

Straight From the Heart

The Hartsdel Neighborhood Watch Association, PO Box 15071, Del City, OK 73155-5071
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HARTSDEL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

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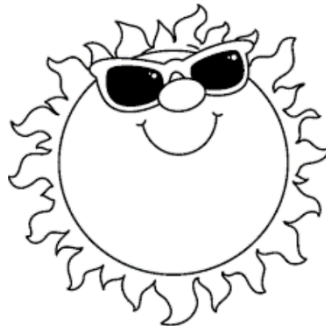
HELP HOT LINE NUMBERS

SUICIDE 800-273-8255

GAMBLING 800-522-4700

MENTAL HEALTH 800-583-1264

DOMESTIC 800-522-7233



**2018/2019 MEMBERSHIP STARTS SEPT 1st. PLEASE
TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS ABOUT HNWA & RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP!** (application on back page)

From The President's Desk Diane Bloodworth

In a recent Family Circus, the kids have put a play house on the green pool table and the little boy says "I put in an artificial lawn to save water". That cartoon got me thinking about lawn watering and saving water. We have been blessed this summer so far with some good rains.

The Neighborhood Alliance recently sent me an article "Water Saving Tips." I thought I would share them with you to help keep your yard and garden in tip top shape – and don't forget to water your trees.

1. If you have a company doing your yard, ask if they have a "Landscape Water Budget" which would help you develop a water management plan.
2. Install a smart irrigation controller. A smart controller automatically makes adjustments based on weather changes (how cool is that?)
3. Water during early morning hours. Wind speed and evaporation are at their lowest.
4. Control High Water Pressure. Excessive misting is a classic symptom of high water pressure. Mist blows away and does not reach the lawn. Install pop-up spays with build in pressure regulation.
5. Fix leaks and adjust sprinkler heads. Cracked and broken heads have potential to waste thousands of gallons of water.
6. Eliminate Fescue in the landscape. It needs two times the amount of water Bermuda grass does. Use zoysia grass or money grass.
7. Use cycle and soak to limit water runoff. Split water times into two or three short cycles. This allows water to soak in and not run off. 8. For more information go to <http://www.squeezeverydrop.com>.

HELP WANTED

Membership Chairperson – You would help encourage other Hartsdel residents to join HNWA. This individual would also work with our member coordinator Dallas Miller to keep track of annual membership.

District Representatives & Block Captains – Volunteers in this role would make sure newsletters get distributed to Block Captains for their assigned area and/or distribute bi-monthly newsletters to Hartsdel residents. The weather is getting warmer – distribute newsletters & get your steps in!

Gardeners – Please consider joining us to help keep our Hartdel gardens tidy as they welcome visitors into our lovely neighborhood. Supplies are provided by HNWA; you just apply elbow grease, your green thumb and love. Please call Della at 405-250-5940 for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mon, Sep 3: Labor Day

Tue, Sep 4: HNWA meeting 7pm
Sunnylane Family Church
4221 SE 41st St, Del City

Tue, Sep 11: Neighborhood Night Out

Tue, Oct 2: HNWA meeting 7pm
Sunnylane Family Church

Tue, Nov 6: HNWA meeting 7pm
Sunnylane Family Church

Mon, Nov 12: Veterans Day (observed)

**New Life Church of the Nazarene
4001 S Bryant, Del City, OK**

We wish to welcome neighbors from Hartsdel to our Sunday 11am services as we hope to grow our outreach to your community. Praying to see you soon. God bless.

Pastor Harrell Rodebush, 503-6505

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BEAUTIFICATION REPORT

Della Scott

I'm elated and very thankful to report two sets of new garden volunteers:

☼ Becky Fetters will assist long-time gardener, Dianne Kennedy, with both Overland Street gardens on Bryant on both Hartsdel and Del City's western border.

☼ Travis and Crissy will begin caring for the 44th St and Leonhardt west garden.

These two families are already busy people and to show they do care about their neighborhood they want to help where they can.

Caring for four gardens isn't supposed to be my responsibility, but that's what happens without enough gardeners. I am blessed to have a friend who doesn't even live in Del City, but she wants to help. After her first weeding experience she discovered she enjoys the exercise. Check with your friends and see if you can help us in some way, temporarily or permanently. None of us knows how long we will have to be active.

The wisest man who lived says "God keeps people busy with the things they love to do".

Call Della at 405-250-5940 (call only; no text) with questions or suggestions.

Bob McCracken, beautification co-chair, with pick-up transportation

provided by Larry, made two trips to Home Depot for sixty-two big bags of Cypress mulch for the gardens. Delivery was made to each gardener's house for their convenience in applying. Soon as we get it covering the weed and grass free ground the results will manifest in fewer weeds and grass intrusion and moisture conservation for the plants. The forked in old mulch will add to the fertilizer by enriching the soil each year.

Del City public works employees are again letting the mowers deposit debris in our neighborhood flower gardens. Their supervisor, David Ellis, will inform and request they turn the mower away from the gardens. This will greatly assist us gardeners by diminishing those weed and grass seeds from germinating in our garden, consequently eliminating extra weeding. Because of the huge turnover of employees the reminder has to be given a few times during the growing season.

Speaking of weeding, timing is everything. A collinear hoe has been suggested as an essential weeding tool. Its thin blade skims just below the soil surface, removing weeds with the roots while they are still small. When the weed is mature more effort is required to remove the stable, deeply planted root. Even though this is considered a chore, it can result in relaxation due to meditative thoughts. Listen to the birds and mull things over. Accept your accomplishment of freeing chosen plants from competition and looking at a tidied-up bed.

Proverbs 21:31 quoted loosely to imply "We can get the soil enriched and weed free but it is the Lord who gives the colorful aesthetic results".

