

Straight From the Heart

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

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SUICIDE 1-800-273-8255

GAMBLING 1-800-522-4700

MENTAL HEALTH 1-800-583-1264

DOMESTIC 1-800-522-7233

The Hartsdel Neighborhood Night Out is Coming! Food! Games! Prizes! Mu- sic! Family Fun! Sequoyah Park

Mark the date on your calendar:
September 12th, from 5:30 to 8:00
pm.

We hope to see you there, bring
family and friends!

8 SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD A SAFER PLACE

1. Know your neighbors. This cannot be emphasized enough. Know whether they work during the day, whether they have children (and, if so, what they look like), and what their needs are. Do you live next to an elderly couple that stays home, but sometimes needs help? Or is there a teenage driver in the family? Are there small children you need to look out for? Knowing these things helps you be aware of who is in your neighborhood and what could be suspicious. Have a way to reach your neighbors if they're gone and

something is amiss in the neighborhood. Feel free to contact them if you see any out-of-ordinary or suspicious behavior around their home.

2. Keep up your yard, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. A neighborhood with mowed lawns, flowers, and freshly painted homes looks like it's cared for, and this alone can help deter crime. A well-kept yard also provides fewer places for suspicious persons to take cover. If there is a certain open lot or abandoned home that is an eyesore, work together as a neighborhood to clean up weeds, plant trees, and do a bit of fixing up on the exterior.

3. Be extra cautious when you go out of town. Talk to your neighbors and arrange for someone to mow your lawn, shovel your walks, or pick up your mail and newspapers. Use timers on your lights, or find a security system that will allow you to turn lamps off and on remotely.

4. Close your windows and blinds at night. Leaving your blinds open and lights on at night provides a free look into your house.

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--Join the Neighborhood Association and attend meetings - we want your input!

--Neighborhood Patrol - we are in need of patrollers. Training is available and again this can be tailored to what is right for you.

--Help with neighborhood gardens

If you can help in anyway contact Diane 677-1821 - leave a message and thanks for caring about your hood!

Volunteer Opportunities in YOUR Neighborhood (these all may be tailored to what is right for you!)

Newsletter Opportunities:

--Submit articles

--Pass out newsletters

--Count out for delivery

--Be a District Representative

--Be a Block Captain

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August 1, 2017 will be our next Membership meeting at the Sunnyslane Family church, SE 41st and Sunnyslane at 7pm.

September 5 will be our next Membership meeting at 7pm

September 12 will be the National Night Out at Sequoyah park from 5:30 to 8pm.

Ascension Lutheran Church

3617 SE 29th Street
Del City, OK 677-1444



Invites you to
Sunday School 10:15 am
Worship 11:30 am

Paid Advertisement

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

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

Pastor Harrell Rodebush,
(405) 503-6505.

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4. Improve the lighting on your street. Streetlamps are not the only way to do this. Ask that each household turn on their porch lights in the evenings and install motion-sensor lights in the backs or sides of the house so potential intruders don't have the darkness to hide in.

5. Encourage outdoor activity. Go on walks with your neighbor, work in your yard, and let your kids play with the neighbors down the street. Organizing a neighborhood cookout can encourage people to feel more comfortable spending time out in the neighborhood as well.

6. Know your local police department. Express to them your desire to keep the neighborhood safe and notify them of specific ways they can help. For example, if cars are often speeding through, ask them to patrol the streets. Request that they make a

drive-through every night when possible. You might even work with the department to start a Neighborhood Watch program.

7. Install a security system. In the end, one of the surest options to improve safety in your neighborhood is to get a home security system and use it properly. A 2009 study by Rutgers found that, as the number of home security systems increased in an area, the number of residential robberies decreased in that area.

8. Improving neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it needs to start with someone and that someone should be you. As you get to know your neighbors, discuss your concerns, and apply some of the ideas above, you'll find that your neighborhood becomes not only a safer place to be, but a more enjoyable one.

President's Corner by Diane Bloodworth

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Why join?

Joining your neighborhood watch association can provide you with a variety of benefits:

Increased safety, a powerful voice in getting city services, a way to improve your area and property values, an avenue for leadership development, a way for you to control your own destiny, possible business contacts, personal growth, public recognition, a sense of accomplishment, civic pride, and, a feeling of community belonging.

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. Ads can contain up to three lines. For information, call Dallas Miller, 672-9495.

Don't throw away your old newspapers. Call me. I use them to make kindling for starting my wood fires. Jerry, 641-0405.

