



# WYNNEWOOD N O R T H

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## President's Voice

MELANIE LOE

The bell has tolled yet again, bringing an end to another great year in Wynnewood North! I hope you all had a festive, fun Holiday Season! 2007 was an amazing year filled with many accomplishments thanks to the wonderful volunteers on our neighborhood Board, our Block Captains, and our VIP Crime Watch Team. Our community knows how to celebrate our accomplishments and that's why we are such a close-knit group. We work hard and we play hard! With that, we are ringing in 2008 with big plans and invite YOU to join us.

Reflecting back on 2007, I feel honored and blessed to have worked with everyone who served on the Board: Lorin Combs, Robert Curlin, Donald Henderson, Cindy Kirk, Richard London, Doug Norton, Gail Ridgley, John Ridgley, Andy Shell, Mike Wicker, and Laurie Wright. I can't thank these folks enough for all that the many great things they have done for us as WNNA Board Members!

# Next General Meeting

JANUARY 24, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

TOPS CAFÉ

BOARD ELECTIONS

Program: Jared White of Parks and Recreation to discuss proposed Walking Trail for Wynnewood North

So you all can appreciate what the Board did last year, I want to provide an overview of our activities: Spring Fling, Spring Cookout, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Spring Wander, a SSNOW Luncheon for our senior neighbors, Second Annual National Night Out, Fall Wander, Holiday Lights Contest, Holiday Party, new Wynnewood North stone/metal sign, new lighting, plants, foliage in the triangles, new website design, fundraising and installation of Omni-Watch Security System, and a Wynnewood North Recipe Book. Additionally, the Board conducted monthly meetings, quarterly General Neighborhood Meetings with special guest speakers including Omni-Watch, the Dallas Police Department, and City Councilman Dave Neumann. Lastly, many of us attended Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) Training with the Dallas Police Department to learn ways to prevent

crime, provide additional patrol, and increase the security of WN residents.

Please join me in thanking the 2007 Board and congratulating them on an outstanding job! Now that I see our full list of accomplishments in writing, I honestly don't think you will find any Association in the US that is more active than Wynnewood North! I would challenge you to find a rival that can tout a list quite as long or as substantial! Way to go Wynnewood!! (OK, my competitive edge is showing... I'm proud of what we've done!)

Needless to say, the Board is committed to raising the bar – our goal is to ensure that our neighborhood remains a beautiful, safe, graffiti-free place that we can work together to enhance, enjoy, and call home. If

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# President's Voice (continued)

MELANIE LOE

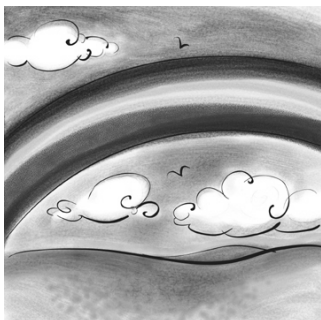
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you are interested in serving on the Board, please let me know so I can add your name to the ballot. We will have Board Elections at our General Meeting at Top's Café on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We are truly blessed to have such an active, fun neighborhood so for all of you, new residents or old, come out, come out wherever you are and get involved! Let me know how you would like to serve by sending me an email at [president@wynnewoodnorth.org](mailto:president@wynnewoodnorth.org) or giving me or any Board Member a call to discuss what we do. A description of the officer roles is also listed in our bylaws on our website at [www.wynnewoodnorth.org](http://www.wynnewoodnorth.org).

Since we are getting things in order for 2008 and elections are nearing, I will also mention our Block Captains. First, I want to thank those who served as Block Captains in 2007! You all did a great job welcoming new neighbors to Wynnewood as well as making sure all of the flyers, notices, and newsletters were delivered in a timely fashion. Thank you for your ongoing support! A number of you who have served your blocks for many years and believe me, we are truly grateful to you! However, if you would like to pass the baton, please let me and/or John Ridgley know so we can plan to make arrangements for 2008.

