



# WYNNEWOOD N O R T H

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## There's still time...

JOSEPH HERNANDEZ

There are still a series of town hall meeting to be held in our area as well as throughout Oak Cliff. This is your opportunity to learn about what the bond proposal is going to provide to you, your neighborhood and surrounding community. The meetings are designed to gather citizen input for the proposed 2006 Capital Bond Program. City Council members are hosting the meetings, seeking input in preparation for placing the proposed bond program on the ballot for an election set for November this year.

The purpose of the meetings is to allow citizens an opportunity to provide input on specific projects and priorities for the bond election. Where appropriate, material in English and Spanish will be made available. To learn more about the bond package and its effects, plan to attend one of the following meetings:

Monday, Feb. 13, 6:30pm  
Dallas West Library  
2332 Singleton Blvd.  
District 3, Councilman Ed Oakley

## “2006 Wynnewood North Neighborhood Officers Elected”

The WNNA general meeting held in January was attended by more than 40 residents. It was also the annual meeting that hosted the election of new officers. Thanks to the enthusiasm of new residents and neighbors, the 2006 Board of Directors is already working hard on new projects and activities. The new board is made of approximately 50% new members and 50% of returning members. All dedicated to making Wynnewood North a neater, greener and safer place to live. Please join in congratulating your new representatives as follows:

President—Melanie Loe, 606 Monssen  
Vice President—Joseph Hernandez, 504 Monssen  
Secretary—Jeremy Ratliff, 504 Monssen  
Treasurer—Tom Reeves, 528 Hoel  
Crime Watch—Andy Shell, 517 Hoel  
Activites—John Ridgely, 446 North Manus  
Publications—Heather Lueth, 607 South Manus  
Communications—Lisa Tully, 664 North Manus  
Special Projects—Doris Miller, 606 Monssen  
Beautification—Stuart Rogers, 430 Monssen

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7pm  
Kiest Recreation Center  
3080 S. Hampton Rd.  
District 3, Councilman Ed Oakley

Thursday, Feb. 16, 6:30pm  
Anita Martinez Rec. Center  
3212 N. Winnetka Ave.  
District 6, Councilman Steve Salazar



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## 2006 WNNA Board of Directors

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## 2006 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.

Bizerte (west) .....	Janice Williams
Bizerte (east) .....	Guy Albright Pratt
Heyser.....	Silver & Bill Poteete
Mayrant (east).....	Silver & Bill Poteete
Mayrant (west) .....	Janice Coffee & Terry Thomas
Shelmire .....	Kat Stewart
Hoel .....	Eddie Hall & John Blizzard
Llewellyn .....	Eddie Hall & John Blizzard
Monssen (east) .....	Eddie Hall & John Blizzard
Monssen (west) .....	Jennifer Touchet
Monssen Pkwy.....	Jennifer Touchet
N. Manus (east).....	John & Gail Ridgley
N. Manus (west) .....	Lisa Tully
S. Manus.....	Larry & Donna Libby
Woolsey .....	Don Wales & Fred Dueren

## New Wynnewood North T-shirts are here !

While there are still a couple of the gray WNNA T-shirts available at this time. The new and improved Wynnewood North t-shirts with the original WNNA logo placed right over your heart have arrived! Shirts are 100% cotton and priced at only \$10. It's a bargain and a great way to support the neighborhood's efforts in keeping you safe and well informed. Contact a board member for your shirt today !

## Activities

JOHN RIDGLEY

Happy New Year Everyone!

Wow! 2005 was a terrific year for our WNNA neighborhood social activities! Our grand finale was the Christmas party hosted by Bill and Silver Poteete. A HUGE Thank You to Bill and Silver for opening their home and welcoming us with such hospitality. It's been said that this event was the best with 80-100 people attending. A good time was had by everyone! We have some great cooks in this neighborhood.

Some events you won't want to miss (more information will be coming soon):

- Neighborhood clean up and outside barbecue;
- Neighborhood Garage sale; and
- WNNA Spring Wander.

We're starting to plan now for the Spring Wynnewood Wander. Hosts and homes are needed! For more information on hosting, please contact John Ridgley by e-mail at [john@wynnewoodnorth.org](mailto:john@wynnewoodnorth.org) or call his cell # 214-886-9143. Remember, without volunteers, we can have no wander. No wander means no money. No money means no neighborhood.

