

WYNNEWOOD

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Next General Neighborhood Meeting – Elections!

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 pm

Orion Ballroom, 15th floor, Bank of America Building

President's Voice

JOSEPH HERNANDEZ

Hello Everyone! As we say goodbye to 2009 I can breathe a sigh of relief...hoping that the upcoming year will be better in a number of ways...for everyone. I certainly hope you had a great holiday season and have started to consider a commitment to your neighborhood in the coming months. Reflecting on 2009, I am excited and pleased to know that WNNA residents and Board members did a great job of pulling together to bring you a number of events, programs and neighborhood wide projects. We not only talk the talk, but we walk the walk! That is why we are such a close knit community and there's a lot to be said for creating a sense of "family". I also feel very blessed and lucky to have worked with such a great group of neighbors and friends who served on the board: Dwayne Privott, Cindy Kirk, Richard London, Dean Rose, Lance Ivy, Aja Olson, Pam Westerheide, John Sarlay and Tom Claeys. I can't thank these folks enough so if you see them around, please thank them for their service to YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. To put things into perspective, some of the activities completed in 2009 included: Spring Fling, Spring Clean Up, Spring Clean up BBQ, Spring Wander,

Fall Wander, National Night Out, Holiday Light Contest, Annual Holiday Party, Wynnewood North sign dedication, SSNOW Luncheon, 4 General Meetings and Monthly Yard of the Month. In addition to these activities, the board met on a monthly basis and spent hours of time between meetings to make sure things ran smoothly. However, I must admit that 2009 was the year of the VIP Patrol. The program has been very successful and a round of thanks goes to Pam Westerheide, Jeff Sappenfield and Lynn Sulander! The VIP program in Wynnewood has been so successful that the Dallas Police Department now uses our neighborhood as a prime example of how the program could and should work. Last but not least, our dedicated block captains...who are responsible for passing out flyers, newsletters and special communications to every household in WNNA. Please join me in thanking all these folks that worked to make WNNA a better place to live!

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As we enter a new year, I would like to remind you that the WNNA Board elections are coming up at the January General Meeting. Its time to pass the torch, share the responsibility, pay the fiddler, take the bull by the horns or step up to the plate... whatever the phrase may be, it's that time of year. I can assure you that maintaining the WNNA is not easy...but well work the time and effort. Getting involved is more than just giving up a couple of hours per month, it's about getting to know your neighbors and being a part of the bigger picture. Although we have some residents that have never attended an event or participated in any activity, we have other residents that make up for those less active both in participation and monetary contributions. If you are one of those residents who have NEVER been involved in WNNA...think about what your safety means to you and your family. Think about the volunteers who watch your house, your car and your property, think about the effort that goes into making sure you have a nice place to live that includes beautified triangles, a well maintained parkway, a welcoming sign into the neighborhood and well lit streets for you to walk. Let's make 2010 the year of giving back to our community. Let's make 2010 together!



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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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A Note From The Vice-President

DWAYNE PRIVOTT

Our Role in 2010

I attended a dinner party at the beginning of our new year where as always the conversation came up about where do you live in Dallas. When I said that I lived in Oak Cliff, the person asking the question said that he used to live in Oak Cliff years ago and knew many people who had as well. One of the people he told me about was an owner of several nightclub and eating establishments in Oak Cliff in the 70s. The owner talked about how much she had loved it here and how she watched the neighborhoods decline year after year. Eventually, both the dinner guest and the friend he knew moved out of the neighborhood due to the changes that had occurred over 40 years. So that got me to thinking about what our role as residents of Oak Cliff should be in order to make this an area that we can be proud to call home and not one in which we dread what people's response will be when we tell them where we live. What took years to decline will also take years to improve.

As Joseph mentioned in his article in this newsletter, everyone has to contribute and get motivated to make a difference in our community. I want to thank the current as well as past WNNA board members for the role they have played in making Wynnewood a gem in the Oak Cliff community. It was a very proud moment last year when D magazine listed Wynnewood as one of Dallas's up and coming communities. I honestly believe that we made the list due to commitment of our residents in improving their homes and dedicating time and energy to moving our community forward. Moving our community forward comes from not only taking on projects to improve Wynnewood, but also includes attending and participating in the social activities hosted throughout the year that creates the "family" we all consider ourselves part of. This creates a place that people want to live and continues to propel our

neighborhood forward. We have priceless residents in our neighborhood that make a significant impact in helping to create this community . . . Thank You!!

As you start to make your 2010 new year's resolutions, think about one or many that you can make that will help to make not only Wynnewood but also Oak Cliff a place that we can all be proud to call home. This can be done in so many different ways with varying levels of time or financial commitment. The important thing is that all of these things throughout our neighborhood added together can make a huge impact. Some of you may choose to be on the board, others may decide to become active by attending or joining the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League. It can be as simple as deciding to do your best to "Buy Oak Cliff" and support our stores and businesses. You could even decide to host a neighborhood event that builds community. We also should not forget that we have a city councilman that was elected to be our voice. We should reach out to him and let him know about what changes in Oak Cliff we are happy about as well as additional changes that need to happen.

