

Olde Towne Crier

Newsletter of the Olde Towne Neighborhood Watch Association.
The Olde Towne neighborhood is the square mile area between
S.E. 15th and S.E. 29th and Sooner Road and Sunnylane.

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Olde Towne Neighborhood Watch is on the WEB! Our address is www.otnwa.net

Neighborhood Watch dues are \$12 a year and are due in January. Some of the benefits of membership are having two free trash dumps a year, having the neighborhood watch newsletter delivered to your door and having your emergency contact information on file in case of a problem at your house when you are not at home. Becoming a member is easy. Just fill out the application on the back page and mail it with your dues to PO Box 15042, Del City OK 73155-5042 or bring it to one of our meetings.

Remember to look out for your neighbors, especially at this time of year when so many of us are out of town or just out shopping. Burglars will be out "shopping" for easy targets. Don't let your home be one. Inside this newsletter, are some holiday safety tips.

It takes all of us being "good neighbors" to make this a good neighborhood. Speeding cars on residential streets, loud car stereos, dogs running loose or barking all night are examples of ways to be a "bad neighbor". If you want to live in a better neighborhood, make the one you live in better.

From all the officers of Olde Towne, we want to wish your family a wonderful, peaceful Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

John Hastings, President

AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thursday, January 7 at 7:00pm
NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm
Del City Church of Christ - 1901 Vickie Drive - Family Life Building

What's Happening at the Del City Library

When it's cold outside, there are lots of things going on at your Del City Library.

Holiday Make and Take for ages 2 - 5

Tue. December 15, 1:30-2:30pm
Kids will have fun making a holiday craft. All supplies provided.
Call 425-4412 to pre-register.

Color Me Green Storytime for ages 1 - 5

Wed. December 16, 10:00-10:20am
This month's storytime will feature holiday stories and activities featuring the color green.

Medicare Q and A for seniors

Wed. December 23, 9:30-11:00am
Have your Medicare questions answered by professionals. Sponsored by Generations Healthcare.
Call 672-1377 to sign up.

**The Library will be closed
December 24 & 25 and January 1.**

Martin Luther King Jr. Art and Poetry Contest for children and teens

January 2 - 29, 9am - 9pm
The Del City Library is holding its first annual "I Have a Dream, Too" Art and Poetry Contest. Express your own dreams of a better world through peace, freedom and nonviolence. The top entries will be exhibited throughout the month of February. Bring in your entry by January 29. For more information, call 672-1377.

Storytime Aerobics for ages 1 - 5

Thu. January 7, 6:30-7:00pm
Children can exercise growing bodies and expanding minds.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me for infants to age 4

Fri. January 8, 10:00-11:00am
Fri. January 15, 10:00-11:00am
Fri. January 22, 10:00-11:00am
Fri. January 29, 10:00-11:00am
A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Register at 672-1377

Del City Book Club for adults

Mon. January 11, 7:00-8:00pm
This month's book is "The Onion Field" by Joseph Wambaugh.

Dragon Storytime for ages 4 - 8

Tue. January 12, 6:30-7:15pm
This month's evening storytime features fire-breathing stories and other fun activities.

Society of Urban Poets for all ages

Thu. January 14, 6:30-7:30pm
SOUP's goals are to promote poetic expression without profanity and to establish an outlet for poets to display their works and share their talents. Call 672-1377 for more information.

**The Library will be closed
Monday, January 18
for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

**Color Me White Storytime
for ages 1 - 5**

Wed. January 27

Learn about one of the best winter colors and hear stories about things that are white. Do a fun activity and get into the winter spirit.

**Writing Your First Book
for adults**

Thu. January 28

Local author, Lucinda Marie Thierry, shares tips for writing and publishing for wanna-be-novelists. Call 672-1377 to sign up.

**Just a Reminder
Neighborhood Watch dues of
\$12 are due in January.**

**Del City
Church of Christ**

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30am
Sunday Bible Class 11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00pm

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**What's Happening at
Del City Elementary**

Thu. Dec. 17, 6pm - PTA & Fourth Grade Program

Fri. Dec. 18, 9:30am & 1:30pm
Panther Paws Choir sings at Penn Square Mall

Dec. 21 - Jan. 4 - Winter Break

Thu. Jan. 7 - Math Night

Thu. Jan. 28 - History Night

Don't forget to recycle your old newspapers in our recycling bin.

