



WYNNEWOOD N O R T H

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President's Voice

MELANIE LOE

Mercy, it is hot as blazes outside! I now realize that I made a huge mistake by not reading ahead in my *Farmer's Almanac* before I went hog wild in the nursery purchasing loads of plants to grow my vegetable garden! With the tomato scare, I thought it would be great to depend on the fruits of my own labor and try to save some money too since gas prices are soaring. Well, so far, I think I would have done better shopping at the grocery store! My average price per tomato is about \$6 based on the results of my crop and that doesn't factor in my increased water bill. Nonetheless, I continue to dream of a big harvest but it just may not be this summer... My sprinkler broke while I was out of town recently so my green thumb turned crispy brown in no time! Oh well, there's always Kroger...

Speaking of Kroger, I recently

Next General Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

TOPS CAFÉ—WYNNEWOOD VILLAGE

SPECIAL GUESTS—KROGER STORE MANAGEMENT

attended a meeting with their upper management and City Councilman Dave Neumann to discuss the future of Wynnewood Village and the role their store would/could play moving forward. During this meeting I shared various ideas about what Kroger could improve to better support our community based on conversations I have either had with you or have collected from neighbors over the past several years. I am pleased to report that Kroger is stepping up to the plate and wants to hear directly from you. Their new Store Manager, Regional Manager, and Upper Management will be present at our **General Meeting on August 21st** to hear directly from you. They realize that they are missing the mark and earnestly want to make continued improvements. I don't want to blow the surprise, but they will

be bringing the meeting attendees some nice goodies too. I do encourage you to attend to let your voice be heard! We all need to take a vested interest in the future of Wynnewood Village and this is a good first step to really involve residents of Wynnewood North! Mark your calendar and make a commitment to attend, please.

The Wynnewood North Board continues to focus on top priorities for the neighborhood: crime prevention/safety, beautification, social activities, and civic involvement. With Fall on the horizon, we have lots of activities planned: National Night Out, an October General Meeting, a VIP/Block Captain Social, a Neighborhood Fall Clean-up, and the Fall Wander. We hope to meet lots of our new

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President's Voice (continued)

MELANIE LOE

neighbors at these fun-filled events!

This is your last call for updating your information in the WNNA Neighborhood Directory. **Please be sure to go online to update your contact information** at www.wynnewoodnorth.org. Please provide your email address so we can send you alerts and reminders. As I have stated before, we do not/will not sell our email list. Period. Thank you in advance for keeping your information updated.

We will have additional Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) training classes in the near future and the Crime Watch Committee is in the process of setting up formal VIP patrols of the neighborhood. We are ordering magnetic VIP car signs that look police official as well as lights for VIP to use on their cars. These items will provide additional reinforcement to visitors of WN that we are watching activity in our neighborhood very closely. **Please commit to attending an upcoming VIP session this year. We need extra VIPs to help with patrol and camera viewing. We want YOU!**

Please let me know if you have any clothes, personal care items, bedding, building supplies, or appliances that you would like to donate to Legacy House. The Board is sponsoring this organization which is a hospice center. This work helps fulfill part of our local charitable service work in the community. If you have a green thumb (unlike me this year – ha!) Legacy House could use some help with their gardens and grounds maintenance. Drop me an email if you would like to learn more ways you can be of service at president@wynnewoodnorth.org.

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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 has been enjoying the summer. We have passed that point where the days are starting to slowly get shorter but the temperatures keep rising. I know that not everyone likes the hot weather but I love it. I know most wish it would cool off some and I know that everyone wishes our crime would cool off more....

Since mid April we have had 9 reported crimes (through 7/18) and since then we have had one incident of a car window shot with a pellet gun and four residences hit with paint balls (same day). Of the 9 reported crimes, two of the three most profound crimes could have possibly been prevented by simply ensuring ALL windows and doors, including garage doors were secured. The Dallas Police Department cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance of keeping your home securely locked and well lit. Fortunately no one was hurt in these two burglaries. The third major crime we had was a vehicle stolen from a driveway. Fortunately the vehicle was recovered. Other crimes include: theft of a canoe from a backyard, the burglary of a backyard shed, theft of four bicycles at two separate homes, theft of a porch fan, and food stolen from a garage freezer.

