

Straight From The Heart

The Hartsdel Neighborhood Watch Association, P.O. Box 15071, Del City, OK 73155-5071

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HARTSDEL NEIGHBORHOOD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 6, 2009

WHERE: SEQUOYAH PARK ON LEONHARDT DRIVE
ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:30 PM

HOT DOGS, BAKED BEANS, POTATO CHIPS, PICKLES and SODAS WILL BE PROVIDED

15' SLIDE FOR THE KIDS
HIGH SPEED BOOM WILL PROVIDE LIVE MUSIC
BALLOON ARTIST WILL BE DOING BALLOON SCULPTURE
MEMBERSHIP TABLE

If it rains we will have it at the Del City Community Center on 15th Street.

(Memberships renewals were due September 1, 2009. If you have not yet renewed your membership, there will be a membership table at the NNO. Please renew your membership. Your continued support is greatly needed to keep this Association active.)

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - OCTOBER 13, 2009

WHERE: SUNNYLANE CHURCH
41ST AND SUNNYLANE

COVERED DISH DINNER
BRING YOUR FAVORITE FOOD AND SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS
SOFT DRINKS, PLATES, TABLEWARE WILL BE FURNISHED

SETUP AT 6 PM, DINNER AT 6:30 PM

OFFICER ELECTIONS AFTER THE MEAL

(We have nominations for all of the officers. However, if you feel you can bring new ideas to this association, we encourage you to notify one of the nomination committee members and volunteer. Your name will be added to the ballot for the election. Steve Clapp, 672-4261; Janet Diehl, 672-3255; Dianne Kennedy, 670-4658.)

Remember, "All it takes for evil to succeed is for good people to do nothing."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Neighbors,

Just a reminder of the coming events for October and November.

Saturday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM, the six Neighborhood Associations will observe our annual get together at Eagle Lake. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and live entertainment.

Tuesday, October 6th at 5:30 PM, Hartsdel Neighborhood Association will host our annual gathering at Sequoyah Park. If you have not renewed your membership by then, a membership table will be available.

Tuesday, October 13th, will be our Annual Meeting, Pot-Luck dinner and election of officers. Bring your dish at 6:00 PM and we will eat at 6:30. The business meeting and election will follow.

Tuesday, November 3rd will be the general membership meeting for November.

There will be a full slate of officers for the next year, and while there will be one returning, four will be new. I expect everyone to give them your full support as you have given me and the other officers. It has been a pleasure to have been your President for these past several years, but now it's time to turn over the reins to someone with new and fresh ideas. Please give the new president the same assistance that was given to me.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article regarding the low cost spay and neuter program. Del City is the recipient of a grant from Petsmart Charities to spay and neuter dogs and puppies. If you qualify, please take advantage of this program.

Questions, comments or concerns?

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NOTES FROM THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2009 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

Patty Raychel, Secretary

Normally this would be our National Night Out. It has been moved to the first Tuesday in October for cooler weather. It will start at 5:30 pm. due to being a school night and it will be darker sooner.

We will have hot dogs, chips, beans and drinks. There will be a live band, a clown and inflatable slide for the kids. We hope you can join us.

If you see your neighbor with tall grass please call code enforcement.

We have volunteers for officers for the October elections.

President: David Bloodworth
Vice President: Richard Harden
Treasurer: Brenda Squire
Patrol Captain: Richard Raychel
Secretary: Patty Raychel

Open house for the new city hall was successful. The old city hall will be demolished and replaced with a new police station. The old police station may become a senior citizen center.

Della Scott made a motion for the association to purchase a police scanner for the new patrol captain. Motion was granted.

Janet Diehl won a \$25.00 gift certificate to Wal Mart.

Dick Carter was attending patrol school and could not attend our September meeting. It was conducted by Vice President Georgia Sanor.

Sept 25, 26 and 27 will be the city wide garage sale. You will need a permit but there is no fee.

We have 3 volunteers for the audit committee; they are: Diane Kennedy, Frank Kennedy and Emily Chuma.

Oct 6, 2009 will be National Night Out at Sequoyah park. It will

begin at 5:30pm since it will get dark sooner. If it rains, it will be moved to the community center.

Oct 13, 2009 will be the next neighborhood meeting. We will have a pot luck dinner and elections of new officers. Please bring your favorite dish. Set-up will be at 6:00pm and we will eat at 6:30pm.

Diane Kennedy won a \$25.00 gift certificate to Wal Mart.

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His wife's grave side service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing!

PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar rapist won't stick around... After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT/JAM

The Greater Oklahoma Bluegrass Music Society (GOBMS), will present its monthly concert/jam, October 10, 2009, 6:30 PM, in the Oklahoma Country-Western Museum & Hall of Fame, 3925 SE 29, Del City (just west of Wall's).