I want to provide special recognition of our Crime Captain Andy Shell who has served us tirelessly for the past two years. Andy has done a phenomenal job in his post but understandably, plans to step down this election year. Many thanks to Andy for the committing of endless hours with Omni Watch and the Dallas Police Department over the years! Andy has done incredible work and is much appreciated! He was the catalyst for getting Omni Watch going in WN and was the driving force behind our door to door campaign to solicit dona-

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# WNNA

## 2007 WNNA Board of Directors

President..... Melanie Loe  
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 Beautification ..... Mike Wicker  
 Special Projects..... Gail Ridgley  
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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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 Shelmire..... Paula Phillips & Pam McDaniel  
 Hoel..... John Blizzard  
 Llewellyn..... John Blizzard  
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 Monssen (East 436-531) ..... John Blizzard  
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# Crime Watch Update

ANDY SHELL

**Happy New Year everyone!** As indicated in our President's article, last year was quite a busy year in the neighborhood and crime watch was no exception. I would like to express my sincere thanks, respect, and appreciation to the WNN Board Members as well as the neighbors and volunteers who helped us fight crime last year. Our efforts are still recognized by the DPD and they are grateful that we understand they can not fight crime alone. If you attended our National Night Out function you know what a great presence the DPD made during our function that evening. A DMN article from last year still has beneficial advice: *"If your neighborhood has a crime-watch group, **get involved**; if it doesn't, start one. Lock your doors, home, and car. Don't leave valuables in plain sight. Keep your property well-lit".* We all know that these are the basics and hopefully everyone in the neighborhood knows what we are fortunate to have so much more for our neighborhood: A volunteer group of neighbors (Volunteers In Patrol; VIP), a crime watch hot-line (**thank you Terry Thomas!**), a supportive and responsive SW police division, a volunteer weekly crime report notification to our crime watch hot-line for reported crimes in our area, many neighbors who report crime and go out of their way to protect others in the neighborhood from potential crime, and a camera surveillance system to record pedestrian and vehicular traffic in and out of our neighborhood at our entrances.

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 cameras or maintenance, please understand that we still need your support for monthly maintenance and service charges. The suggested annual household donation for the costs associated with the cameras is \$120 (\$10 per month) and we have received generous donations up to \$1500. Please remember that **any donation you make to WNN 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 of the cameras. It is important for us to remember that this effort is much more affordable than hiring a private security patrol company or off-duty DPD Officers.

Hopefully everyone has noticed our new camera warning signs. They have much stronger graphics

than the ones provided to us by Omni-Watch and we plan to install more in 2008. Special thanks to **Ronnie Bradshaw, Cindy Kirk, and John Ridgley** for the new signs! If you live at the entrance of an alley and would like a warning sign attached to your fence please let the board know.

Speaking of alleys, our hearts go out to **all** who were victims of crime last year, but especially to those who had their homes broken into from rear alley access. We had several homeowners broken into this year



with the most recent on my street, Hoel, during the week of Christmas. These crimes happen mostly between 12-5 PM during the weekdays. In response we have repeatedly requested additional DPD patrol

during these hours, met with the DPD to put together a strategic list of preventive measures for us to take, and distributed this list via email. Our crime fighting efforts have produced two descriptions of vehicles and criminals for the DPD to pursue. 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 me we would be amazed at the

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## Newsletter Advertising Rates & Information

Advertising can be purchased on a yearly or issue-by-issue basis. Businesses can promote special events, sales, etc. with a single issue ad, but discounted rates are offered for yearly contracts.

	<u>Per Year</u>	<u>Per Issue</u>
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1/4 Page	\$125	\$75
1/2 Page	\$175	\$75

Your contribution can be considered a tax deduction! Ask us how.