Please help cool off crime and join the WNNA VIP Team. We are in the process of organizing the VIP Patrol effort and have the following VIP training dates coming up if you are interested:

Saturday, August 16

Saturday, August 23

Tuesday/Thursday, August 12/14 (evenings)

Tuesday/Thursday, August 26/26 (evenings)

Please email your interest in attending any of these possible dates to VIP@wynnewoodnorth.org so that we may set up classes.

For those who are new to the neighborhood (*welcome!*) and have not had the opportunity to provide a financial contribution towards the cost of the security cameras or maintenance, please understand that we still need support for monthly main-

tenance and service charges. The suggested one-time household donation for the costs associated with the cameras is \$100 per house per year. We have received generous donations up to \$1500. Please remember that **any donation you make to WNNA is tax deductible.** If you choose to contribute to the security camera fund specifically, please indicate this with your donation since we keep a separate account for this fund. For those who have already contributed towards the first installation of the cameras please know that you can still make tax deductible contributions specific to the maintenance and service costs of the cameras. We need donations yearly.

If you see anyone in the neighborhood on foot or in a vehicle that does not look like they belong or is driving through suspiciously **do not hesitate to call 911** with a detailed description of the people and/or vehicle with plates if at all possible. This gives the DPD the right to stop these people and/or vehicles and force them to produce ID, proof of insurance, and question them. The DPD have told us we would be amazed at the number of criminals they find this way. The DPD rely on us to be their eyes and ears and they truly appreciate hearing from us if there is a need. We go through periods where we ask for increases in police patrol. If we call 911 and report these suspicious incidents when they occur it will help increase in patrol when we ask. Please do not be afraid to call 911.

Lastly, please continue to be safe, light your homes, secure your vehicles, and keep them free of valuables if you do not garage them. Look out for your neighbors. Keep your fence gates and storage sheds locked. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to contribute to the crime watch effort. The more of us involved and the better connected we are, the greater benefits we have of our resources and cameras to help prevent crime.



Woolsey is alive and well and thriving. I know this because we have children on our block! That's pretty exciting if you ask me. We have three little ones to our left, the littlest one across the street and the two oldest to our right. We're surrounded, and we like it! This Halloween, we will again have actual Wynnewood residents who Trick or Treat at our house! That's one of the things I love about our neighborhood...all of the diversity...and that means getting to watch the kids grow up. It really is kind of exciting when you think about it. We get to see the kids, but don't have to pay for college! In the days ahead, if per chance your child makes a small error in judgment, just remember their brains haven't fully developed, and won't until they are around...oh...25 to 30 years old. I'm living proof, (although there are those detractors out there who would probably say that my brain still hasn't fully developed). Even though I don't have any children, I did learn from my mother as she had to deal with me...so, following is my unsolicited advice to parents and kids alike:

Don't under any circumstances buy your child a chemistry set. If you do lose your mind temporarily and give in to the chemistry set urge, take out any chemicals that are clearly labeled, "CAUTION, FLAMMABLE, KEEP AWAY FROM OPEN FLAMES." These warnings are on the little bottle of chemicals for a reason. If you leave your child unattended at the kitchen table with a Bunsen burner going full blast, you get what you deserve, and a reason to update your kitchen after the fire has been put out.

If your child shows an interest in cooking (or making Easter Eggs), don't tell them the microwave will cook anything. It won't cook eggs. However, if you put a dozen eggs in the microwave and turn it on high, it will explode the eggs. As an added bonus, it will also blow the door off the microwave. While electrical tape is a magical, miracle fix for many things, it will NOT hold the door on of a microwave if said door has been blown off by a dozen eggs. In 1970, twelve exploding eggs could cover 1200 sq. feet with ease. I assume the

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Bulk Trash and Recycle Schedule

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

August 25—29, 2008; **Recycle** Aug. 8 and 22

September 22—26, 2008; **Recycle** Sept 5 and 19

October 27—31, 2008; **Recycle** Oct 3, 17, 31

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

Bulk trash includes large tree limbs, shrubs, furniture, appliances, mattresses and box springs. Do not 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 non-standard 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!