Eight of our 15 Hartsdel gardens were represented by six members at our May monthly meeting. There is still an opening for a gardener at 44th St and Leonhardt, east side. If you would, please, just go look at the garden and find the water access a few feet east, then consider keeping it

weed free by visiting it weekly or bi-weekly for 30 minutes. Call Della with you decision. A former gardener transplanted yellow canas and pink four o'clock flowers which fill the area and present an inviting entrance into Hartsdel off 44th St and onto Leonhardt St. Sometimes instead of weeds you'll find overgrown four o'clocks which need to be trimmed back so the mowers can get to the curb on the garden's south side. It's optional if you want to keep them trimmed so the 'Hartsdel' white letters are exposed or covered.

To eliminate unwanted debris in your yard, specifically the 'free papers' thrown weekly by the Oklahoman Publishing Co. It has the Buyer's EDGE advertisement, and sometimes other papers. They tell me we don't subscribe to it, BUT if we want to stop it, each household needs to call 478-7171 to stop it. I can't call in for the neighborhood which I would like to. Ideally each resident would join the 'pick up and pitch in' crew before it becomes debris. If I could campaign that would be my soap box ☐. Prospective renters or buyers perusing a neighborhood notice how clean, neat, and cared for it is, evidenced by the appearance on any given day. We want to attract newcomers who care so they will be an asset not a detriment to our Hartsdel Neighborhood.

**PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN
TO BE A PROMOTER OF
DELITTERING HARTSDEL**



**Much thanks to
Community Action
Agency for their
continued support!**

PATROL REPORT

Richard Raychel

For the month of May 2018, the following calls were made to the Del City Police Department:

- ★ 26 animal calls
- ★ 06 larceny reports
- ★ 02 parking complaints
- ★ 02 prowler/suspicious activity
- ★ 03 residential burglary
- ★ 01 stolen vehicle
- ★ 02 traffic complaints
- ★ 03 cases of vandalism

During the summer, several of your neighbors might be going away for vacations, so please stay vigilant for suspicious activity and report if you see/hear suspicious activity in Hartsdel report it to the police

911 (emergency), or
677-2443 (non-emergency).

As always:

- ★ Please drive the posted speed limit in Hartsdel.
- ★ Keep vehicles locked, windows up, and house entrance doors locked.
- ★ Our patrol is not a 24-hour security service because it is staffed by volunteers. Until we get more to complete training and help patrol, we cannot provide a 24 hour a day service to our neighborhood.

Thank you, patrol!

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SUMMER STORIES

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." – *Audrey Hepburn*

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." – *Sam Keen*

"The summer night is like a perfection of thought." – *Wallace Stevens*

"Do what we can, summer will have its flies." – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"Summertime is always the best of what might be." – *Charles Bowden*

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June." – *L.M. Montgomery*

"A life without love is like a year without summer." – *Swedish Proverb*

"I am more myself in a garden than anywhere else on earth." – *Dough Greene*

FALL MUSINGS

"...And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and autumn was awakened." – *Raquel Franco*

"and all at once, summer collapsed into fall." – *Oscar Wilde*

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." – *Jim Bishop*

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all." – *Stanley Horowitz*

"It was a beautiful, bright autumn day, with air like cider and a sky so blue you could drown in it." – *Diana Gabaldon, Outlander*

"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day." – *Shira Tamir*

"If a year was tucked inside of a clock, then autumn would be the magic hour." – *Victoria Erickson*

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." – *L.M. Montgomery*

"Everyone must take time to sit still and watch leaves turn." – *Elizabeth Lawrence*

Ascension Lutheran Church

3617 SE 29th St
Del City, OK
405-677-1444

You are invited to
Worship 8:30am
Sunday School 9:45am



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HNWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

You do not need to own your home to join! To become a member of the HNWA costs a household \$12 per year payable on September 1. Dues will be prorated at \$1 per month, starting in September for \$12 and ending in August for \$1. Members joining in July or August will receive 14 or 13 months membership for \$12.

___ 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: _____ Email: _____

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

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

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____

Make checks payable to the HNWA and send to:

HARTSDEL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 15071, DEL CITY, OK 73155-5071

KITCHEN TIME

Coffee and Brown Sugar-Crusted Skirt Steak

Servings: 8

Prep time: 15mins; Total time: 20mins

This recipe is from CountryLiving.com, July 2015.

This spice mix is a great go-to rub for the grill.

Ingredients

¼ c. finely ground espresso coffee (not instant)

¼ c. dark brown sugar, firmly packed

1-½ tsp. Kosher salt

⅛ tsp. each of ground cinnamon, ground ginger,
ground white pepper, & five-spice powder

Pinch cayenne pepper

2-½ lb. skirt steak, cut into 4 pieces

1 tbsp. olive oil

Directions:

1. Heat grill to high.
2. Combine coffee, brown sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger, white pepper, five-spice powder, and cayenne pepper in a bowl.
3. Remove steak from frig & let come to room temp for ~15 minutes. Rub steak with oil, and sprinkle with rub. Massage rub into meat.
4. Grill until charred and medium-rare, 2 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer to a cutting board, cover with foil and let rest 5 minutes before thinly slicing at an angle. Serve immediately.

A NEIGHBOR'S NOTE

Fritzie says:

So it's summertime – the good old summertime – let's hope that's good – that the tornadoes can't find us and crime disappears and all that is lovely banishes our fears.

How can we enjoy the hot weather? Well, life begins at the end of your comfort zone. Roll a good deed along toward someone else today. A smile is the window to your soul. Laughter is the door. If you pour out sunshine, happiness will result. Those who let things happen usually lose to those who make things happen.

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness. Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life – so let's make Hartsdel a clean, healthy, happy place to live – an abundant life this summer!

Fritzie Rice

A Friend in the Neighborhood

