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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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Join Us To Make Del City North A Model Community

The Del City North Neighborhood Watch Association is a community of 922 houses where approximately 2100 people reside. Most of our residents want Del City and their home to be a place they can be proud of and feel their families are safe and secure. Most of our residents show concern in the appearance of their cars, their yards and their homes. Many of our residents have great ideas about what they would like to see done to improve the appearance, security and operation of our city. Individually we cannot do much about conditions beyond our own property, but collectively we can make a big difference. That is where our neighborhood watch can make a difference. Our neighborhood watch is greater than just a few guys driving around in pickup trucks looking for bad actors. Now is time to consider the words of the old proverb, “Many hands make light work.” It is true working together is the key to promote improvement in our neighborhood. Residents joining and participating in our neighborhood watch is an effective way to focus our efforts and work collectively to get things done. As a participating member you get to know the goals and objectives of both city planners and your own neighbors. Yet as of now less than 10% of our residents have actually joined our neighborhood watch and even fewer actually are involved in what we are doing. The simple truth is that the more of us who participate, the more effective we can be and the less work there is for everyone. Del City North Watch has an aggressive agenda this year to make our community shine that ties in to reimagine efforts of the whole city. We invite you to join and attend our monthly meeting at the Community Center on the third Thursday each month to find out what is going on. Please ask yourself if you have a couple of hours and month to help make our neighborhood safe, secure and pleasant. What is more important than the safety and well being of your home and family and the improvement of your community? See an application to join DCNNW on back page.



Mark Your Calendars, June 21, for a Special City Wide Event



On March 6, the officers of Del City Neighborhood Watches and officials from Del City will meet to draw up a plan for a city wide “Neighbors Night Out” event. They will discuss and confirm the date June 21 that was selected in an earlier meeting of all Del City Watch officers. Some initial ideas being discussed include: free admission at the Del City Community Center and Aquatic Center. Also possible free food and drinks and maybe food trucks and entertainment. The event will be supported by the City of Del City and the Del City Chamber of Commerce,

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Del City Police and Firemen are expected to control parking, crowd directions, and emergency services as needed. Plan details will be decided at the March 6 meeting with subsequent commitments being made by all Neighborhood Watches. Readers will be informed once plans are finalized via a Community Bulletin and in our Summer Newsletter..



DCNNW Continues to Pursue Code Enforcement Enhancement

Del City North Neighborhood Watch (DCNNW) became aware in November that certain property owners were confronting a situation where a neighboring property was being made “unattractive” in appearance. DCNNW wrote a letter to Councilmen Scott Tatom asking that the Municode be amended to make possible a more rapid response to cleaning up nuisance property. Councilman Tatom arranged for a meeting February 6 with Officers of DCNNW and Del City Management to discuss this issue. Right now, the Municode seems adequate to guide the City Code Enforcement Officers to attack blighted properties. The action to abate an unsightly nuisance from private property takes much time by city officials, and the work is steadily ongoing. Two things neighbors can do to address this issue. First, Code Enforcement Officers cannot drive around looking for code violations. They can and do however react to complaints filed by citizens. So when you are confronted with a bad situation you should contact code enforcement at 405-677-5741. Second, sometimes the property owner or resident at a blighted site is suffering from physical or financial difficulties. Both Del City and DCNNW may be able to help by offering neighborly assistance to clean up a situation. This creates a new avenue for volunteer service by our Beautification Committee. Neighbors working together may be able to act swiftly to alleviate some nuisance from a property. More about this issue will be discussed at the Monthly DCNNW Meetings.

New Way to Stay In Touch With Del City North Watch

We have installed new feature available for our membership to use. You may now drop off messages, reports, suggestions, applications at our Drop Box at 923 Hisel Road. If you would like to renew your membership or join us for the first time, just fill out the application on back page of this newsletter, attach a check and drop it off. Look, no envelope or stamp required. If you have suggestions, write them down, let us know how to contact you and drop it off. Caution: Do not put any cash, gift cards or valuables in this box. Paper only.

DCNNW Monthly Meeting Times Adjusted for Seasons

Our Meetings are held on the Third Thursday each Month at the Huey Long (Del City) Community Center 4505 SE 15th Street. The meeting start at 6:00 PM though March. April through October meetings will begin at 7:00 PM. Come enjoy hot coffee and cold drinks with snacks at each meeting. Free door prizes.

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

Quarterly Watch Patrol and Police Report

Number of miles driven on patrol

Crimes Reported in our Watch Area

January 306

Home Burglary 934 S Vickie Drive

Stolen Vehicle 4132 E Reno Ave

February 382

(2) Larceny of Vehicle 613 Leslie Drive, 4717 Gina Place

Del City Proudly Displays Fire Department At Newest Station

Fire Chief, Zion Williams, is rightly proud of his Firemen, their state of the art equipment and station facilities. He proudly shows off the new station at 2800 Epperly Drive as the epitome of Fire Departments in Oklahoma. At this address behind tornado proof walls the Del City Fire Department Dispatch is located along with and Del City Office of Emergency Management Center. There are also living quarters for 30 regular Firemen to reside in 24 hour shifts keeping our city safe from fires and providing emergency medical services.

Home Fire Alarm Units: The fire department will send a fireman to your residence to install or check out your existing fire alarm unit. Alarm Unit and Installation is free as are new batteries for your old unit. Just call 405-677-2443. The police dispatcher will handle your request.

