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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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President's Message

Hello Residents of Del City North Watch,

As we enter the holiday season I think it appropriate to stop, reflect & count our blessings.

We are blessed to live in a country that is free and open for all to enjoy many wonderful freedoms!

We have certain rights & liberties that were fought for and secured by many Veterans of our Military Services. I was encouraged by all the recognition this past Veterans Day! Thank you Veterans for your service and sacrifice! Regarding our rights, see the following article.

Your Watch Officers are working very hard to expand the safety, security, activities and community awareness. But it takes more than 8 officers working together to provide a top notch Neighborhood Watch Association. That is where you come into play. We need you to join with us in the planning, promotion and enactment of our programs to insure an outstanding community. To become that we need for each of you to join with us. You can do that by completing the Membership Application on the back page of this newsletter. Also, we are recruiting Patrollers and Block Captains. If you could help us in this capacity please contact any of our officers.

We want you to come out and celebrate with us at our last Watch Meeting of this calendar year! We are inviting all to come, bring your favorite snack and join in with us. We may even have some entertainment? We meet at the Del City Community Center @ 6:00 pm on Thursday, 19 Dec '24.

Lastly the Officers want to wish each of you a wonderful Holiday Season & prosperous New Year!

Wendell Kluge, President

Del City North Watch Association Officers for 24 -25

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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

Neighbors Have the Right to Have Peace and Security

The right to own personal property is a cherished right that all Americans enjoy. It is at the heart of what makes our nation great. Americans have fought for this fundamental right throughout our history. Included in this right is the right to own a gun, a car, a home and a business. We also have the right of free speech, the right to assemble and the right to address our government when we feel our personal welfare is threatened. Yet all of us realize that there are limits to virtually everything including our ability to express our rights. Americans almost instinctively react we feel our property, our homes and our families are in some way threatened. This is especially true in neighborhoods where most of us live in close proximity to one another. As neighbors living in a city, we know there are rules that must be followed. We know we cannot shoot off our guns in our yards, park our cars in the middle of the street, or openly burn trash at our home. Such actions are beyond annoying, they are dangerous. They create an environment where neighbors living close by are unable to live securely. Beyond providing security, our neighborhoods should provide a place where everyone can relax and enjoy spending time with their friends and families. Furthermore our homes, businesses and families are the major focus of our time and money and we want to preserve and protect our investment. All this is said to make the point, we must all work together to create the kind of community we want to live in.

One of the functions of government is to establish laws, rules and regulations that promote and in fact to some extent define the way our community looks, works and gets things done. We have "codes" that define some requirements for all residents of Del City to follow, yet we see repeatedly that these codes are circumvented or just ignored by a few residents. As a result some neighbors are confronted with property close by filled with immobile and derelict vehicles and car parts, unmowed lawns with piles of trash and debris, unpruned trees, over grown weeds, and brambles creating a haven for vermin, backyards with unkept swimming pools breeding mosquitoes, along with displays of antagonistic material apparently to create animosity. We are not talking about missing some paint, we are talking about "a collection of junk." There is little need for this since the city will pick up curb side trash twice a year at no cost to the home owner. Meantime, such conditions wreck real estate values and destroy the tranquility of a neighborhood. Our Police and Code Enforcement officers seem to lack the tools to confront these situations. That is not right.

Our community, Del City is in the process of redefining itself with a new program that begins with the premise we care about our community and stay true to our values. Del City Officials have been made aware of the above situations and have been requested to assess and revise appropriate "codes" and ordinances to be presented in a public forum and upon approval strenuously enforcing them. In special cases where elderly or veterans are unable to make repairs to homes, we would expect special consideration and resolution. We can make Del City the model community for all Oklahoma as part of our new direction. Working together, we can make Del City a "Delightful " place for all residents to live and work..

We Need a "Web Master" for the Del City North Association

Do You have computer skills that include data base construction and security? Do you have some time to volunteer your services to a non-profit organization? If so, we would love for you to join us and help set up a comprehensive "web site" for the Del City North Watch Association. We would like to have a web site where our members can log on and see the latest information regarding upcoming events, minutes of meetings, the latest newsletter and community bulletin updates, community plans, crime statistics and allow members to update their contact information and pay annual dues on line via credit card. If you can help or would like more information, please contact any of our officers.

The Jail Saga Continues

As you are aware, the Oklahoma County Commissioners are continuing their obsession to locate a new county jail at 1900 Grande Boulevard less than a half mile west of Del City's western Boundary. There was a "semi-successful" campaign to get the City of Oklahoma City to deny a building permit for the 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. Del City attempted to convene a grand jury to investigate the political intrigue surrounding commissioner Myles Davidson but failed to get enough valid signatures for their petition. As it stands today, the county has purchased the land and intends to begin construction of a Mental Health Facility that will eventually be joined to the new jail. Once construction actually begins, Del City may attempt to file an injunction to stop the construction. Meantime, at latest report, Commissioner Brian Maughan is temporarily sidelined with a health issue and is working part time. Commissioner Carrie Blumert resigned effective September 30. Her functions are being managed by Joe Blough her chief deputy. That means that Commissioner Myles Davidson, no friend of Del City is essentially running the show. The Del City North Neighborhood Watch Association will continue to monitor the situation and keep our members informed via this newsletter and community bulletins. We continue to oppose the building of the new jail on our western border. You can express your opposition by sending emails to the following Oklahoma County and Oklahoma City Officials: Ask them to negotiate for better suited location that has minimal Impact on the adjacent community.

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

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ward3@okc.gov, ward4@okc.gov, ward5@okc.gov,
ward6@okc.gov, ward7@okc.gov, ward8@okc.gov

Del City Rolls Out Ambitious Plan to Rebrand Community



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. This plan reimagines what Del City is, where it is going and how it is guided. It begins with the introduction of a new logo. The thrust of this new direction is to recognize our community

as a place where we care for one another and stay true to our values. We will be guided in this endeavor by these characteristics that define who we seek to be going forward.

Relentless	We stand up for what we believe in.
Adaptive	We are resourceful and resilient in the face of adversity.
Driven	We do the hard work to propel our community forward.
Connected	We stand together.

We will see more on this initiative as the new year progresses.

Hazardous Materials Categories Expanded

The list of acceptable Hazardous Materials that can be disposed at the Midwest City Waste Disposal Facility now includes, electronic devices, car tires and batteries. If you have any item or material you are uncertain about contact the facility and ask. Be responsible. 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. The city of Del City, has made arrangements to dispose of hazardous items at 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. 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.



Be aware: You must call for Bulk Trash Pickup

Effective January 2 this year, each household can call for two bulk trash pickups a year. The only restriction is the pickups cannot be done in the same month. 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 pickup will be scheduled within 5 business days. Again, you may schedule two pickups a year but not in the same month.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR DEL CITY NORTH WATCH MEMBERS

POLICE EMERGENCY DIAL 911

NON EMERGENCY 405-677-2443

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY DIAL 911

NON-EMERGENCY 405-671-2891

WATER LINE / SEWER LINE EMERGENCY

CITY MANAGER 405-677-5741 Ext. 7301

CODE ENFORCEMENT 405-677-6741 Ext 7379

EAGLE HARBOUR AQUATIC CENTER
(SWIMMING POOL) (405) 677-5741 EXT 5011

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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

(Cut Here) -----

Cash Receipt paid to: Del City North Neighborhood Watch

Receipt of _\$ _____ Date ____/____/____

Paid Cash _____ Paid Check _____ Check Number _____

Received By: _____ Rev. 72923