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DEL CITY NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

“Shining a light on issues important to Del City North Community”

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Attention All Neighbors:

Time To Pay Annual Membership Dues

September 1 is the beginning of the new year for the Del City North Neighborhood Watch Association. For members it is time to pay your annual dues. If you are not a member, this is the ideal time to join. The annual dues are still only \$24. There is a blank membership application form on the back page of this newsletter. Fill it out and mail with your check to the address shown on form. Or you may fill out the application and bring it to our next meeting and pay your dues by check or cash at that time.



Here are a few good reasons why membership in our neighborhood watch association is beneficial:

- Support and equip our volunteer patrolmen who provide extra eyes and ears for keeping our neighborhood safe and secure.
- Provide signs that inform visitors to our community that we are watching them and will report any unusual or suspicious activity to police
- Provide funds to help our volunteers to beautify the appearance of our streets, parks and community attractions.
- Continue to support activities that thwart building a new jail on our western boundary
- Support social activities to make Del City North a model community.
- Make Del City North Community a Delightful Place to Live

Please sign up to support your neighborhood watch team.

Del City North Watch Association Officers for 24 -25

President:	Wendell Kluge	405-990-1938	Wendellkluge@aol.com
Vice-President:	Lonnie Austin	405-850-5103	LonAustin1@aol.com
Patrol Captain:	Ted Garrett	405-641-8767	tlgarrett@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Kay Bennett	404-313-5013	kayinthenorth@gmail.com
Secretary:	Sandy Kluge	405-990-1938	skluge9396@cox.net

Monthly Meeting Time; Third Thursday Each Month at 7:00 PM

Seasonal Start times adjusted for November through March at 6:00 PM

Location: Del City Community Center, 4505 SE 15th Street Next to Fire Station

Del City North Watch Mailing Address: DCNNW, 923 Hisel Road, Del City, OK 73115

Being a Good Neighbor Can Reduce Stress

One of the top traits people site about their neighbors is that they watch out for others. Knowing you have neighbors you can count on contributes to a safer community. Good neighbors keep an eye on their property and that of their neighbors and alert one another when they see anything suspicious going on. Two other traits that people site about good neighbors is they can be asked for help and will offer a helping hand when needed. Good neighbors can be trusted to keep a set of your keys in case you get locked out, or sign for an important delivery, and show up with tools to help you fix a household problem.

Good neighbors can become lifelong friends. Sharing a connection with other people can help reduce depression, improve mental clarity and create a more positive outlook on life. Good neighbors offer comfort and understanding, someone to, listen and empathize, and create a sense of community. With good neighbors we do not feel so alone. Often such neighborly friendships span a life time or even multiple generations.

Good neighbors take pride in their own property and protect the property value of their neighbors. When all neighbors do their part to maintain their property it contributes to the sense of happiness and satisfaction for everyone. Together neighbors demonstrate a sense of community values.

Are you a good neighbor? Do you have good neighbors? This is not an easy thing to cultivate in our modern / wireless world where we are so busy and have so little time. But it can begin with a few easy steps.

- When you see your neighbor, coming or going, take a minute to introduce yourself, ask how they are making out, start by learning their names and the names of their family members including pets.
- Maintain your house and yard as an example and offer to help them if they appear to be having difficulty. Be observant to medical and handicap issues and offer to help if you see a neighbor struggling
- Keep your vehicles clean and parked so as not to detract from the curb appeal of your neighborhood.
- Join your neighborhood watch where you can meet and get to know the people like yourself who care about your neighborhood, your community and your city and want to make it better.

If you have good neighbors, tell them so. Remember, as neighbors, we're all in this together.

Future Changes Planned For Del City



Our city leaders are busy planning a bright new future for Del City. Here is a summary of actions being planned or undertaken at this time. Watch this space.

1. A new comprehensive web page is in development and expected to be operational in the near future. This will provide Del City with a single source to get information, report any concerns they have as well as get latest information on city events.
2. Eagle Lake Recreation Area - The city has applied for a grant that will help with the design of the lake and surrounding area. We should hear about the approval within the next month.
3. Reno Economic Corridor With the OKANA Lodge nearing completion and the Olympic games coming to Oklahoma City, we are working diligently to improve the Reno Avenue Corridor.
4. Street Improvements - Vickie Drive and Bryant Avenue have been the most recent improvements with planned improvements for Sunnyslane North of I40 in the coming year.
5. City Planning - The Del City Community Development Department has hired Andrew Meyers a talented city planner to assist in our future planning.



We Need Block Captains and Patrolmen

Del City North Watch Association needs volunteers to serve as Block Captains and Patrolmen. These are important functions of our organization and are essential for us to maintain a strong and active presence in our community. Please take a minute and read through this information before you casually discard it as something you can't or won't do. Thank you for considering volunteering.

Block Captain duty and responsibility

AN: A Block Captain is responsible to deliver our Newsletter once every three months to all the homes in their assigned zone. There are 11 zones and each zone has between 60 and 90 homes. Zones are laid out by street so a zone might cover all the homes on one or more streets. Occasionally a Block Captain is asked to survey a few homes in their zone to find out how members are feeling about some situation.