In addition, we've been discussing holding block wine and cheese parties. These will be small block parties for a fun way to meet neighbors who might not come to our larger functions. Please contact John or another board member with any additional ideas on coordinating a wine and cheese party or if you would like to host one.



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## Real Estate Update

DEAN ROSE, GRI, E-PRO

The following statistics were pulled directly from the local MLS for sales reported to local real estate brokerage companies effective 01/25/2006. Private sales typically are not included in MLS figures and may raise or lower averages. The highest reported sale in 2005 was \$305,000 and the lowest reported sale was \$140,00. Average number of days on the market for sold properties was 107. Low sold dollar per square foot was \$36.03 (no the \$36 is not a typo), high was \$121.67, average was \$95.98. There were 12 properties sold in 2005, 5 currently active in 2006, and 1 under contract. Current Active properties range from a low of \$199,990 to a high of \$314,900.

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- February 27—March 3
- March 27—31
- April 24—28
- May 22—26
- June 26—30
- July 24—28
- August 28—Sept. 1
- September 25—29
- October 23—27
- November 27—Dec. 1
- December 25—29

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

Bulk trash includes larges tree limbs, shrubs, furniture, appliances, mattresses and box springs. Do not put out for collection grass clippings, construction or remodeling materials such as lumber. Please note that bricks, concrete, rocks and dirt are not collected .

**Please place your bulk trash only on your curb. The City of Dallas will not pick up bulk trash left in the public areas, such as the creek and 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 own part to keep the neighborhood clean.

8TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

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## Crime & Statistics

MARY SCHERER

As we start the New Year, I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. In 2005 we seemed to have escaped having our holiday decorations disappear for the most part. In past years this has been a concern and a big problem, but to my knowledge, there was only one reported theft of a wreath in the 500 block of Hoel Dr. I think efforts made to secure these displays paid off. Our neighborhood always looks so festive during the holidays it is nice not to have to worry about having these items stolen.

The holiday season as always brought its share of reports of random gunfire. Be assured that this is a priority concern that is discussed at every crime watch meeting. The problem is that it is extremely difficult to catch anyone in the act. By the time police can arrive at a location the individuals are back inside their homes and unless there is a witness who can identify the individual firing the weapon nothing can be done. You are still encouraged to report any incidence of random gunfire but be aware if you cannot provide an exact location, it will not be considered a priority call.

For the last quarter of 2005, we had a busy October but a decline in activity for the months of November and December. In October there were four residential burglaries reported one each in the 700 block of S. Manus and the 300 block of Monssen Dr. There were two reported burglaries on 10/29/05 in the 600 and 700 blocks of Bizerte Dr. It is believed that the same individuals committed both of these offenses. These happened during the day when the residents were not home. It appears that these individuals approach the front door and after determining, no one was home forced entry through the front door or window. Lap top computers were taken. This illustrates again that we must be cognizant of the individuals walking around our neighborhood and to report any suspicious behavior. We also had three reported thefts, one each in the 500 block of N. Manus Dr., the 400 block of Mayrant Dr., and the 700 block of Bizerte Dr. In these instance carpet, lawn equipment, and an art collection were taken. There was also one reported auto theft in the 600 block of Bizerte Dr.

For November, there were only three reported offenses specific to our neighborhood. There was a reported vandalism in the 700 block of Woolsey Dr., a theft from residence in the 500 block of N. Manus Dr., and an auto theft in the 700 block of Bizerte Dr. Remember if possible to park your vehicles inside garages and secure all your valuables.

According to the crime, statistics submitted for December there have were no reported incidences in the neighborhood. That is a nice holiday gift for all of

us. Remember your are the eyes and the ears of the neighborhood. I truly believe that as we become more observant and as we let our presence be known we can reduce crime and deter criminals from entering our neighborhood. JOB WELL DONE!!!!!!

### The Spirit of Giving

WNNA encourages you to bring items for the Genesis Center for Women and Children and for local food banks to assist those affected by Hurricane's Katrina and Rita. You can bring your items to the General Meeting or drop them off the home of Joseph Hernandez, 504 Monssen. Genesis welcomes any personal items such as hotel and sample size shampoos and soaps since individuals often come to the center with nothing. They also accept gently used clothing, which is either given to clients or sold in their thrift shop. In addition, the center is always looking for donations of gift certificates, movie passes and entertainment coupons. All contributions being donated via the WNNA are tax deductible under Section 501 c(3) of the IRS Code.