The point is that we all have a role to play in the continued improvement of Oak Cliff in 2010. The role we have to play comes in so many different ways, shapes, and forms. The important thing to remember is that it doesn't just happen on its own but takes us all to make a difference. I personally look forward to watching Wynnewood's continued improvement as a neighborhood and the continued growth of our "family". I hope that we all have a happy and prosperous 2010!



Social

AJA OLSON

The 2009 Social Season is Officially a Memory

As my position as social director comes to a close, I would like to thank those who helped make 2009 such a success. Thank you to everyone who opened up your home this year to make our Wanders such a success, along with everyone who co-hosted. Wanders are our biggest fundraiser, and without those willing to host, we wouldn't be able to raise the money we need to keep our neighborhood as strong as it is today. To Andy Shell for always allowing us to take over his driveway for National Night Out. To Carrie Withrow and Michael Miller who had our first ever Wynnewood kids holiday party! To Janice Coffee and Terry Thomas for hosting the holiday party and then just a couple of weeks later inviting the neighborhood into their home again on New Year's Day!



The holidays are officially over and WNNA has had a very busy and successful season! Would you believe we had over 60 houses that put up Christmas lights or some sort of festive decoration?! Congratulations to Dwayne Privott & Lance Ivy, Cindy Kirk & Mary Scherer and Kyle & Rexine Connor for winning the holiday light contest! The board really enjoyed driving around and seeing so many lights this year.

Our holiday party was a success with many new faces in attendance. We have quite a few new people living in Wynnewood who are all making an effort to get involved and make new friends. If you're new to Wynnewood and have yet to come to a social event, don't worry! The Spring Fling and Spring Wander will be here before you know it! More information will be coming about these events once our new board is elected. Events will be in your newsletter or check our calendar of events on our website www.wynnewoodnorth.org

I hope to see some of our new residents running for office at our upcoming neighborhood board meeting on January 21st! Remember all positions are up for the taking. If you're interested in running, email our President, Joseph Hernandez (president@wynnewoodnorth.org), and tell him to put you on the ballot. Don't be afraid to tell him if you want to take his position as President! You can also show up the day of and run as a write-in on the ballot. Joining the board has been a great way to not only get involved, but to meet so many new people and make this really feel like my home in just a couple of short years. I believe it's the residents here in Wynnewood who make this a great place to live. Let's keep up the togetherness in 2010 and continue to make this the best neighborhood in Oak Cliff!

WNNA Social Events

This is a sampling of the official social events held in Wynnewood typically every year with a brief description of each. Contact any board member to find out more information about each event. Other events are also scheduled, and several neighbors host their own parties to which they invite all of Wynnewood North along with their own friends.

Spring Clean-Up + Spring Fling
Spring Wander
National Night Out
Fall Clean-Up + Fall Fling
Fall Wander
Holiday Decorating Contest and Party

The **Clean-Up** is when we come together to clean trash and trim weeds and branches in the common greenbelt areas and triangles. It's followed by a neighbor BBQ **Fling** where residents join us who weren't able to participate with the clean-up. A **Wander** is where three homes volunteer to host an hour each to serve drinks and havey hors d'oeuvres (usually the last home has dessert). It's a great way to show off your style, new renovations, or your home still with a vintage look and fixtures. **National Night Out** is a nationwide event designed to help introduce neighbors at a BBQ and to learn ways to make the neighborhood safer.

Crime Watch

PAM WESTERHEIDE

As we say goodbye to 2009 and welcome 2010, I continue to be amazed and grateful for the wonderful neighbors that make Wynnewood North such a great place to live. This is a true "old-fashioned" neighborhood of people that watches out for and cares about each other. We have the type of community that many in the 'burbs and other parts of the city can only dream of. Kudos to each and every one of you for doing your part to make Wynnewood North the premier Oak Cliff community.

Looking back on the last year, one of our major accomplishments has been the implementation of Volunteers in Patrol (VIP), our neighborhood watch program conducted in conjunction with the Dallas Police Department. I truly believe that the presence of these patrols has reduced crime in the neighborhood and put would-be criminals on notice that we are actively watching our neighborhood. This program would not be in existence in Wynnewood North without the preparation and efforts of the outgoing Crime Watch Chair, Andy Shell, our late great President Melanie Loe, the Crime Watch Committee, headed by Lynn Sulander (Terry Thomas, Mary Scherer, Pat Ford, Mary K. Trostmann, Doug Norton, Larry and Donna Libby, with a special shout out to Jeff Sappenfield for going above and beyond the call of duty), the assistance of Nancy Skinner and Marilyn Edwards of the Dallas Police Department, and of course all of our dedicated VIP volunteers. As we enter a new decade, I look forward to continuing to work with this group to monitor our neighborhood.