How much time is involved with being a Block Captain?

AN: A Block Captain can usually distribute all the newsletter for their zone in about two hours. This happens only once every third month since the newsletter is only published once a quarter. September, December, March and June are the months involved. For the really hot months of July and August and really cold months of January and February, there are no newsletters. Block Captains schedule according to their own pace.

Is it difficult to pass out the newsletters?

AN: The newsletter can usually be folded in half and easily inserted in a crack on the screen door of a house or folded twice and inserted through the door handle. A Block captain is expected leave the newsletter where it is easily found and protected from the weather. .

What is the biggest requirement to be a Block Captain?

AN: A Block captain must be capable of walking and carrying a few newsletters. Some walkways are a little rough. No other physical skill is required. Most Block Captains only do a few houses at a time.

Patrolman duties and responsibilities

One of the fundamental functions of a neighborhood watch is to patrol the streets and businesses within our area. Our patrol vehicles are provided with a "winky blinky" light that sits atop the vehicle and magnetic signs that attach to the vehicle doors to identify them and make them visible. Making a patrol visible is a key deterrent to stop people who are in the area with bad intentions.

To become a Patrolman there are essentially three steps.

- 1) You must have an operating vehicle that is clean and in good working order. The appearance is critical since you will be representing the community.
- 2) You must apply to become a patrolman and then pass a police department criminal review. If you have a criminal record do not apply.
- 3) You will be enrolled in a police department training course that teaches you what you can and cannot do as a patrolman. Sometime before completing the police training you will be given a DCNNW Patrol Guide Manual to read and become acquainted with our procedures.

Before you begin to patrol you will be given a list of all homes by address in the area so you can contact homes owners if you see a need.

You set your own schedule, decide your own hours, drive at your own pace. You will keep a record of miles driven and report to the Patrol captain

Be aware: You are only extra eyes and ears to keep a watch on the area. You have no authority to stop, apprehend or in any way interrupt activity you might encounter. Your job is simply to notify police when you see or hear anything suspicious. Best you then stay out of the way.

Be aware: Procedure for Bulk trash Pickup

Two Free Pickups a Year But you must Call

Effective January 2 this year, the procedure to have bulk trash picked up was changed. You are allowed to set your bulk trash volume equal to approximately three washing machines at your curb any time. Follow these rules”

Do not include hazardous materials, car tires or fluids in your bulk items

Do not place your discards under power lines or trees

Do not place items near mail boxes or other obstructions

Once you have set your trash at the curb, you must call Del City Sanitation Department at 405-677-5741 Ext 6211. Your bulk pick up will be scheduled within 5 business days. You may schedule two pickups a year but not in the same month.

Proper way to Dispose of Hazardous Materials

Hazardous materials are a menace to society. Chemicals that cause cancer, destroy wild life and pollute the environment are all around us. If we disposed of such items in our regular garbage pickup, we are guilty of poisoning the future of our children. In Del City, the correct way to dispose of hazardous items is to take them to the Midwest City Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility located at 8726 SE 15th Street (behind Cocopelli's Salon on south side of 15th) This service is free to Del City residents. You must first make an appointment to drop off your items. The number to call is 405-739-1049. If you are uncertain about an item, call this number and ask. This service is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8AM to 11:30 and 12:00 until 3:00. You will need to show proof of your residence (your del City utility bill) when you take your materials there.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR

POLICE EMERGENCY DIAL 911

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NON-EMERGENCY 405-671-2891

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405-677-5741 EXT 6211

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405-671-3007 / 405-671-3011

CITY HALL 405-677-5741

DEL CITY NORTH WATCH MEMBERS

CITY MANAGER 405-677-5741 Ext. 7301

CODE ENFORCEMENT

405-677-6741 Ext 7379

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(405) 677-5741

EXT. 7309, 7319, 7326, or 7328

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DEL CITY NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Membership Application Form

Plan to attend our meetings the third Thursday each month
7:00 PM At the Del City Community Center
4505 S.E. 15th Street (Old Library building)

Effective September 1, 2022; Membership dues are \$24 annually. If you join as a new member any time after September 31, you pay \$2 per month for the number of months remaining until September 1, next year. Only one membership required per family/address.

- You may join by completing the information below and bring this form to the next meeting. You can pay your dues there.
- You may also complete this form and mail with your check to:

DCNNW

923 Hisel Road, Del City, OK 73115

Make check payable to DCNNW, Inc. Your canceled check will be your receipt.

Return this Application with your check **Date** ____/____/____

Check One: Renew Membership ____ Change Personal Info ____ New Membership ____

Name _____

Home Address _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone No. _____ Cell No. _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency contact Phone _____.

____ I would like to help ____ I would like to know about volunteering for patrol

What is the best way to contact me with important information: (Please X One)

____ Phone Call ____ Cell Text ____ Email