Disclaimer: After reading a recent article in the December issue of the Cliff Dweller, I was inspired to relate my own version of finding and remodeling the perfect Wynnewood home. You will have to bear with me as this is tongue-in-cheek and not meant to offend...but I couldn't resist.

It was a dark and stormy night as I crossed over Tyler into an unknown subdivision looking for a short-cut to Zang. I was on my way to work after receiving a late night phone call from the partner I worked for. I heard a voice telling me to drive up and down the unfamiliar streets, of Monssen, Mayrant, and then Woolsey – or was that just the radio? All of a sudden, my car stopped as if possessed, drawn like a magnet to the dark deserted house in front of me. I heard the voice again...it said, "you idiot, can't you find Zang?" The heavy rain had slowed to a gentle mist, and the clouds had parted, allowing a sliver from the moon's light to shine gently on the empty home looming in the shadows. "Go look in the windows," the voice said. "Are you crazy," I replied, "Looking in the windows will get me shot!"

### **\*\*Two weeks later\*\***

"Mary, while driving around at midnight in the pouring rain, I found a house I think we should look at, let's call and go see it!" Mary just looked at me. I called Uptown and set up an appointment for that very afternoon. We waited anxiously as the agent struggled to unlock the lock box, and bolted inside the minute the door was open. The house was absolutely... underwhelming. Everywhere we looked there was mildew on the walls. The walls, crown molding and ceilings were all painted either pale blue or 1950's mental hospital green. The carpet was original to the house and the carpet pad had disintegrated, causing it to stick to the faded hardwood floors. The kitchen and all of the appli-

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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:

**January 2008:** 28–31, Feb 1

**February 2008:** 25–29

**March 2008:** 24-28

**April 2008:** 28-30; Mar 1-2

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!

## Beautification

MIKE WICKER

The year is rapidly winding down, and the temperatures are dropping. It's the time of year that everything rests. I like to take advantage of sunny days in winter to tidy up the flower beds, removing dead branches and leaves. In general, though, I hold off on all pruning until just before spring. Large shrubs that need more pruning benefit from waiting until just before the new growth appears. I think late February is a good time. I prune all flowering shrubs immediately after they bloom in the spring. If you've received any amaryllis bulbs for Christmas this year, you can prune off the spent flower spike and plant it in the yard after all danger of frost. Mine do well and come back every year. They like a sunny, well-drained location.

On a different note, I wanted to say how much I appreciated serving as Beautification Chairperson this last year. It's really been a pleasure to serve the neighborhood. I need to step away from my post in 2008 to focus on work and other things, but I'll be on hand to volunteer in any way I can. The neighborhood has really come a long way in the five years I've been here. We all should be very proud. Thanks to all of y'all who work hard to keep things looking nice in Wynnewood, and thanks, also, to the other board members for all their hard work this year. It takes a lot to make all the newsletters, parties, fundraisers, wanders, and cleanup days happen! Happy Holidays!

Remember to welcome new neighbors, and to tell your longtime neighbors how much they mean to you and to our neighborhood

## Yard of the Month

WYNNEWOOD NORTH



October 2007—Ken and Linda Molberg—655 Monssen



November 2007— Lance Ivy and Dwayne Privott, 520 Monssen Drive



December 2007—Bonnie and Joe Merola—410 Monssen Drive

## News of the Neighborhood

JOHN RIDGLEY

### A Slice of Life Part Two--- Growing up in Wynnewood North during the 50's and 60's

Janice Coffee has shared some memories of growing up in Wynnewood when there was nothing on the West side of Lewellyn.

In the next few months, I'll try to talk with Bill and Silver Poteete and Chuck and Helen Schneider. These neighbors have lived in Wynnewood North for many years. They can tell us some Wynnewood North history.

We are still having a influx of new people moving into the neighborhood. Be sure to welcome them and tell them about our Association. Please get their contact information and pass it along to me.