Featured bands will be *Wichita Mountain Bluegrass*, Mountain Park, OK; *Buddy & Tina Wright Group*, Wichita Falls, TX; and *Graystone Bluegrass Revival*, Newcastle, OK

There is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger, no apple or pine in pineapple. English muffins were not invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

DEL CITY DOG AND PUPPY STERILIZATION EVENT

Pet overpopulation resulted in the euthanasia of more than 16,000 adoptable animals in fiscal year 2008 at the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Division (AWD) alone. And the direct cost to the City of Del City for utilizing AWD is more than \$200,000 per year.

In order to stop this senseless loss of lives, AWD with the endorsement of Del City have made the commitment to move toward a no-kill shelter by 2014. The first step is to educate the public on the necessity to sterilize their pets in order to reduce this unwanted population. In addition, AWD received a grant of \$10,000 from PetSmart Charities, Inc. to sterilize 570 dogs and puppies belonging to low-income owners who reside in Del City.

AWD applied for this grant because PetSmart Charities is currently interested in targeting very specific populations of animals for sterilization, instead of using a wider, "scattershot" approach to community sterilization efforts. They funded this project because it targets a group of animals (dogs) from a geographically well-defined area (Del City) within which the progress of such an undertaking can be easily tracked and quantified over time. Approximately 88% of the animals coming into the shelter from Del City are canines, and the number of dogs to be sterilized (571) represents about 12% of Del City's estimated dog population. PetSmart Charities is very interested in learning what effect sterilizing 12% of a canine population would have on shelter intake and service demand.

It is a well proven fact that sterilized dogs are healthier; roam less; fight less; and show less aggression. They also don't contribute to pet overpopulation problems, increased shelter and animal control costs, or euthanasia rates.

There is no limit on the number of dogs or puppies that can be altered per Del City household. The cost is \$17.50 for each. Puppies can be safely sterilized as early as 2 months and 2 pounds.

The success of the first pilot of its kind in the metro area could result in the expansion of this program to other local communities. The program ends in December 2009. To find out if you qualify or to schedule an appointment, call **Volunteers for Animal Welfare SPOT Clinic (606-8476) or Best Friends of Pets, Inc. AP Program (629-6795).**

We strongly urge you to call immediately to take advantage of this first-come, first-served program.

Police Statistics (8/1/09 to 8/31/09)

Vandalism

3000 blk Hillside Dr, 8/29
4200 blk SE 41st St, 8/17
3400 blk Lazy Lane, 8/11
3200 blk Dentwood Terr, 8/8

Larceny

3000 blk Overland Dr, 8/21
4100 blk Overland Dr, 8/19
3000 blk Neighbors Ln, 8/10
3000 blk Hillside Dr, 8/1

Residential Burglary

3200 blk Dentwood Terr, 8/31
3400 blk Hillside Dr, 8/23
3700 blk Overland Dr, 8/20
4200 blk Clendon Way, 8/19
3800 blk Greenway Terr, 8/18
3200 blk Neighbors Ln, 8/12
4400 blk Clendon Way, 8/10
3200 blk Dentwood Terr, 8/10
3400 blk Overland Dr, 8/4
3500 blk Overland Dr, 8/3

Stolen Vehicle

3400 blk Lazy Lane, 8/28
3000 blk Lazy Lane, 8/24
3400 blk Eastwood Cir, 8/1

Auto Burglary

4100 blk Clendon Way, 8/31
3100 blk Greenbriar Terr, 8/16
3200 blk Neighbors Ln, 8/15
4000 blk Veterans Ln, 8/15

BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Della Scott

Congratulations to HNWA members and gardeners for being among 4 of the 2009 Eagle Pride Contest Winners in Ward I for the aesthetically designed yards at their houses. Check out the beautiful landscaping where these winners enjoy spending a lot of time: Linda Bortka at 4309 Leonhardt and also Larry and Anna Mae Stotler at 3720 Greenway Terrace. They care for the HNWA gardens at Leonhardt & 44th on the east side & the south garden at Bryant & Neighbors, respectively. They are among 16 residents who won the award for the four wards in Del City. HNWA's former beautification chairman, Liz Freeman and her husband Jim are among the winners in Ward III.

A first-time event during Della's first year as beautification chairman occurred after HNWA's August meeting. James and Crystal Loughtin volunteered to be fellow neighborhood flower gardeners. Because they are talented, sensitive to the aesthetic values, want to promote HNWA, & contribute in a positive way, they'll be in charge of the big oval garden at 44th & Clendon Way where Griff, Barbarette, Ruth, & Bill will be available to help with projects. It is a challenge with monkey grass & mums having grown together, trees, shrubs, & gophers to cope with.