President's Voice (continued)

MELANIE LOE

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Since we have so many new folks in Wynnewood North I want to explain that we don't have mandatory homeowner fees but we do depend on the in-kind generous tax deductible contributions (we are a 501c3 organization) provided by our residents. These donations are a must to maintain our O-W security camera system, neighborhood triangle maintenance and utilities, and support our busy social calendar. Any donation you can make is sincerely appreciated!

Don't forget our next General Neighborhood Meeting on August 21st at Top's Café in Wynnewood Village. I hope to see you at Top's on Thursday evening at 7 pm!

Stay cool and hydrated! And congratulations to those of you who have had success with your yards and gardens this year! I would love to get some tips from you for next year and maybe I will actually read my *Farmer's Almanac*!

Cheers! Melanie



Beautification

DWAYNE PRIVOTT

The weather has been extremely hot these past few weeks, but that hasn't stopped the beautification of our wonderful neighborhood. It has been very exciting to see several homes in the neighborhood who have invested the time and energy in transforming their homes and yards into show stoppers!!! It is so nice to walk by a home that you haven't really noticed before and say "WOW. . . this home looks amazing". It has definitely made the voting for Yard of the Month very interesting.

I did want to say congratulations to all of our YOM winners since the last newsletter and thank them for all their hard work. I also wanted to say thank you to all our neighbors who have dropped by or e-mailed nomination forms. It is important that everyone in the neighborhood be able to voice their opinion. We have included the nomination form again in this newsletter so please fill it out and give praise to the homes in our neighborhood that stand out.

I also wanted to thank our neighbors and new sponsors of the triangles, Mike Harrity and Paul Kirkpatrick, owners of Bishop Market. They have been very generous in helping to maintain the landscaping in the triangles. We appreciate all that they are doing to keep our neighborhood beautiful and inviting. We are lucky to have such great people as part of our community.

When working in and maintaining your yards,
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same still holds true. The smell is not pleasant and will make you gag, even if you wrap a cloth around your face that has been soaked in your mother's best cologne. If you blow up eggs in a microwave, you will be caught. No amount of deep cleaning will cause you to check every inch of popcorn ceiling. Partially cooked egg clings to anything. As a parent, you will be able to walk into the house and instantly sense something is wrong...with the laser eyed precision of an eagle, you will immediately be able to zero in and see the egg in the far corner of the dining room. It is a parental gift. Be thankful for this gift. It will come in handy in the future, but for the time being, don't kill the child over some a few exploded eggs. Trust me, they thought they were dead when the door blew off the microwave and they heard the big bang.

For those of you who have more than one child and you come home from work to find hamburger meat on the ceiling, don't ask questions. Things happen. Siblings have disagreements, and as long as the broom can reach the remains of the hamburger patty, this should be considered a no harm no foul situation. I would caution you to be careful about telling the younger sibling to make dinner for the older sibling. It might not sit well with a mule-headed little sister, especially if the over-bearing big brother is obnoxious about the whole cooking thing.

If your child accidentally breaks their arm and doesn't tell you because they were doing something you told them not to do (like riding a mini-bike, or I guess these days something like an all terrain vehicle); then your child lies to you about how they broke their arm as you take them to the hospital... remember that forgiveness and love are synonymous with being a parent. Try and keep that in the back of your mind as you are questioned by the doctors as to why your child's arm is already healing, and why wasn't she brought in sooner...and really try and keep it in mind when the police tell you that your version of how your child broke their

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2nd quarter 2008

There are currently 8 active listings

List Price

High	Low	Average
\$250,000	\$189,000	\$231,238

Price per Square Foot

High	Low	Average
\$135.82	\$100.64	\$116.03

Average Days on the Market: 156

There were 8 home sales in 2Q '08

Sales Price

High	Low	Average
\$298,000	\$140,000	\$201,000

Price per Square Foot

High	Low	Average
\$138.65	\$74.31	\$108.53

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Please join City Councilman Dave Newman at one of these Town Hall Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 19: 6:30--8 p.m, Methodist Hospital, Hitt Auditorium
- Monday, August 25: 7--8:30 p.m., Mountain Creek Park in the Woods Recreation Center



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Tales from 506 Woolsey (cont.)

