on a design that would be harder to spray paint and wouldn't hopefully invite as much graffiti. We also tried to have it fit into the landscape and character of the neighborhood. Future plans could include putting in plantings and stone around the sign to enhance its visibility.

Please continue to send in nominations for Yard of the Month. The board always tries to give neighbor nominations the highest consideration when voting. Also, don't forget that winning Yard of the Month carries a gift certificate of \$50 from our sponsor Calloway's Nusery.

Lastly, I wanted to thank everyone for putting forth the effort to maintain and improve your landscapes. It makes such a difference drive around the neighborhood and see such beautifully kept lawns! Good work Wynnewood North!

Joe & Bonnie Merola (410 Monssen Dr.) had the honor of having their Grandson Jeff Merola and now wife Kelly Merola's wedding and reception at their home on Saturday, June the 9th. Rev. Diane Presley (615 Mayrant Dr.) performed the ceremony for family and friends.

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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 reminisces 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!



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

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DON HENDERSON

Our neighborhood "National Night Out" is scheduled for Tuesday August 7th, 2007 from 6:30PM to 9PM. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and strengthen neighborhood and police –community partnerships. Its helps to send a message to criminals and mischievous minds that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

We will block off Hoel and WNNAA will provide drinks and hot dogs. There will be:

- Guest speakers
- Free GenetiKid DNA Kits for all children attending

Plus a few surprises!

If we can get enough interest we will also have a bake sale. Residents can dazzle the neighborhood with their baking skills and all funds raised will go to the WNNAA. Let me know if you are interested and we can get that organized! You can email me at cliff-napped@aol.com

Also, we are looking for different ideas that can raise money for our Neighborhood Association. A few ideas that have been discussed are:

• A neighborhood garage sale with the proceeds going to the WNNA Each block would host their own "wine and cheese" party where a small admission is charged for those attending. Each host would send out invitations to their neighbors and friends. A member of the WNAA would also attend and assist in hosting. All proceeds from that gathering would benefit the WNNA. One option could be everyone attending must wear one of our Wynnewood North T Shirts that are purchased for \$12.00 each.

Those are just a few ideas that have been discussed. If you have ideas or want to help me organize a project please send me an email at cliff-napped@aol.com

Please stay tuned for **"Movies on the Lawn "**coming up in the late summer or early fall when the evenings are cooler. Details will be forthcoming!

Don't forget the upcoming annual Fall Wander will be Saturday October 20, 2007. If you are interested in hosting please let me or one of the other board members know.



Tales from 506 Woolsey (cont.)

CINDY KIRK

tised "All Asian Staff." Quick question: Does that mean anything to anybody? It didn't to us.

We rang the side doorbell and the door opened ever so slightly as a small woman of Asian decent peered through the crack. I stepped right up to the plate and asked her if they had any openings for a massage. She opened the door wider, looked at the both of us and asked, "You got cash?" Without evening thinking, I blurted out – "Yes!" We were in...she opened the door wider ushered us down the hall and directed us to our respective rooms for a massage. Mary was now on high red alert. I think the "You got cash?" question unsettled her a bit. I was happily in my assigned room getting ready for my massage. I did however notice that the sheet that is suppose to cover you up and ALL over was a little small – like the size of a small bath towel. There are times that I am blissfully unaware. This was one of those times. Small sheet? Who cared? I was getting a massage and was all but doing the happy dance! I jumped up on the massage table, covered what I could as best I could and waited for my therapist.

The door opened and my little therapist came in.

There was no small talk, but I believe that was because her English was very limited. Nope, she came right in and started the massage. Things were going well, I was all relaxed and then, suddenly she hopped up on the table and sat on my hind-side, aka butt. All of the relaxed happy feelings suddenly flew out the window. Remember that small sheet that I previously didn't care about. Well...it had suddenly become very important! My mind was in a whirlwind...What is this woman doing sitting on me??? Ok...she's just massaging my shoulders, hey, that feels pretty good...boy, she's got really good leverage from that vantage point...No, No, No...SHE'S SITTING ON ME...is this Candid Camera? Oh no...what if this is some Vice Squad sting??? Is being sat on while getting a massage considered to be illegal activity? Please, please Lord, don't let the sheet fall off, if You won't let the sheet fall off I promise to be better! Then she flipped me over...and let me tell you...I made it very clear there would be no sitty sitty on the front side...

Time flew by and the massage was soon over. I left a tip and felt so...ewww...I don't know. I think I became more suspicious as to what type of massage establishment it was when the little therapist said "Thank you...cash go to house." I was flooded with relief to see Mary walking down the hall as I had visions of her being drugged and dragged off to some third world country leaving me to be a bad Dateline segment explaining to the reporter that this was the last place I had seen Mary...as she was walked down the hall to get a Without moving our lips, we had an entire conversation in the hallway that went something like... "Did they sit on your butt to give you a massage...Yes...Did they sit on yours? Yes...ok, please don't say anything until we get in the car..." (Three guesses as to who asked who not to say anything). Once in the car we couldn't help but laugh, and we laughed the remainder of our vacation. Mary, always the logical one, reasoned to herself out loud that there was no way this place could be anything but legitimate – after all it was on a main drag through Mt. Pocono. From my perspective, it was probably a little too close to call. However, if in the future you ever hear us ask "You got cash?" you now know why. As far as massages go, it may not have had the ambience of Ten Thousand Waves, but it certainly was memorable!

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 <u>info@wynnewoodnorth.org</u> know about any links that would be useful for our website.

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Yard of the Month

WYNNEWOOD NORTH

To nominate a Yard of the Month, contact Mike Wicker at beautification@wynnewoodnorth.org or 123-456-7890.



Yard of the Month April 2007

533 Woolsey Jenny Brown



Yard of the Month May 2007

533 Mayrant Richard Pryzbysz & Steve Williams

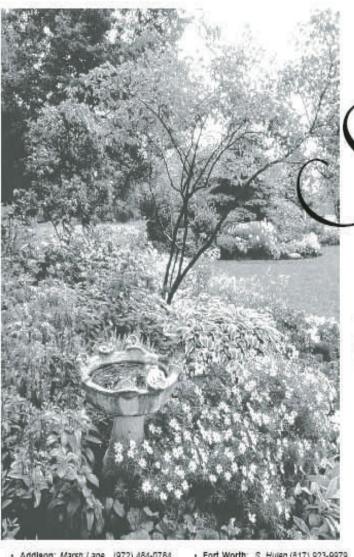
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