### Treasurer's Report

TOM REEVES

#### Year to Date December 31, 2005

BEGINNING BAL.	\$7,106.16
INCOME	\$6,322.00
EXPENSES	\$9,954.65
ENDING BAL.	\$6,473.51



### Scoop-a-Poop

When you're out walking in Wynnewood enjoying the beautiful landscaping and yards, help to keep it that way. Curb your dogs! You wouldn't want poop in your front yard so please be respectful of those neighbors who work hard to keep their yards clean. Its not just courteous, it's the law under Dallas Pooper Scooper Law Ch. 7, Sec. 7-21-2.



## Yard of the Month

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2005



**708 Mayrant**  
**Rick Iber and Jeff Sappenfield**



**409 Woolsey Drive**  
**John Murray and Roy Calhoun**

The Yard of the Month Program is a recognition program designed to promote neighborhood unity and to create an appealing area for all residents of Wynnewood North. It is a visual exchange of ideas that will increase awareness and give insights that can be beneficial for everyone. A clean, well-maintained yard is contagious! In selecting Yard of the Month the following is considered:

- Excellent Curb Appeal
- Well Maintained and Manicured Yard
- Creativity
- Array of Colors (Plants, Flowers & Decorations)
- Seasonal Additions

Focus on aspects of your lawn such as color, decorations, and any special touches to the overall frontal appearance.

Anyone can nominate a yard by contacting a board member or submitting your request to us via the website. Please be sure to provide the street name and number in addition to your name. Winners will display the recognition sign in their front yard. Help promote the spirit of the neighborhood by participating in Yard of the Month.

## 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.

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## Tales from 909 Texas

CINDY KIRK

Greetings from Houston! No, Mary and I haven't moved. However, for the foreseeable future, Houston is my home away from home, and trust me, I would rather be writing from 506 Woolsey. I'm in Houston for the Enron trial and things have been busy, busy busy. Although I have my own apartment here in Houston, I spend about 18 hours of my day at what I have affectionately named "Camp Rice," also known at the Loft Rice Apartments where our "war room" for trial is located. Our workroom is also the abode for the two attorneys from our firm who are working on the trial. It is the first time I have ever "lived" with two men. I now know why I live with Mary.

Let me just start my ramblings with a quick question. Were all men taught that dishes just magically move all by themselves to the dishwasher if they are placed in the sink? The "boys" as I call them have some mysterious ailment that prevents them from actually opening the dishwasher door and placing dirty dishes in the dishwasher. It is amazing. They manage to put dishes in the sink, and occasionally, through divine intervention, they sometimes even RINSE the dishes off as they leave them in the sink. But they never, and I mean never, manage to put the dishes in the dishwasher. I have since asked them if they believe dishes clean themselves...but these very intelligent men both gave me the "deer in headlights look" They were clueless, and like most guys were able to conveniently not hear the sarcasm dripping from my voice. For the record, they are both married, so I think we all know how they have become accustomed to eating off clean plates. I am also doing the grocery shopping for our little family. If you ever wanted to know anyone's personal habits, do their grocery shopping. Unfortunately, I never wanted to know, but alas, now I do. For the record, Sam's sells a generic brand of Rogaine, God forbid they lose anymore hair than they have already lost. As for the rest of the grocery shopping list, let's just say one of them is a germ freak and the other one believes you should only buy your meat at Whole Foods. I have taken to transferring the groceries I buy from the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery into Whole Foods plastic bags. Guess what? The Whole Foods fan can't tell the difference between a \$10.00 pork tenderloin vs. a \$23.00 pork tenderloin. Apparently organic and chemically injected pork taste the same when cooked at 350 degrees.

I have also come to understand the basic differences between men and women and it boils down to this... chocolate. I made chocolate chip cookies as a treat. For once, there were actually cookies left over. The next morning, when I arrived at Camp Rice at 8:00 a.m. sharp, I noticed there were no cookies to be found anywhere. When I asked about the whereabouts of the leftover chocolate chip cookies, I was informed that they had thrown them away because they left them out overnight uncovered...WHAT???? No self-respecting

woman would ever through out anything chocolate. It doesn't matter if the chocolate is months old – it is still good!!! I dropped over from shock when I heard they had trashed the cookies, fortunately they found a Hershey Kiss to wave under my nose to revive me.