John Ridgley

### Memories of Wynnewood North

My family built the house at 511 Mayrant and moved in March 1, 1952. I was nine years old and started 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Margaret B. Henderson (Terry always gets a kick out of anyone who refers to the school by its full name, but anyone who went there will tell you they went to Margaret B. Henderson). When we moved in Mayrant ended at Llewellyn, as did most of the east/west streets. There was a fence on the west side of Llewellyn. The lot to the west of us was vacant. DaVida Dialysis stands where Safeway used



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## Real Estate Update



SUE MAY







### 2007 Year at a Glance



 There were 14 sales made through  MLS



High Sales Price-----  
\$395,000

 Low Sales price -----   
\$166,000



 High Price per Sq. Ft.-----   
\$148.38



 Low Price per Sq. Ft.-----   
\$74.24



 Average Price per Sq. Ft.-----   
\$110.63




 These figures were based on 14 sales   
made through MLS.



### Current Active Listings



 High List Price-----   
\$357,500

 Low List Price-----   
\$179,000

 High Price per Sq. Ft.-----   
\$149.97

 Low Price per Sq. Ft.-----  \$95.01  
Average Price per Sq. Ft.-----  \$119.74

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 Prepared by Sue May 



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## Social

DON HENDERSON

Happy Holidays ...David and I are wishing you a great upcoming new year.

This year the decision was made to not decorate a tree since we would have to climb in the attic, bring all of the boxes down only to have to put it back up in a few weeks. Needless to say we picked the option with the least amount of time spent in the attic. Scrooge may have paid us a visit this year but we enjoyed the lights of everyone that decorated this year !

I apologize that we could not get "Movies on the Lawn" scheduled to meet everyone's holiday plans. Maybe this is a fun activity that we can plan for 2008!

I want to thank everyone that hosted a Wander, participated in the Wynnewood North neighborhood garage sale or assisted with National Night Out. Whether you opened your home, bought tickets or gave of your time it was greatly appreciated. Your efforts

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## Tales from 506 Woolsey (cont.)

CINDY KIRK

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ances were original to the house. There was no grass. The bushes were dead and in the backyard, there was a 6 foot “compost pile” filled with glass, metal, empty cans and plastic milk cartons. The original window units were still in each of the rooms and there was no updated wiring. There was water in the fireplace from rain washing down the chimney as there was no chimney cap. One look at the shower in the master bathroom and I knew I would need to shower with shoes on...but they were leaving the washer and dryer! So we made an offer.

Shortly after closing, we invited our friends over to see the new house. We had just started to paint Kilz on all of the walls and clean out the old refrigerator that had also been left with the house. They had also thoughtfully left the refrigerator full of food remnants, which had then turned into the worse kind of science experiment. After looking at the house, they asked if we had been drunk when we made the offer to buy the house. Our friends were certain that our judgment had been impaired in some shape or form. A feeling of awe and wonder overcame me as I thought of why we bought the house, “no,” I chuckled, easing their apprehension, “we were sane and sober, but the house CAME with the washer and dryer! Can you believe that deal?”

**\*\* Three years later\*\***

Friends and neighbors gather at our home for the Spring Fling. As the neighbors tour our home, we are greeted with a chorus of ooohs and ahhs. “Has your home always looked so magnificent? Your backyard is so lush and green...how do you get your weeds to look so good? Laughing with mischievous eyes, I tell them the secret...dog poop. Just don't pick it up. The weeds just thrive on it! Mary and I are beaming with pride as we tell the story of how we lovingly rescued each room from a certain death of mold and mildew. “We res-

cued the very chair you are sitting in from big trash pick-up...and those wooden crates holding our records...we rescued those from the trash bin at Kroger's!”

As we sit with our neighbors in the hot humid air, we smile at each other knowingly as we listen to the unique sounds of Oak Cliff. In the distance, you can just make out the sound of gunfire as it echoes across the tall trees. As dusk begins to fall, we all join in playing the favorite OC game, “Whose Yard is the Police Helicopter Hovering Over?” As our friends and neighbors leave, and the day finally ends, we are serenaded to sleep by the exotic sounds of chattering squirrels, possums and raccoons running across the attic beams, I am at peace.

