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You may have noticed that (some of) you only received this issue of the newsletter as an e-mail attachment. The Board of Directors voted to limit printed distribution of the newsletter to only those people who do not have access online. Everyone who is subscribed to our e-mail distribution list will only receive the newsletter via e-mail now. We will still provide printed copies to households which are not signed up for e-mail updates from the neighborhood. This change is better for the environment and it will save printing costs. The online version of the newsletter will be more colorful and links to websites and e-mail addresses are clickable, making a more interactive experience.



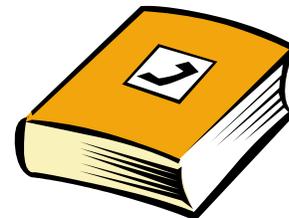
Neighborhood Directory

JOHN SARLAY

Fall Directory... coming soon!

We plan to create an updated neighborhood directory to distribute this fall. If you have changed phone numbers or e-mail addresses, please submit these changes to us so that we can have accurate contact information. All households received a directory last year, and new residents should have received one in their welcome basket. If you do not have a copy, please contact me and I can let you know what information we have for you so you can know whether to submit any changes.

Visit our website and look for the link on the left navigation pane "[Informational Updates](#)" to submit your changes online.



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Pond Owners Beware!

David, as a Koi Health Advisor, makes home visits to pond owners to help them diagnose and fix a problem with their fish or with their pond. Below is an article recently published in “Koi, USA” that I think some of our neighbors will find interesting.

This is a very important subject for pond owners—please give this information your serious consideration. Recently, I was summoned to a pond with a massive fish kill in progress. In the last few weeks, I have visited other ponds with several fish deaths. In each case, I looked for the cause of the disaster by examining the events that led up to the crisis. Just like “CSI” many parameters must be considered; water quality, dissolved oxygen, parasites, and toxins are some of them. In two cases, there were some nagging questions which caused me to look for answers outside the pond. I believe those fish kills were caused by the insecticide group known as “Pyrethroids” which are widely used for Mosquito control—and which your neighbor may have in his backyard mister. These are the same agents used by local municipalities for area spraying to control the spread of West Nile Virus. I’ll discuss that later, but first, some background information.

Mosquitoes are not only annoying but are vectors for diseases such as Malaria, Dengue Fever, Yellow Fever, Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. Worldwide, millions have died from these diseases. We are fortunate in the U.S. in that West Nile Virus is the only public health concern here. The mosquito’s life cycle is as follows: Females need a blood “meal” to create several hundred eggs which she deposits on calm water, the eggs hatch by contact with the water, then the eggs develop into the larval stage, the larvae wrap themselves in a cocoon called a pupa, some time later a mosquito emerges from the cocoon and leaves the water as an adult. Adults live a few weeks and keep laying eggs in water to complete the cycle. Mosquito control efforts target the larval stage with water treatments, and the adult stages with aerosol insecticides.

For years, DDT was effective in controlling mosquitoes, but was banned after the discovery of its far reaching deleterious effects on other organisms. Less toxic agents were developed as chemical sprays to help agriculture reduce the effects of destructive insects on their crops. Today, anyone can go to a Garden Store and buy any number of pesticides. All are toxic to a certain extent, and often kill organisms outside their targeted ones. This brings us to the widespread use of sprayed insecticides that may drift into your yard. Organophosphates such as Malathion (harmful to humans), and Pyrethroids (less harmful) are used by commercial landscapers for insect control on trees, shrubs, and lawns. Organophosphates and Pyrethroids pose a serious threat to your fish pond. While the landscaper may spray once in a while, a more serious threat is the Pyrethroids used in residential yard misters to control mosquitoes—they spray every day!

There are several names you may hear identifying this class of agents. The original one of this group was Pyrethrin, which is extracted from chrysanthemums, and could be considered a natural, but toxic, insecticide. Pyrethroids are synthetic forms of the same substance but much more toxic and last longer. Lastly, Permethrin, under several trade names, is the most common Pyrethroid used today. Permethrin acts similarly to organophosphates in that it interferes with the nervous system by affecting neural transmission. A significant difference between organophosphates and Pyrethroids is that Pyrethroids are considered safer and better tolerated by humans and mammals in general, so they have become widely used for that reason. While everyone thinks they’re safe to spray around their families and pets, these aerial misters do kill bothersome mosquitoes—but, they also kill beneficial insects such as butterflies, bees, dragonflies, ladybugs, even praying mantis—their effects are widespread and indiscriminate, even affecting life in our ponds.