Cooking is another fun task that has somehow fallen to me. Frankly, it was a matter of survival. When the partner on the case asked me if I could “cook” some more coffee... well, let's just say I would rather cook than eat frozen meals everyday for lunch and dinner. They are an appreciative (yet captured) audience. Around 6:30 they will look up from the computer and ask with longing looks in their eyes “what's for dinner.” (Have I mentioned they are both married and apparently spoiled?) How do you turn down such pathetic pleas? The evening break is getting to watch the DVD of Seasons 1-6 of Seinfeld. I can tell you all are jealous. To make you even more envious, I will let you in on the fact that they also brought some classic movies to watch as well such as My Cousin Vinnie. Yep, it's a pretty exciting life I am leading right now.

I am learning lots of colorful new phrases, most of which can't be printed here in a family style newsletter. But, if you hear me say in the future “that a done duck...” you will immediately know I have been profoundly influenced by the criminal attorneys on the case. Trial starts on Monday which means that someday this will finally be over and I will get to come home. After trial, I fully expect to be placed in some sort of de-tox facility in order to come down from all of the sugar and caffeine I have been living on, and to learn to assimilate back into a non-Enron world. I miss home, Dallas and the neighborhood and I hope to see you all soon.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR FOR THE  
2006 WNNA  
MEETINGS

- APRIL 20
- JULY 20
- OCTOBER 19

We will meet on the top floor of the Oak Cliff Tower (Top of the Cliff Club) until further notice. Each meeting starts at 7p.m. and lasts about an hour and a half. **Don't forget your checkbooks !**

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There's an easy way of contacting one or all of the WNN Board members at anytime. Each board member has their own email address which is checked and addressed in a timely manner. The board is anxious to hear from you should there be any questions, comments or concerns.

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## The Joining of Generations

JAN SCOTT

I had the fun of having 4 generations bowling together the Thursday Before Christmas. My dad is 82 years old and lives in Round Rock, Texas. He Bowls on two Senior Citizen bowling leagues. As a fun thing for everyone to do when we got together for Christmas we all went bowling! Besides Dad and me, there was my daughters, Paula and Shana and their kids, Alex, 7; Whitney, 6; and Corey, 3. It was great fun and we had a wonderful time. I mostly took pictures! Paula and Alex live in Lubbock and Shana, Whitney and Corey Live in Little Rock. It isn't often that we all get together, so I was sure proud to have everyone together and having fun. On December 3, our granddaughter, Alex won the Mini-Miss division of the Little Miss Lubbock pageant! She won the trophy for modeling, and for talent and the title. She will get to go to the Miss Texas pageant in July and be court for Miss Lubbock in the Miss Texas pageant. Alex sang "I was Born to Entertain" which sounded like it was written just for her! Barb and I were there for the pageant and were really proud of her. We had Some reservations about her future when at lunch she informed us she no longer had to do as we told her, since she was now the queen! And the next day she wore her crown to the mall to go see Santa. She wanted him to be aware that he was in the presence of Royalty!

Thank you, Jan Scott

## Did you know...

JOSEPH HERNANDEZ

During 2005, there were several accomplishments by the City of Dallas in respect to the Southern Sector. For example, did you know...

- The recruitment of Voight, Inc. to the environmentally remediated Hensley Field brought 3,000 new jobs to Southern Dallas;
- Dallas Executive Airport is receiving additional investment off a terminal building and a control tower, opening the west side of the airport for development;
- Planning for the new UNT campus began as well as planning for transit-oriented development;
- Land use plan and ordinance for Ft. Worth Avenue was completed and adopted by the city counsel;
- Building permits reached a record of \$700 million;
- Single family permits reached \$238 million, ten times the amount of ten years ago – over 2,000 new homes (three times the new home development in northern Dallas); and
- Land Bank implemented to bring in infill housing – over 480 lots referred for foreclosure.

Clearly, this will be the decade for significant improvements and change in the Southern Sector. As a result, Oak Cliff has been and will continue to be the nucleus of much activity and development.