PATROL REPORT

Richard Raychel

This summer reported: possible drug distribution houses/gang activity, derelict vehicles parked on streets, basketball goals on street curbs/in driveways abutted to the street, tractor trailers parked on streets/driveways and parking lots, vagrants living in woods north of Greenway Terr. possibly stealing yard/cemetery equipment, vehicles/individuals in Sequoia Park after 10PM. The patrol is staffed by volunteers and not a 24 hour a day security service. If you see suspicious activities in the neighborhood report it to Del City Police Department/Code Enforcement. The NextDoor App/PC program is a resource used for information/activities happening in Hartsdel.

****I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.**

****If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive**

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT

Della Scott

Marla Cravens, gardener since February 2017 for Bryant and Neighbors south side, added color and ease of care with two perennial flower plants. The Balloon 'Sentimental Blue' and Salvia also in blue are good combinations with the yellow Day Lilies already established in her garden.

We miss DiAnne Moore, caretaker of Bryant and Overland south garden, who had to take a break to care for aging parents in Ohio. Dianne Kennedy, fellow gardener of the north Overland garden, is trying to take up the slack. If anyone would like to help her occasionally, please call me-Della Scott at 405-250-5940.

We appreciate that Jasmin is still caring for her Bryant and Dentwood north garden even since she moved to Moore into a brand new house also with a yard to care for. Thankfully for us, she still feels an attachment to Hartsdel neighborhood because family will be living in their house.

I'm elated that all but one Hartsdel garden has been adopted, but I'm still begging for someone to adopt the garden on the west side of S.E. 44th and Leonhardt. There's lots of shade, so the weeds don't even grow profusely. As an asset to beautify our Hartsdel Neighborhood we ask the gardeners to check their gardens weekly/biweekly and remove weeds. Watering is done as needed, depending on God's natural watering method. The dry month of June did require one soaking from the soaker hose

that stays in the garden. I'll show the interested gardener where the city's water access is located.

At Hartsdel's neighborhood night out in September a plant give-away is a fun thing to participate in. You may bring any plants or seeds from your home garden that you would like to share with others. Whether you bring something or not, you may take some of what your other neighbors bring to add to your home garden.

If your perennial plants are growing out of bounds dig and put in any container for transport, label with plant name, and provide brief care of plants for the recipient. If your plant is one that spreads from its seeds, the recipient would still have time to plant and let it go to seed in their own yard. You could be creative and think of other ways to share. Maybe even a small bouquet of your bounty in a container of some sort would be good for a grateful disabled person who enjoys flowers, but is unable to grow them. Some of our older residents have formerly served in Hartsdel's growth and are deserving of our respect and attention.

**Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the unexpected is actually expected?

**Never tell your problems to anyone, because 20 percent don't care and the other 80 percent are glad you have them.

MANY MOTHERS

**Schumann's mother was gifted with music.

**Gounod's mother was fond of painting and music.

**Chopin's mother, like himself, was very delicate.

**Milton's letters often allude to his mother in the most affectionate terms.

**"All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother," said Abraham Lincoln.

**Raleigh said that he owed all his politeness to his mother.

**Goethe pays several tributes in his writings to the character of his mother.

**Haydn dedicated one of his most important instrumental compositions to his mother.

Submitted by Jan Diehl

NOTE OF INTEREST

The S.A.L.T (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting happens the first Thursday of the month at 10AM and all you need to do is to show up at the Del City Police Station [come in thru the front door and the person at the reception desk will "buzz you in"). Anyone is welcome even if you do not live within Del City boundaries.

HELP

We still need volunteers to help hand deliver newsletters. It only requires one hour or less, once every two months. If you walk for your health why not deliver newsletters as a part of your routine. If you don't regularly walk, try it for a change. If interested please call Diane at 677-1821 to see what streets are needed and what will work for you. Some streets are short and some are longer.

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 not be shared outside of HNWA)

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

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

Words of Wisdom spoken by
Sir Winston Churchill

"I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught."

"A hopeful disposition is not the sole qualification to be a prophet."

"History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it."

"Although I am prepared for martyrdom, I prefer that it be postponed."

"It is a mistake to look too far ahead. The chain of destiny can only be grasped one link at a time."

"In war you can only be killed once, but in politics, many times."

"I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me."

"A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject."

"Eating words has never given me indigestion."

"I like a man who grins when he fights."

"The inherent vice of Capitalism is the unequal sharing of its blessings; the inherent vice of Socialism is the equal sharing of its miseries."

"We are all worms, but I do believe I'm a glow worm."

"It is a fine thing to be honest, but it is also important to be right."

Funny quote on a husband's T-Shirt:
"All girls are devils, but my wife is the queen of them."

There are 3 kinds of men in this world. Some remain single and make wonders happen. Some have girlfriends and see wonders happen. Rest gets married and wonder what happened....

I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far all it's been doing is gathering dust.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

Every time someone comes up with a foolproof solution, along comes a more-talented fool.

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking.

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.

Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep.

The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it.

Have a Good Day