Pyrethroid’s toxic effect on aquatic life was noted when aerial spraying of forests to control insects yielded massive fish deaths in the streams that ran through the area. Another aquatic disaster happened in a Minnesota lake where 300,000

Mosquito Control, continued

Black Crappie died. Permethrin had been sprayed nearby, and a rainstorm created a toxic runoff—Permethrin was sampled from the water. A similar event was recorded in the Northeast, where runoff from a newly sprayed coastal area killed all the Blue Crab and shrimp in a bay. Aquatic life in general is highly susceptible to these toxins. Poisonous substances reveal their toxicity by the lethal concentration (LC) of the agent that is required to kill 50% of a species in 96 hours. It's called the LC50. Permethrin toxicity occurs in fish because of the sensitivity of their nervous systems. Additionally, fish have no enzymes for removing the toxin, so accumulating levels overcome the fish. Here are some scary facts: LC50s of pesticides are often quoted in parts per million (ppm). It takes much less than that for most fish and other aquatic species, and some succumb after exposure to less than a few parts per BILLION! (ppb). To give you a point of reference, 1 ppm is approximately 1 teaspoon in a thousand gallons, and 1 ppb is approximately 1 teaspoon in a million gallons! I want to impress upon you how little it takes to affect the fish in your pond.

Any of these toxic agents could affect your pond because of indiscriminate insecticide spraying by a neighbor, a commercial company, or neighborhood sprayed by your County Health Department as part of a West Nile Virus initiative. As they are in aerosol form, they can drift into your yard on a light breeze. Another concern is the increasing use of residential misting systems that your neighbors may have bought for mosquito control without mosquito attack. These misting systems spray every day—even when the wind may be gusty. So how will you know if this kind of toxin is affecting your pond? The only early warning signal is fish behavior. Initial symptoms are abnormal swimming action, reduced startle response, and loss of equilibrium. As more toxin is absorbed, convulsive or erratic swimming patterns may be noted on some fish and lethargy in others. Smaller fish are usually affected before big fish.

What can you do if you suspect this event is happening? There is nothing you can throw in your pond to reverse the effects immediately. Some people think that activated charcoal in a bag and

placed in the water flow will absorb the toxin. The only method I know of to deal with this emergency is to start doing big water changes to dilute the toxin to insignificant levels. 50% water changes three or more times will do the job. Remember, the solution to pollution is dilution! Be sure to use a double dose of the right dechlorinator before you add the new water. Fortunately, the half life of these agents is only a few days, so chronic accumulation is unlikely after a one-time event of neighborhood spraying.

So, how can you protect your pond from this silent killer? Talk to all your nearby neighbors. Tell them you have a fish pond or invite them over to see your pond. Let them know that chemical sprays are deadly to fish. If they have a landscape service that routinely sprays their yard, give them your phone number and asked to be notified when spraying is scheduled. If they have a misting system, ask them if they would contact their service person about switching to one of the newer agents that are advertised as “pond safe.” These are quite new on the market and don't have a track record yet. Additionally, be aware of neighborhood spraying for West Nile Virus. In Dallas, the city posts areas scheduled for spraying on the environmental health services webpage:

http://www.dallascityhall.com/code_compliance/mosquito_control_home.html

Or you can call the Mosquito Control Hotline, 214-670-1733. Also, watch local TV newscasts for spraying information. In other cities, check with your local Health Department.

So what can you do if you know your neighbor's yard will be sprayed or the city will spray in your area? Cover your pond with a plastic sheet to protect the water from aerosol droplets. Likewise, cover your air pumps. If the edges of your pond are not raised above ground level, protect your pond from yard runoff that may contain freshly sprayed agents. By taking these actions, you will be able to protect your fish from a known event. The rest of the time, observe your fish for any unusual behaviors, and do weekly 10% water changes to keep your pond fresh.

Best wishes to your fishes.

Thanks to Vicki Patsdauter for submitting this article!

Crime Watch

DONNA LIBBY



Since February we have not had any reported crimes, and, so far nothing has been reported since school's been out. I like to believe that the word is out in the thug network that Wynnewood North VIP is taking care of business. There were 52 patrols April – June. That included 4 patrols during our garage sale. Thank you VIP'ers for your vigilance.