**Olde Towne Neighborhood Watch
Association**

Our annual "After Christmas" party will be Thursday, January 7. We will have a game of "Dirty Santa". Maximum gift limit is \$5 or bring a white elephant you already have.

We will resume our normal last Thursday of the month meeting January 28. All meetings are at 7:00pm at the Del City Church of Christ, 1901 S. Vickie. We meet in the Family Life Building behind the main church building.

Holiday Trash Schedule

There will be no trash pickup on Christmas Day and New Years Day. If your normal trash pickup day is Friday, your trash will be picked up on Thursday, December 24 and Thursday, December 31. All other service days will remain on schedule.

Holiday Safety Tips

Driving

- Avoid driving alone or at night.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car.
- Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Have your keys in your hand prior to going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse and parcels. Do not put them down to open the door.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask mall or store security for an escort if unsure of your safety.

ATMs

- Use an ATM located inside a mall or well-lighted location.
- Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the AMT keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

Shopping

- Shop during daylight hours when possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost or stolen.
- Keep a record of all credit card information in a safe place at home.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- Be aware of your surroundings.

Children

- If possible, leave small children at home with a babysitter.
- Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security.
- Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

At Home

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.

When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.

Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.

Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.

Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.

When setting up a Christmas tree or holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.

Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or pets cannot pull it over.

Ensure Christmas light wiring is not damaged or frayed.

Keep a live Christmas tree watered so it doesn't dry out.

Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

Strangers at Your Door

Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.

It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. Ask for identification and find out how the donated funds will be used.

Donate only to recognized charitable organizations.

Hosting a Party

Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.

Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.

If serving alcoholic beverages, arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

Attending a Party

Have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.

Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system.

Remember only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.

Know your safe limit.

Never drink and drive.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

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FIRST CORINTHIANS 13 [CHRISTMAS VERSION]

Author: Sharon Jaynes

Taken from Celebrating a Christ Centered Christmas

www.sharonjaynes.com

If I decorate my house perfectly
with plaid bows, strands of
twinkling lights and shiny balls;
but do not show love to my family,
I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen,
baking dozens of Christmas cookies,
preparing gourmet meals and
arranging a beautifully adorned
table at mealtime; but do not show
love to my family,
I'm just another cook.

If I work at a soup kitchen, carol
in the nursing home, and give all
that I have to charity;
but do not show love to my family,
it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with
shimmering angels and crocheted
snowflakes, attend a myriad of
holiday parties and sing in the
choir's cantata; but do not focus
on Christ,
I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the
child.

Love sets aside the decorating to
kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and
tired.

Love does not envy another's home
that has coordinated Christmas
china and table linens.

Love does not yell at the kids to
get out of the way, but is thankful
they are there to be in the way.

Love does not give only to those
who are able to give in return; but
rejoices in giving to those who
cannot.

Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things, and
endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break,
pearl necklaces will be lost,
golf clubs will rust;
but giving the gift of love will
endure.

Merry Christmas

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Mark Your Calendars

The Christmas Post - a Musical Drama
Friday & Saturday, December 18 & 19, 7pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services - 6pm & 11pm
Sunny Lane United Methodist Church
2020 S. Sunnyslane - 677-3347

Greater Oklahoma Bluegrass Music Society Show & Jam

Oklahoma Country-Western Museum & Hall of Fame, 3925 SE 29th
Shows starts at 6:30pm. Admission is \$6, children under 12 are free.

Saturday January 9 - Featured bands in January are Rockin' Acoustic Circus from Broken Arrow, Flatland Express from Crescent and Xtreme Bluegrass from Oklahoma City.

5th Saturday Bluegrass Gospel Concert & Jam - Saturday, January 30
Featured bands will be Copper Canyon from Lewisville TX, Horn Family from Crescent and Blackjack Run from Harrah.

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OLDE TOWNE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
Membership Application

_____ Please renew my membership and update the following information.

_____ Please register my household as a new member.

Dues: \$12 for the year 2009 (or any part of year 2009)
Mail to OTNWA, PO Box 15042, Del City, OK 73155-5042

Name: _____ Please check if you
are interested in:
Address: _____ Patrolling _____
Block Caption _____
Spouses's Name: _____ Being on committee _____
Other _____

Are there children or invalids in the household? _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Other Information: _____

Registration is for the sole possession of the Olde Towne Neighborhood Watch Association (OTNWA) and is protected from any unauthorized disclosure other than to Law Enforcement Officials.

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