**\*\*Thirteen years later\*\***

We are still in our house of hope, painting walls and pulling weeds. And, we continue to be in awe and disbelief with our mouths gaped open every time we walk our dogs in the lush greenbelt, also known as our own little “Green Acre.”

In all seriousness, we love Oak Cliff, this neighborhood and we especially love our neighbors that make Wynnewood so special. WNNA is unique, and the friendships and spirit of this neighborhood can't be matched by any other area in Dallas. We wish everyone a Happy New Year and remember, WNNA Board Elections are coming up – so get involved and be a part of this great association.



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## 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 [info@wynnewoodnorth.org](mailto:info@wynnewoodnorth.org) know about any links that would be useful for our website.

## Treasurer's Report

RICHARD LONDON

### November 2007—Current Month

Beginning Balance: \$5,962.22

Income:           \$       0.00

Expenses         \$     187.96

Ending Balance: \$ 5,774.26

### December 2007—End of Year Report

Beginning Balance: \$8,757.47

Income to date: \$     9,900.70

Expenses         \$   13,219.81

Ending Balance \$     5,438.36

## Holiday Decoration Awards



531 Monssen Drive—Ramona and Fernando Alvarez



520 Monssen Drive—Lance Ivy & Dwayne Privott



708 Mayrant Drive—Rick Iber & Jeff Sappenfield

# News of the Neighborhood

JOHN RIDGLEY

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to (many years later it became Hancock Fabric). Toy World and a hardware store occupied the two main corners of the shopping center. There were several gas stations, Fred's Barbeque, a 7-11, Skillern's Drug, the Wynnewood Theatre, E.M. Kahn, Volk's Department Store (which had real, live monkeys in the windows), Margo's, Jan's Bakery, Jay's Florist, several shoe stores owned by North Wynnewood residents, a hotel, a post office, and a medical office building where Chase Bank is now located. The family who lived across the street (which was originally a model home) owned Huber's Furniture Store on the southwest corner of Jefferson and Zangs (original spelling) which is now a tropical fish store. Zale Jewelry Store was on the southeast corner. There were so many doctors in the neighborhood it was called "Pill Hill." Dr. Jack Harper and his wife, Sydney, lived on the southeast corner of Monssen and Llewellyn and were some of our first friends. In those days children were taught to respect their elders by referring to them as Mr. or Mrs. We called Jack Dr. Harper and being the polite children we were, we called Sydney Mrs. Dr. Harper. Until she passed away several years ago, I could never call her anything other than Mrs. Dr. Harper. After more houses were built, more small business owners began moving in. The owners of Polar Bear Ice Cream (the igloo looking building across from Lake Cliff) lived on Shelmire. The owner of Leon's Barbeque at the end of Jefferson lived on Woolsey (his son, Bob Clements, owns the first class steak house in Rockwall named Culpepper's). Bill Lively, who has been in charge of raising the millions and millions of dollars for the Arts District in downtown Dallas, was raised on Woolsey.

Highway I 35 was nonexistent until after 1962 when

it replaced Zang as the main highway south.

As you can tell, I could go on and on about growing up in Wynnewood North. After living out of state for over 25 years, there's no place I'd rather be than right here. And that's the truth.