CINDY KIRK

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arm doesn't match up at all with your child's version...and really, really try to remember that you don't want to throttle your kid when the police are questioning you and implying you have committed child abuse. Years later you will look back on that little incident and laugh...well you will probably laugh as long as you didn't have to do any jail time.

Yes...seeing children in the neighborhood brings back fond memories. To me, seeing and hearing the kids play is a part of the circle of life. On the street that I grew up on in OKC, there must have been around thirty kids. We all grew up, people moved away, and for a period of time, the neighborhood was much quieter. But now, younger families are moving back to the old stomping grounds and the same holds true for Wynnewood. We have children on almost every block! So much to look forward to! Just wait until the teen years!

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RICHARD LONDON

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YTD Expenses: 2,644.25

Security Account Balance: 2,765.09

Ending Balance @ 7/31/08 \$ 9,854.20

We just want to remind you that WNNNA is supported by **your** donations. Our work to better our neighborhood is directly connected to the level of your support. Please remember to donate generously at the general meeting on August 21, 2008! If you would prefer to mail your donation, you can send it to: **WNNNA Treasurer, P O Box 3872, Dallas, TX 75208**. Don't forget! Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association is an IRS designated 501(c)3 non-profit organization so all of your donations are tax deductible. If you ever need a receipt for a donation to the neighborhood association, just let me know and I can provide you with one. Thanks for your support.

Richard London, Treasurer

Webmaster

JOHN SARLAY

Please check the website for important announcements. The calendar is updated with Wynnewood North events as well as other Oak Cliff events. Many links to useful sites are provided and we encourage you to submit anything to us that might be useful to share with other residents. The website is a great resource for our neighborhood, so take some time to look around and get familiar with all it has to offer!

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

Mrs. Mattie Walker of 421 Woolsey Dr. passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 02 at The Cornerstone Baptist Church, Dallas. Mattie had lived at 421 Woolsey since the early 1980's. There were no close relatives and Mattie's dog "Lucky" was put down due to age and health problems.

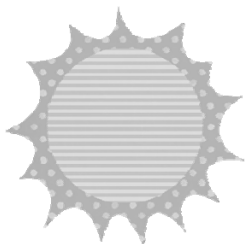


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NEW VIP TRAINEES

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June 2008- 723 Mayrant—David Morris & Duane Johnston



May 2008— 505 Mayrant—Ronnie Bradshaw & Guillermo Monjares

NOMINATION FORM

WYNNEWOOD NORTH YARD OF THE MONTH

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It seems that as hot as it has been that we all can be relieved that National Night Out, for Texas only, has been moved to Tuesday October 7th. We will have the festivities from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Monssen greenbelt. The Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association will provide the below:

Bar-B-Q

Sodas, water

Side-dishes

Plates, napkins and tableware

We will supply tables – so please feel free to bring your chairs

If there is a dessert that you feel that you make better than anyone, please feel free to bring it and share with us.

We will have activities for the children in the neighborhood. We have invited our area law enforcement officials. The best way to beat crime in Wynnewood is to be alert and know your surrounding neighbors. Events such as National Night Out help strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. I have also seen email alerts that have been coming out lately about suspicious looking autos in the neighborhood. That will get the word out that we are watching! Join us October 7th!

Fall Wander—October 25, 2008

The upcoming Fall Wander will be Saturday October 25 starting at 6:30 p.m. We will begin at the first home at 6:30 p.m. and spend 45 minutes to one hour at each home and wander to the next. We

have two host homes and are looking for a third host home. If you are interested in hosting or assisting one of the other homes please call me at 214 943-3430 or email me at cliffnapped@aol.com.

To reserve your tickets you may contact me at the above email address or phone number. I deliver the tickets a week before the Wander. We only sell 50 tickets so please reserve yours soon!

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

Other days to remember for 2008**Wynnewood Holiday Party
Saturday December 6**

We are looking for a host home for the holiday party this year so if you are interested, please let one of the board members know. See you soon!

