

# WYNNEWOOD

N O R T H

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## Next General Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 7:00 pm

Orion Ballroom, 15th floor, Bank of America Building

## Letter From the President

JOSEPH HERNANDEZ

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! Here we are at the start of another year and here I am as President, again. I am truly excited about the opportunity to represent and work with such a great group of neighbors that make Wynnewood North stand out as one of the “Premier” neighborhoods in North Oak Cliff. Sometimes, I feel like Wynnewood North couldn’t get any better, or could it? Relax...I’m not going to ask you to get involved and I’m not going to ask you to volunteer your time. Instead, we’ll make 2011 all about YOU and your annual tax deductions. If you can’t get involved, then support those who work tirelessly on your behalf. For the past year, the WNNNA board has been hard at work to keep your neighborhood clean, safe, manicured and involved in local development initiatives. All of these and many other efforts require money and endless hours of time. A special thanks go to the residents who hosted neighborhood events throughout the past year and will do so again in

2011 (you know who you are). However, I can’t help but think of what it will take to get the other 250 homes in Wynnewood to donate, attend a meeting, participate in a fundraiser or just voice an opinion. This year marks my 13th year in the neighborhood so I’ve seen many residents come and go... but yet I remain here because of the caring and engaged neighbors that make our home complete. The year has begun and I challenge everyone to do a little “Break-n-Shake” dance with me...Break the old habits and Shake up some new ones. There are a number of ways you can be a resource to everyone, such as staying in contact with someone around you, get to know your neighbor (they are your security system). See some litter? Pick it up; See some crime? Report it; See a code violation? Call it in; Have an idea for the neighborhood? Call a board member; You work too much? Write a check. This year will be a very

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busy year for Wynnewood North with the Parks at Wynnewood (Apartments redevelopment), Wynnewood Village upgrades, City Council elections, the allowable sale of beer/wine in grocery stores and the completion of the Reforestation program. Aside from Wynnewood activities to plan, we will be active in the Oak Cliff community to keep you aware of developments on Ft. Worth Avenue, Zang/Colorado, La Reunion, Oil/Gas drilling in Oak Cliff and zoning ordinances up for review at the City Council. Well...wait a minute, I thought this was going to be an easy year but now it appears as though we'll be hard at work. I say that because instead of asking for your time or asking you to get involved, I am simply hoping that the message is clear – We value YOU as a resident, neighbor and friend. We value everyone who has made Wynnewood North their home and perhaps this year sometime, at some point and at some level, you will help us in any way you are able. Lets make 2011 a fun and productive year!



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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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Hi, fellow WNNA neighbors, I'm happy to be back as your Crime Watch Chair for 2011. Many thanks to Donna Libby for her great work as CW Chair in 2010. Please extend her your thanks next time you see her.

For 2011, we'll continue to run our VIP patrols at random times throughout the month. Jeff Sappenfield will continue to schedule them (thanks!) as often as our volunteers are available to do them. We hope to continue to meet and hopefully beat the number of patrols we completed in 2010:

January - March 47 patrols  
April - June 52 patrols  
July - September 57 patrols  
October - December 59 patrols  
Total for 2010 - 215 patrols!

Many thanks to all who have contributed to keeping an eye out for our neighborhood! If you would like to join the Volunteers in Patrol, please contact me at [crime@wynnewoodnorth.org](mailto:crime@wynnewoodnorth.org) or at 214-943-5673. You must complete a background check and 1/2 day of training conducted by the Dallas Police, and we request that you be available to patrol at least once a month for a 1-1/2 hour shift. It's a great way to help your neighbors and give back to our community.

As far as incidents in the 4th quarter, we had 3 burglaries, 1 auto theft, 1 auto break-in, 2 criminal mischief/vandalism, and 1 disorderly conduct. Unfortunately, we have already had two incidents in January - a theft of a utility trailer and the theft of some porch chairs - so it's important to continue to report any suspicious behavior to 911.



## Beautification

LANCE IVY

As my new term began, actually a couple of weeks prior to that even, I began to get calls from concerned neighbors, who want to stop the illegal dumping of garbage that is occurring on both North and South Manus in the greenbelt (park). It appears that a few residents are placing their bulk trash in the greenbelt rather than on their own property. As chairperson of the Beautification committee I would like to inform all of the neighborhood that the parks are not to be used as a staging area for bulk trash. Any trash placed in the greenbelts is technically a violation of "illegal dumping" laws which carries a fine of \$2000. The city has reminded us that they will not remove bulk trash placed in public park areas in the future and trash placed there may result in fines. Therefore, I would like to sincerely request that neighbors comply with the city bulk trash requirements, and if you are aware of a neighbor who is abusing the greenbelts, please make an attempt to educate them about the law before calling 311. They'll appreciate the consideration. The next bulk trash pickup is the week of January 24th, so make sure to wait until Saturday January 22nd before putting it out (or watch for the neighborhood signs), and thank you for helping keep the neighborhood beautiful.