By Janice Coffee

## Neighborhood Face



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## President's Voice (continued)

MELANIE LOE

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tions to get our security system installed in record time. Andy has worked hard to set up two Volunteer in Patrol (VIP) training for our residents to help ensure our neighborhood remains safe. Recently Tom **Clays** volunteered to Chair our new VIP Crime Watch Team which consists of our 16 DPD certified VIP Members. Welcome aboard Tom and thank you! We are planning another VIP Training date in February and will provide additional dates for training at the General Meeting. Our goal is to have 30-35 VIP members on our Crime Watch Committee by 2Q08. As the police and Omni Watch owner's state, a neighborhood is safest when they are cohesive and working together to prevent crime. Prevention requires proper tools and education. The Board is working to provide what you need, free of charge, to ensure that you have both the tools and education to help you, help Wynnewood, remain safe and crime-free. **Please participate in VIP Training. We are only as strong as all of our individual parts, together...**

Earlier this year, we fell short of our fund-raising goal of \$30K for Omni-Watch by just shy of \$7,000. However, I am happy to report that we do

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## Crime Watch Update

ANDY SHELL

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number of criminals they find this way. The DPD rely on us to be their eyes and ears.

Speaking of eyes and ears, we need to add to our growing team of VIP members! Our goal for 2008 is to add at least 20 more to our team. We have had two training sessions and every time I attend I learn something new. Completing the VIP training through the DPD provides a back-ground check that will allow you viewing access to our security cameras. Please understand that we need your help! Please contact a board member if you are interested in the VIP training and make it one of your New Year's resolutions that is an achievable and rewarding goal!

Our bond with the DPD continues to grow. In addition to the huge National Night Out presence and special meeting for preventive break-in measures, the DPD has increased VIP training opportunities for us and provided an identity theft presentation at one of our general meetings this year. If you pass a DPD Officer in the neighborhood please make an effort to wave to them. This not only shows our respect for them patrolling our neighborhood but lets them know that we live in the neighborhood. They enjoy talking to us so if you have the time stop and say hello and let them know they are appreciated.

Lastly, please continue to be safe, light your home, secure your vehicles and keep them free of valuables if you do not garage them, and look out for your neighbors. It is important for us to remember that our neighborhood is a **volunteer association**. If you have the time and an idea to benefit the neighborhood please get involved by attending the general meetings, volunteering your time, joining a board committee, or become a board member. I equate this to voting; if you don't participate then you should not complain. If you are unhappy with the direction of crime watch or any other aspect of the neighborhood association then I challenge you to **get involved and lead with actions and not words!** Best wishes for a very Happy and Safe New Year to us all!

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MELANIE LOE

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have our 12 initial cameras installed. As those of you heard at our last General Meeting, DPD stated that we are well equipped with our cameral system. We were able to provide the DPD with pictures of suspicious persons as well as provide them access to view our live cameras and historic database. This solid information coupled with our VIP support compounded with our new graphic crime watch signs should really help keep crime at bay!

Looking forward, we would like to move forward with installing additional cameras in our alleyways (per the request of many neighbors) this year but money is the key. The monitoring fees on our *current* system cost about \$200 per month and those fees (as well as maintenance of the triangles @ \$200 - \$250/month) are paid for by *your* generous donations. To date, less than 58% of the 285 homes in WNNA have contributed to the OW fund. If 100% of our residents contributed \$120 per year, we would be in great shape (that's only \$10 per month). **If you haven't contributed to the Omni-Watch Security Fund, please do so in 2008. If you would like to sponsor a**

**camera for a year or a triangle for a month, please contact our Treasurer, Richard London. Whatever you give is tax deductible because we are a 501c3 organization. Thank you in advance!**

Special thanks to everyone who participated in our Holiday Lights Contest! Congratulations to the four contest winner homes:

Yard of the Month - Grand Prize: Joe and Bonnie Merolla

- Fernando and Ramona Alvarez
- Lance Privott and Dewayne Ivy
- Rick Iber and Jeff Sappenfield

Thanks also to Richard London and Roger Wells for hosting a fabulous Holiday Party! If you missed it, I hope to see you at our General Meeting! If you aren't involved with your neighbors in Wynnewood, you are really missing out! Join the fun!

I look forward to seeing you all at Top's Café and to a safe, prosperous 2008!

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