Remember, you don't have to be in the car with the magnetic signs and flashing lights to be on patrol. While jogging, walking the dog or working in the yard be alert to anything suspicious and call 911 if you think it's necessary. Then call Crime Watch so we can get an email blast out to the neighbors.

Be sure to inform VIP and close neighbors about your vacation plans so we can keep an eye on your house while you're away. Also, either stop your paper and mail delivery or have neighbors take care of it so they don't pile up. This is clear evidence that you're away.

Have a safe, fun, relaxing summer.



Neighbor Spotlight



You've probably seen neighbor Tawana Couch walking various dogs which she fosters for a period of time until a permanent home can be found. You might have even seen her setting traps in the greenbelt to catch feral cats to take them to be spayed or neutered and then released again. Her custom license plate, "Spay", pretty much tells you she's an animal lover even if you haven't witnessed her acts of kindness personally. The Dallas Morning News wrote a very nice article about her works to transport dogs from Dallas to other cities—dogs which would have been euthanized had they stayed here, because they were at the limit and our shelters here are so full. Our neighbor Esmond Hardin helps her out as well by maintaining dog crates used when flying the dogs to other cities which have a waiting list for dog adoptions. We applaud Tawana and all her helpers for their efforts to help animals in need!

Read the DMN article here:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/localnews/columnists/jfloyd/stories/062810dnmetfloyd.1b892b3.html>

Tawana founded Society for Companion Animals, and you can read more at the website here:

<http://societyforcompanionanimals.com/>

She has also written two books: "[The Dog Rescuer](#)" and most recently "[Loving Rescue Dogs](#)", both available on amazon.com.

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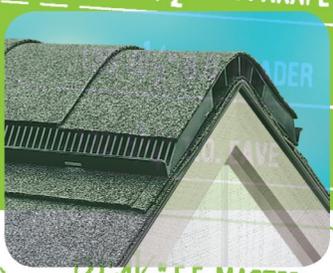
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July

Welcome to the lazy dog days of Summer but wait, it's time to prepare and plant your Fall vegetable garden! Did you know that many Fall-grown vegetables have better flavor? Since the days are getting shorter many vegetable crops store more sugar and have better flavor than Spring grown crops. Once established, weeding, watering and tending will all take place in a little cooler, less humid conditions.

Prepare your soil much like in the Spring. Add at least three inches of organic compost and three inches of Expanded Shale to the garden. Select vegetables your family likes and choose from transplants or seeds. Apply Calloway's Organic Fertilizer or Lasting Performance timed-release plant food. Remember to continue feeding your garden on a regular schedule. Complete the planting by adding two-to three inches of mulch to maintain moisture, help prevent weeds and to maintain moderate soil temperatures.

Vegetables for a Fall garden include Tomatoes, Peppers, Snap Beans, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots and Lettuce. Keep your garden well watered until Fall rains begin. Once everything is planted, sit back and enjoy a second growing season!

WNNA Yard of the Month Nomination Form

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<http://www.calloways.com/clinics.pdf>

Tales from 506 Woolsey

CINDY KIRK

June 1st Mary celebrated another birthday. In keeping with my promise not to tell her age, let's just say I will be 50 in October and that will make her six years older than me...hee, hee, hee, hee.

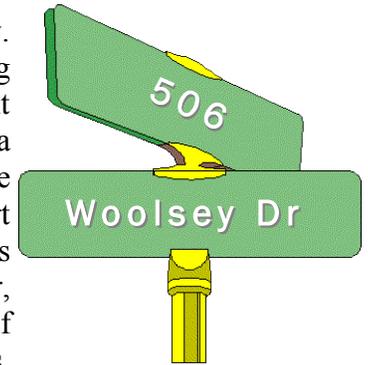
I wanted to do something fun and different for Mary's birthday, and that's when I heard that the Troubadour Reunion Tours was going to be in Kansas City – the perfect birthday gift – concert tickets to hear Carole King and James Taylor, as Mary is a rabid Carole King fan.

We made the trip into a long weekend with two of our close friends from Waxahachie. The weekend included some great food, some really interesting museums including the WWI Museum and the Kansas City Federal Reserve. (I know, sounds boring, but they were actually really interesting!). The highlight of the trip was of course the Troubadour concert.