Del City New Approach: Out with the Old, In with the New

As part of Del City's continuing efforts to clean up our city, the Econo Lodge Motel at 5501 S Sooner Road has been determined to be unsafe for occupancy and will be demolished. This action is the result of months of hard work by our code enforcement department. Still there is more to be done. Our City Economic Director, Kyle Gandy, reports that the Boot Barn, a new business is moving into 4713 SE 15th Street the former location of a Dollar General Store, adjacent to the Harbor Freight Tool Store on SE 15th Street. The Boot Barn is family oriented retailer that carries a broad selection of cowboy boots, work boots, hats, western wear, workwear, western-inspired fashion, and outdoor gear for men, women and kids. The Del City Council approved a sales tax rebate to help offset the cost of enhancements to the location and incentivize the store's move to the area. Del City North Watch encourages you to keep our dollars in Del City by shopping here and other local merchants.

Del City Animal Control is Now Fully Staffed

If you notice stray dogs or cats or wild animals such as possum, foxes, or skunks that interfere with your life style at home or property you should contact Del City Animal Control at once. Perhaps a neighbors pet is being a nuisance, and you cannot seem to resolve the issue, then you should contact Del City Animal Control. Del City now has two fully trained and capable officers to address your problem. Animal Control Officers are Victoria Greyholver, and Shelby Gardizi. When needed, you can contact animal control via police dispatch by dialing 405-677-2443.

To Adopt A Pet: Oklahoma City Animal Welfare at 2811 SE 29th Street is open for cat and some dogs adoptions from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Until overcrowding gets under control, adoption fees are waived for all dogs, no matter their size. Call to inquire about adoptions available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week at 2811 SE 29. For more information, go to www.okc.petfinder.com and www.okc.gov.

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Coming Soon A New Del City North Watch Web Page

Already in discussion at this publication, the Del City Neighborhood Watch Association will be bringing on board for public use a new web page that will vastly improve our ability to get information out to our community. We have had issues with trying to communicate via Facebook that will be resolved. We expect the new web page to become operational sometime over the summer time frame, so stay tuned and attend our monthly meeting to find when it will be available and how to logon.

Expanding our Neighborhood Beautification Efforts

The Del City North Watch is expanding it's Sign Beautification Committee to take on a greater role in adopting city wide projects. In the past the committee has adopted the care and maintenance of the Del City Entry Sign at Sooner and Reno. We are expanding the membership of our committee to include all citizens and friends of Del City and expanding our goals to include pick-up, paint-up, freshen-up type projects to enhance the appearance of our city. We contemplate addressing removal of street side blight, trash, and debris. Some paint and repair of public facilities are targeted. We also may get involved in providing assistance to disadvantaged or disabled neighbors who need a helping hand with maintaining property . We also anticipate teaming up with students at OU and OSU during their springtime volunteer cleanup efforts. Projects will be discussed and outlined at our regular monthly meetings. Contact either of our Committee Leaders, for more information. Call Ted Garrett tlgarrett1958@gmail.com 405-641-8767 or Troy Mize troggmize@gmail.com, 405-795-0624.

The Jail Saga Continues

The Oklahoma County Commissioners are continuing their obsession to locate a new county jail at 1901 Grande Boulevard, less than a half mile west of Del City's western Boundary. They have essentially bypassed the Oklahoma City Council's action to deny a building permit for a jail at this site. The county commissioners are now pursuing a course asserting the county has superior sovereignty over the city and can essentially build the jail without a city permit. As it stands today, the county has purchased the land and has broken ground to construction a Mental Health Facility that is the first step to build a new jail adjacent to it. At this time Commissioners Brian Maughan and Myles Davidson, no friend of Del City are essentially in charge. Jason Lowe has won the primary election to be our District One Commissioner but must yet face Independent candidate Jed Green in the April 1 general election. Lowe has stated he has listened to "thousands and thousands" of voters in District 1 and heard their concerns about the controversial new jail site at 1901 E Grand Blvd., the lack of mental health care services and "roads and bridges." He supported the use of ARPA money to build the Behavioral Care Center, but asserts the county must make the jail complex fit the southeast OKC/Del City area. He would concentrate on economic development in underserved areas of the county. The Del City North Neighborhood Watch Association will continue to monitor the situation and keep our members informed via this newsletter and community bulletins of any updates. Del City North remains opposed to a new jail on our western border. Citizens can continue to express opposition by sending emails to the following Oklahoma County and Oklahoma City Officials.

County Commissioners

Brian Maughan b.maughan@oklahomacounty.org

Myles Davidson myles.davidson@oklahomacounty.org

Joe Blough jblough@oklahomacounty.org

Send to all: Publiccommentoklahomacounty.org

Oklahoma City Mayor and Council

mayor@okc.gov, ward1@okc.gov, ward2@okc.gov,

ward3@okc.gov, ward4@okc.gov, ward5@okc.gov,

ward6@okc.gov, ward7@okc.gov, ward8@okc.gov

Del City Rolls Out Progressive Agenda to Move City Forward



November 12, 2024, at a First Annual Town Hall Meeting held at the Del City Community Center, citizens of Del City witnessed the roll out of an ambitious plan to move Del City forward into the Twenty-first Century. The thrust of this new direction is to grow and improve our community while staying true to our values. We will be guided in this

endeavor by the characteristics below that define our efforts and resolve. The Del City North Watch fully endorses this effort. You can support this endeavor by becoming a member of our association.

Relentless
Adaptive
Driven
Connected

We stand up for what we believe in.

We are resourceful and resilient in the face of adversity.

We do the hard work to propel our community forward.

We stand together.

See back page for application to join Del City North Watch..

Del City Will NOT Turn Off Utilities During Winter Cold

Citizens of Del City are advised by the City Manager, J. D. Hock, that unpaid utilities will not be turned off during periods of winter cold. This is not an announcement meant to discouraging paying your bills on time, but is a statement of intent not to do anything to jeopardize human life and safety.

Del City North Neighborhood Watch Association Membership Registration 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 1, 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:

Del North Neighborhood Watch Association
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