The commitment of our neighbors to make this a community which we are all proud to live never ceases to amaze me. There are so many people that give time, ideas, and energy to the continued improvement of Wynnewood. I would personally like to thank everyone who organized and participated in the many social events that we had in our neighborhood last year. I would like to especially thank those neighbors that opened up their homes and those that contributed financially in helping to host our many gatherings.

With that being said, it is a new year which I am very excited about and hope to make this another successful year of social events. First, I would like to ask for your ideas! I always hear many of you discussing social activities that you would like to see the neighborhood organize and many of them can also act as fundraisers. We have some key events such as the Spring and Fall Wanders that will continue to drive our core fundraising, but I think there are also some other great events that we can host that can get more of our neighbors involved. We are already discussing some ways to get the many children in our community involved as well as some smaller gatherings to get to know your immediate neighbors. I asked the board members for their thoughts and ideas during our first board meeting, but I am now asking YOU for your ideas as well. Please feel free to contact me at home or e-mail [social@wynnewoodnorth.org](mailto:social@wynnewoodnorth.org) with your thoughts. We will do our best this year to organize a calendar of activities that will enable more of our neighbors the opportunity to participate.

I also would like to ask you to consider opening your homes to help host some of the events that we will host. It was disappointing last year that we were not able to host a Spring Wander due to the lack of interest in providing space to gather. We have so many neighbors that have opened their homes repeatedly thru the years and we appreciate your generosity. We may ask you to do so again this year, but my hope is that new host homes will emerge so that we can have more events this year and have the opportunity to get to know even more

neighbors. Again, please contact me if you are interested in hosting an event and don't be surprised if I knock on your door or call you to see if you would be willing to help us out this year.

This is such an incredible place to live in Dallas. I feel fortunate to have been told about this neighborhood by friends who lived here when we were looking for a home. I am proud to serve our community on the board this year and look forward to seeing all of you at one or more of the social events that we will organize this year. Thank you in advance for helping to make these events a success.

## Join us on

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a dark blue rectangular background.

Did you know Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association has a fan page on [Facebook](#)? If you have an account, just search for us and join. You can see photos from neighborhood social gatherings (like the one below!), see upcoming events, post on the wall, and watch for news about Oak Cliff in general.



## Want to "Go Green"?

JOHN SARLAY

To cut costs last year and to help the environment, we initiated a plan to only provide newsletters to those people who did **not** subscribe to the online e-mail blasts. In order to respond to residents this year we are again going to distribute printed newsletters to all homes **unless** you choose not to receive it. Please visit the website at [www.wynnewoodnorth.org](http://www.wynnewoodnorth.org) to learn how to opt-out of getting a printed copy of the newsletter.

Either with this newsletter or shortly afterwards you will also receive a printed copy of the neighborhood directory. This directory will be provided to all homes on an annual basis. Periodic updates will be available online throughout the year so please use the website to submit any changes to your address, phone number or e-mail address.



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**December 2010**

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**January 2011**

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## Tip of the Month

CALLOWAY'S NURSERY

### January Tips of the Month

The Christmas tree is down and all the holiday decorations are put away. Fill that empty space with something else green and alive! The overall quality of indoor air in our homes and offices has been steadily declining during the past years. The typical indoor living and workplace environment contains low levels of contaminants and chemicals produced by standard latex paints, carpeting, foam insulation, varnishes, adhesives and pressed wood. Many of our interior houseplants are proving to be valuable in the fight against cleaning our inside air. Their leaves act as a filtration process to remove many of these toxic pollutants. Add a touch of green inside today and enjoy a cleaner, greener environment!

Now is the time to prune fruit trees and grapevines. Shade trees and evergreen shrubs can be trimmed to maintain shape and to remove damaged or low lying branches. Do not top Crape Myrtles; only prune to remove damaged branches. Trim summer blooming shrubs and vines to tidy their appearance. Leave a smooth cut flush with the trunk or branch from which you pruned. Apply pruning paint to cuts larger than a pinkie to prevent diseases and insect infestations. For more information, please join us for FREE in-store clinics regarding these topics. These clinics are held in every store.