When Della was calling for garden workers the response from Bill Duncan was also a surprise. He said, "Where have you been the last few months since I've been out of work and looking for something useful to do". After he finishes a commitment for someone else, he'll join the crew in the big Clendon garden.

Leonhardt water report: Bill Graham, Public Works, will have the employees digging down to find the water main along 44th Street for the 2 gardens on the east and west sides of Leonhardt when they aren't involved

with water emergencies. Hopefully Linda Bortka, Sharon Brannon, & Eric Bradshaw will soon be able to have water for their gardens without having to lug water in jugs. Notice the display of pretty colored flowers in the east garden requiring a dedicated person (Linda) to keep it even surviving the all-day hot summer sun.

See those many-colored tall Zinnias in Bob McCracken's Chetwood north garden!! They were just little sprouts when he transplanted them from his Mother's yard. Carol Wolf has had a good display with the yellow Coreopsis in the Dentwood gardens; Sharon Brannon scattered Marigold seed from her plants at home in the Leonhardt east side; Dianne Kennedy who retired had scattered Marigold seeds in both sides of Overland; David & Diane Bloodworth set out some Marigold likenesses. All these are annuals, but they'll reseed themselves and sprout and grow a colorful garden for them next year without their having to set out plants. Most all the gardens have some perennials which are evergreen or will go dormant and re-grow next Spring. Either the reseeding annuals or the perennials make for an almost instant garden each year. We're also thankful for the ambitious people who have added a lot of pretty color with annuals that won't come back next year.

Sequoyah Park garden sustained minimal vandalism the last week of July. Fortunately an HNWA gardener stopped to admire the flowers soon after several had been pulled up & left lying on the ground. He quickly reset them which saved them from drying & dying. If anyone ever witnesses such an act call either of your beautification chairmen, Della Scott or Bob McCracken or better yet, reset them yourself. There is water at most of the gardens, requiring the water key & a hose.

Removing weeds and unwanted grasses in the garden and very close

to the garden are a weekly thirty minutes to one hour task in order to keep them in check. Letting them get out of hand tends to become a seemingly insurmountable task. As someone says, "It's a matter of making a commitment and striving to keep the commitment". God's world needs more people who will have that mind-set!!! During August, Evelyn Weaver, a resident across from the Simmons Dr & Bryant garden came out to hoe up sandburs & crabgrass in the lawn surrounding the garden helping the two gardeners working for an hour--another happy surprise.

The positive comments by motorists who pass by, thanking us as we work the gardens is a true encouragement & we are grateful for the kindness.

Let Della Scott know at 670-2366 if you can give thirty minutes to an hour on a regular basis, either weekly or monthly. You can be matched with someone else who has the same limitations and together you can work out a schedule.

If anyone in Hartsdel has a landscape computer program &/or would like to assist us in designing a butterfly shape with colorful flowers in the Sequoyah Park flower garden please call Della.

**Keep
It
Simple
Soil-diggers**

P. S. Soon we'll set a date for Cherokee Park clean-up & tree trimming by Jim Wade.

HNWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

You do not need to own your home to join! To become a member of the HNWA costs a household \$12.00 per year payable on September 1. Dues will be prorated at \$1.00 per month, starting in September for \$12.00 and ending in August for \$1.00. Members joining in July or August will receive 14 or 13 months membership for \$12.00.

___ YES, please renew my membership

___ YES, please register my household as a member of the HNWA.

___ YES, I would like to volunteer for _____ (You do not have to volunteer to be a member.)

***Is anyone in your household dependent on electricity for health reasons? _____

Name: _____ Number of persons in household _____

Address: _____

Spouse Name: _____ E-mail _____@_____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ (Optional – for periodic news updates - will

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____ not be shared outside of HNWA)

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Make checks payable to the HNWA and send to:

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WARD ONE REPRESENTATIVE,
Dick Carter 672-2600

CLASSIFIEDS

A classified ad section in the newsletter is available for HNWA members. Commercial business ads will not be accepted. Every member household will be given one free ad each year. Additional ads will cost \$5.00 per month. Ads can contain up to three lines. For information, call Dallas Miller, 672-9495.

Good Advice

- Don't corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is quit digging.
- Sometimes you get and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you will probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every morning.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Letting the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you start thinking you are a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.
- Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain Dance.

- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- Meanness doesn't happen overnight.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Don't interfere with something that isn't bothering you.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.
- Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- You cannot win a wrestling match with a skunk.