This fall/winter we did experience 10 incidents of criminal activity. In October and December, we had 1 break-in and 4 vandalisms of a motor vehicle. October through December, we had 5 garage or home break-ins. In most of these, the perpetrator took primarily jewelry and computer or camera equipment. From what I can tell, these were all lightweight items that could be carried away in a backpack or bag. This information, combined with the numerous sightings of an unidentified individual or individuals walking throughout the

neighborhood, leads to the possibility that the break-ins are being committed by the same person or group of people. PLEASE contact 911 immediately if you notice anyone suspicious around your house or a neighbor's home. The officers that patrol our neighborhood are aware of the recent rash of break-ins and will respond asap to your call.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted me this year in my duties as Crime Watch Chair. I couldn't have done it without you! Which reminds me, at this month's general neighborhood meeting we will be voting in new WNNA board members. All positions are up for election, so please consider putting your name on the list of nominees!



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January

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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 gardening topics. Clinics are held in every store.

Saturday, January 16th at 10:15 am *Pruning Techniques*

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February

Gardening Gifts for your Valentine

Remember your Valentine with fresh, living flowers. Give roses which can be planted and enjoyed year round or a container of cool season color for an immediate impact on your porch or patio. Houseplants in attractive ceramic pots provide long lasting enjoyment for indoors. Gloves, tools and wind chimes all make great gifts. The list is endless, let your imagination "grow green"!

Also, please join us for FREE in-store clinics on timely gardening topics. These clinics are held in every store.

Saturday, February 6th at 10:15 am *Color Creations with Orchids*

Create a beautiful, living Valentine's gift which will last and last.

Saturday, February 13th at 10:15 am *Gardening with Roses*

Give your Valentine roses that will provide blooms from Spring until Fall. Select from Earthkinds, Knock-Outs, Patented and Non-Patented varieties.

Saturday, February 20th at 10:15 am *Organics 101*

Learn how to garden the organic way!

Saturday, February 27th at 10:15 am *Lawn Care*

Be the envy of your neighbors. Learn what it takes to have a beautiful, healthy lawn.

Wynnewood North thanks Calloway's Nursery for supporting our Yard of the Month program by providing a gift certificate each month to our winners. Submit your nomination via our website or through the form located in this newsletter.

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Beautification

LANCE IVY

Dwayne and I have lived in the neighborhood for nine years now and we constantly rave about strong sense of community here and the lifelong friendships we have formed with our neighbors. However, it took me eight years to decide to offer to serve on the Wynnewood Board. There were several reasons I didn't feel I needed to make an attempt, ranging from "I am just too busy" to "I don't want to depose anyone who also wants to serve on the board". However, the darker reason I never sought an office is that I harbored a negative opinion about why neighbors sought positions of power. Let's face it, politics are riddled with hidden agendas, power plays, and arguing from polarized viewpoints. Who needs it, right? The last thing I wanted at the end of a hectic workday was to have to meet with a bunch of Gladys Kravits's to argue about whether or not to call code compliance about the neighbor who put out his bulk trash too soon. So I just left Board service off of my personal "bucket list".

Last January when the Beatification Chair needed a candidate and it was looking like it might have no "takers", I allowed myself to be nominated out of a sense of "somebody has to do it." One year later, I am happy to say that I couldn't have been more wrong about what serving on the Board was going to be like. In 2009 we've had the good fortune of having an incredibly professional, caring, service-minded group and it has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of them. Our meetings were not arguing, posturing, and politicizing viewpoints. They were neighbors thoughtfully, supportively planning and executing, service and social events, implementing crime prevention procedures and finding ways to improve our neighborhood. The fellowship within the Board is like church without all the guilt. I have a deep respect for each member! I can only

hope that 2010 will be more of the same. So, what I really want to convey here is that serving on the Board has been a very rewarding experience for me and I highly recommend it. And if similar concerns have kept you from getting involved on the Board, I would like you to consider it. If you have been on the fence about running for an office on the Wynnewood North Board of Directors, hop down on the side of serving. The General meeting and elections are 7pm January 21st in the Orion Ballroom. Make sure to let a current Board member know if you're interested to make sure you get nominated.



WNNA Yard of the Month Nomination Form

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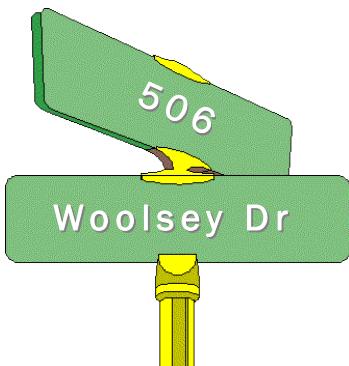
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Tales from 506 Woolsey

CINDY KIRK



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Board Elections

WNNA

Thursday, January 21st at 7:00pm

We will hold our initial general meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 7:00pm. As throughout last year it will be held at the Orion Ballroom, 15th floor, Bank of America Building. This is an important meeting because all board member positions are open for re-election. Contact any board member if you have questions about the positions, if you want to run for office or if you want to nominate someone. Nominations are always accepted at the meeting so it is not necessary to make a decision in advance.

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Treasurer's Report

RICHARD LONDON

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YTD Income:	\$ 9,467.00
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