Thanks, Don

URGENT! PLEASE NOTE!

We are in the process of updating the neighborhood directory. The directory is only given to the neighbors and is used for communicating with your neighbors. Please go to www.wynnewoodnorth.org to update your contact information. If you are new to the neighborhood, please add your information. If you aren't a computer person, you can call Lisa Tully at 214-794-8883 and leave a message with your information.

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Beautification (continued)

DWAYNE PRIVOTT

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please don't forget about what is behind your fence!!! It is important that we have easy access to alleyways in order to help make patrolling the neighborhood easier. Most of our crime is starting in the back of homes and it is very hard to get down some of the alleyways without leaving marks down the side of your car. If you haven't been lucky enough to receive a citation from the city for a code violation in your alley, please be aware that they have added additional staff and have been patrolling the neighborhood. The alleys are an area that they are focusing on and they are not hesitating to write warnings . . . I know from personal experience.

On a brighter note, we do have some projects planned for the Fall when the weather is cooler and more plant friendly. Until then, keep up the great work in your yards which makes our neighborhood such a special place to live and enjoy. Please remember to nominate your neighbors for YOM and continue to let us know if there are any concerns or suggestions that you have to improve our community.

Timely Tips for September Gardeners

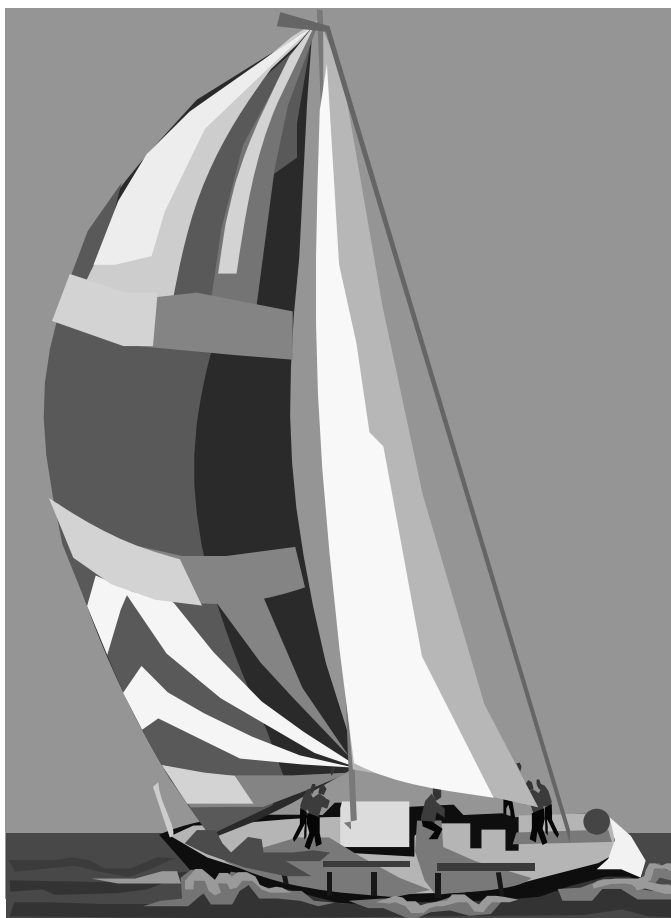
Fall Lawn Care

Football season is here but it's not quite time to retire the mower or fertilizer spreader. Fall is an important time to replenish nutrients and prepare for next spring. **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food**, with a 21-5-10 formula, supplies the needed nutrients to stimulate root development, make your grass hardier for the winter months and provide food for next spring's growth! Apply it in September or the first of October, and then you can watch

the games. For those who are organic gardeners, **Calloway's Organic Fertilizer** contains seven food grade meals.

This is also the time to apply pre-emergents to control those unseen broadleaf and grassy weed seeds to prevent them from sprouting over winter and spring. Apply **Greenlight Crabgrass Preventer** with Dimension for grassy weeds and **Portrait** for those pesky broadleaf weeds. For our organic gardeners, use **Corn Gluten Meal** as a natural pre-emergent.

So, don't kick back and settle into football season quite yet-finish those last lawn chores and be a winner next spring!



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