My how things have changed. The last time that Carole King and James Taylor toured together was in 1970. I was 10 and to be honest, I don't think I really appreciated either James or Carole's musical genesis. I was much more impressed by Bobby Sherman, Donny Osmond and of course my personal favorite, David Cassidy. I had pictures of all of the above pinned up on the purple wall of my bedroom, with my black light lamps and my purple crushed velvet bedspread. Yes... I was stylin'. In 1970, Mary was starting her junior year of high school, and was definitely a child of her generation. She was in Girl Scouts, and was already looking down the road to college and what she would eventually do with her life so that she could help others. I call these Mary's pre-Vista years, full of purpose and concern for mankind. I on the other hand was wondering when the next Disney movie was going to come out and if H.R. Pufnstuf would stay at the Lakewood Theatre long enough for me to see it just one more time.

Prior to the concert, we had dinner in the Light District of Kansas City as it was in close proximity to the venue and had a wide selection of restaurants. One thing became very apparent

almost immediately. Everyone wandering the streets of the Light District in search of a place to eat dinner were all going to the concert as well. There were lots of folks with gray hair, there were lots of middle-aged paunches, there were lots of bald or balding men and lots of comfortable shoes. At dinner, you could overhear conversations about the upcoming concert that went something like this:



“I hope I don't fall asleep,”

“I can't read this menu, honey do you have my reading glasses?”

“No, no, two beers is plenty, I don't want to spend my whole time at the concert in the men's room.”

“Honey – don't order that; it will give you heartburn and gas – you don't want that during the concert!”

The concert was sold out – and from the beginning the 48,000 Baby Boomers rocked out for 2 ½ hours as they turned back the hands of time to remember their youth. To kick off the retrospective performance, Taylor sang "Something in the Way She Moves." At age 62, his voice was still just as sweet and mellow as always and we found his humor to be quite funny and very dry.

At the age of 67, Carole King was more than able to bring the oomph to her huge stable of songs. She was like the energizer bunny as she came out from behind her grand piano to shimmy, high kick and dance all over the circulating, in-the-round stage. Trust me, she had our Geritol X Generation on their feet for most of the night. About mid-way through the concert, Carole and James took a 15 minutes break. For a brief moment, I thought the concert was over because throughout the auditorium, the seats were emptying like an organized fire drill. Men and women alike were streaming up the aisles at a rapid pace. It was then that it dawned on us that they weren't rushing up

Tales from Woolsey, continued

the aisle for another beer or cocktail, no, this was the great race for the bathroom for a very necessary “potty break.” For the first time in my life, we saw longer lines at the men’s restroom than the women’s restroom. It made my night. Justice at last in the long history of restroom inequality.

At one point during the concert I turned to Mary and said – “just think, in 1970 the people attending this concert would have been passing pot, and now they’re passing pepcid antacids. Kind of funny in an ironic kind of way isn’t it?”

James Taylor graciously thanked Carole King before singing two of his top hits that she wrote for him, “Up on the Roof” and “You’ve Got a Friend,” and it was clear, that this is what their tour was all about – celebrating their history together and their long friendship. Carole King then ended the night by belting out her glorious and soulful “Natural Woman,” and while Carole is no Aretha Franklin (frankly who is?), she turned her song into a wonderful power ballad that had the sellout crown on its feet singing with her. It was a bonding moment for the audience.

Overall, it was a great birthday weekend. I asked Mary if she would turn back time if she could, and her answer was a resounding “no”. I have to agree with her. While I’m sure everyone has their regrets about something in their life: overall, I don’t want to have to live my life all over again. We are fortunate that life brought us together, and that we have wonderful, loving and caring friends. Birthdays are a celebration. As each year passes, we will continue to look forward to the next chapter of our lives, and hopefully we will be able to continue to shimmy, high kick and dance our way through it all!

Check our website

Logon to our neighborhood website for up-to-date information about events and news.

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RICHARD LONDON

As of June 30, 2010

Beginning Balance @ 12/31/08:	\$ 8,809.46
YTD Income:	\$ 2,576.00
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Speaking of help...if you would like to mail a donation to support our association, you can send it to: WNNA Treasurer, P O Box 3872, Dallas, TX 75208. Don’t forget! Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association is an IRS designated 501(c 3) non-profit organization so all of your donations are tax deductible. If you ever need a receipt for a donation to the neighborhood association, just let me know and I can provide you with one.