## WNNA Yard of the Month Nomination Form

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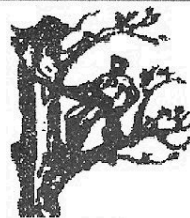
Address of nominated yard:

Reason for nomination (optional):

Cut out the form and return to:  
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# Tales from 506 Woolsey

CINDY KIRK

I can't believe it is already 2011. So far so good, I haven't written 2010 on any work documents, and I've managed to put the correct year on the few checks I've written. We spent New Year's Eve in the neighborhood with friends. It was a quite relaxed evening. As much as I hate to admit it, I was relieved we weren't going out to celebrate New Year's Eve. How times have changed. When I was younger, staying up until midnight wasn't an issue, closing the bars down wasn't an issue...but this year, rather than looking forward to watching the ball drop in Times Square, I was looking forward to dropping into a nice, warm bed. So New Year's Eve found us at David and Donald's home enjoying homemade lasagna! Again, I have no idea when stuffing my face became more of a priority than welcoming the new year with a bunch of strangers; but the way I look at it, if necessary, I can just log into Facebook from my Smartphone and post that I am at Time Square – all the fun of New Year's Eve without having to actually be there!

The problem with New Year's Eve is that it leads to New Year's Resolutions. As I am not very original, and I have yet to actually keep any resolutions, I use the same ones every year. It saves me valuable time and keeps me from having to do any deep soul-searching that might ruin my desire to sleep in on New Year's Day.

Resolution No. 1 – Lose weight. Beginning with Halloween, the holidays are nothing but a food fest. First there is all of that leftover Halloween candy to get rid of – you just can't throw it out! From that point forward, it is all down hill. There are dinner parties, parties, holiday meals. Food, food, glorious food, finally ending on New Year's Day with a helping of black-eyed peas to insure good luck for the following year. Alas, I'm not making very good progress on this particular resolution. The evil, procrastinating side of my brain took over almost as soon as the words fell from my lips and said – “but you have all year – what's the rush?” In an attempt to actually adhere to my resolution,

I have decided that this year, I will set some concrete goals in order to achieve a weight loss that will match my stock losses of last year:

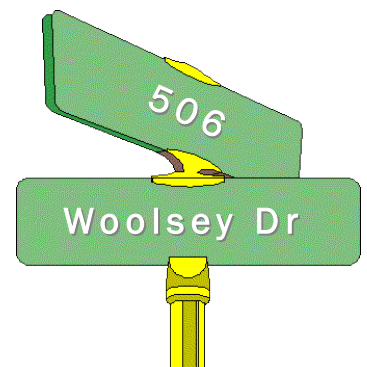
- Grow taller;
- Buy shoes with heels so that I look taller;
- Only eat the donut hole, not the donut;
- Eat Chinese food with only one chopstick;
- Put a parental block on the Food Network and Cooking Channel so that I will quit watching them;
- Opt out of Paula Dean's newsletter; and
- Eat things I don't like.

Mary doesn't think my goals are realistic. She is very old school and isn't up on the latest diet fads. She is under the delusion that you lose weight by eating less and exercising more! I told her not to worry; I have it all under control. I'm sure the goals I've outline above will work just fine. After all, our retirement plan is based on a similar set of goals that calls for a weekly investment in the Texas lottery. To date, my investment plan hasn't had the yearly returns I would have wanted, but fortunately, we have all of 2011 to keep buying tickets!

My second resolution (and I'm quoting James Agate here) is “to tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time.” Mary doesn't think this is as funny as I do, then again, she doesn't work in a law firm.

As you have probably surmised, I'm not good at making New Year's resolutions, but my goals this year are to remember what's important in life. To cherish my friends and family, to work hard, and to be aware that life goes by all too quickly. I have also made some WNNa resolutions such as staying involved and active in our neighborhood. I want to think about my neighbors and be aware if they need a helping hand. I don't want to become complacent and take our neighborhood for granted. Staying active and involved is what will continue to make Wynnewood home and I hope my neighbors will join me in making this goal a reality in 2011.

Happy New Year!



## 2010 Holiday Party



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RICHARD LONDON

As of December 31, 2010

Beginning Balance @ 12/31/09	\$8,809.46
YTD Income	\$6,473.00
YTD Expenses	\$7,073.55
Ending Balance @ 09/30/10	\$8,208.91
General Account Balance	\$2,410.95
Guaranty Bank CD 5373	\$3,000.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,208.91</b>

As we reflect on the past year I would like to thank you for your support. It has been a challenging year for everyone and I know I am looking forward to a great 2011! The board has some great ideas for making our neighborhood a better place to live. These plans not only require your participation, but your financial support as well. Our work to better our neighborhood is directly connected to the level of your support. Please remember to donate generously at the general meetings and to attend the neighborhood events that make Wynnewood North such a wonderful place to live. If you would prefer to mail your donation, you can send it to:

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