

Next General Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm

Orion Ballroom, 15th floor, Bank of America Building

President's Voice

JOSEPH HERNANDEZ

Summer is sizzling and there's no better way to confirm it than to watch all the grass turn yellow, plants turn brown, lawns dry out, water and electric bills skyrocket and of course...nobody is out walking anymore. This is a very good example of why WNNA doesn't schedule any events during the summer months, but that doesn't mean the board isn't working hard on your behalf. So far this year, WNNA residents have had opportunities to attend the Annual Spring Fling, the Spring Wander, the Spring Cleanup, the Annual Garage Sale and of course two great general meetings at the new Orion Ballroom. While some things seem to be rolling along, I expect everyone has taken notice of all the homes for sale in the neighborhood. In the past 11 years that I have been here, I certainly don't recall such a large inventory of homes. There are certainly some deals to be had and some gems that can help bring Wynnewood back to the vibrant and classic days of the 50's - refer a friend today! As I have said time and time again, it's the residents of WNNA that make this a special place to live and play so I certainly hope that the homes go to good families with active people who will take advantage of all we have to offer. On another note, I want to advise all neighbors that the WNNA Board and VIP Crime patrol are routinely driving/patrolling the neighborhood for crime, suspicious activity and yes...code violations. The only way to keep the neighborhood clean and safe is to maintain our properties up to code and looking good! This is a very sensitive yet serious issue for many

residents so please help the neighborhood stay clean, attractive, safe and clear of loud noise and unwanted activity – after all, that's why we've all set our roots and checkbooks here right? Good.

In addition, I want to reinforce the importance of all residents getting involved in WNNA activities at some level. We have some new neighbors, new board members and several opportunities that remain during the year. Without taking the news away from other articles in this newsletter, there is still plenty of fun to be had and work to be done. It goes without saying that it takes a special group of people to come together and volunteer their time every week to serve their neighbors. Personally, I want to thank Dwayne Privott for assuming the Presidential responsibilities while I was out of town so much attending to family matters over the past few months. Most importantly, thank the full board for their efforts and teamwork!

Lastly, if you don't do anything else this year, please do your best to attend the two remaining general meetings! The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16 at 7pm at the Orion Ballroom. We will be discussing very important issues related to crime prevention and safety measures, neighborhood beautification, Wynnewood Parkway, VIP patrols and lots of other items. Items that will require not only time, but money... so please consider a tax deductible contribution to the WNNA! If you can't attend an event or participate of activities...money is the next best thing. Please consider investing in the place you chose to live.

See you at the next neighborhood event and stay cool!



A Word from the VP

DWAYNE PRIVOT

Getting to Know Your Neighborhood

For those of you who attended the dedication of the neighborhood Wynnewood sign to Melanie Loe back in April you will recall that I reflected upon what makes Wynnewood such a wonderful place to live. For those of you who could not attend, I will enlighten you . . . it is the sense of community that we have and the people that make up our neighborhood. It is like living in a small town in a big city. Since April I have been constantly reminded about why I live here and why I would not consider another part of the city to call home. I see neighbors helping each other, watching out for each other, spending time with each other, and most importantly caring about each other. We are the exception not the norm!!!

It takes countless hours of dedicated people to make that sense of community a reality. It doesn't just happen on its own. The neighbors who dedicate their time and energy mostly do so on a volunteer basis with the only pay coming from the satisfaction they receive by watching our community flourish. One such organization made up of all volunteers is the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCCL). This organization truly is a voice and advocate for the betterment of Oak Cliff. If you have not done so already, you should visit OOCCL.org and read about what events are happening in our community and what projects are being planned. There is a lot of really interesting information on their website and a lot of history about Oak Cliff as well. In fact, there is currently a copy of a solicitation from the 1950s advertising Wynnewood as a \$25,000,000 home development. You will also see that Oak Cliff just

adopted a new motto that is similar to the one that Austin adopted several years ago of Keep Austin Weird. Be on the lookout for advertising and print that will say "Oak Cliff. Keep It Real". This is also the 35th Birthday of the OOCCL and it will be celebrated during the September General Meeting on September 14th from 7-9pm at the Turner House.

The League is working on several projects including the annual Oak Cliff Tour of Homes. This event will take place on the weekend of October 10th this year and has been one of the highlights of the year. In fact, the September General Meeting is always the largest meeting of the year for the League as this is the meeting where the selected homes for the tour are announced. The board is currently in the selection process of choosing those homes to represent the wide diversity of homes that Oak Cliff has to offer. If you are interested in or know someone who should be interested in showcasing their home to represent Wynnewood this year, please contact Phil Perry at 214-769-8839. It would be great to have multiple homes representing Wynnewood on the tour again this year.

involvement to make takes your neighborhood such an amazing place to live. There are lots of ways to get involved in both OOCCL and Wynnewood North. That can mean physically helping out with projects that may be happening or it can simply mean getting out and knowing your neighbors. It can mean attending a neighborhood fundraiser or it can mean looking out for suspicious activity and calling the authorities. Whatever the meaning is for you, the important thing is to GET INVOLVED. Our neighborhood is what WE make it. I for one am proud of what we have made of our neighborhood so far and look forward to what is yet to come.

Lawns and Landscape by Jesus G
Mow & Edge Trim Hedges & Prune Trees Fertilize & Maintain

Jesus G 214-766-1767

PROFESSIONAL—QUALITY—TURNKEY
Quality Landscape & Lawn Service at <u>Affordable Rates!!</u>

Crime Watch

PAM WESTERHEIDE

Ah, the joys of summer...the cicadas are singing, the sun is blazing, the sweat drips off my brow as another Level Orange ozone alert is issued ...huh? WHO AM I KIDDING?!? I love to spend time outdoors, but lately, summers' are not my favorite time of year. When the thermometer reads 90 or above, my life begins to focus around air-conditioning and tall shade trees. Maybe I would feel differently if I had a pool... (wistful sigh)...

And of course, summer tends to bring with it an increase in criminal activity. Whether it's due to school children being out for summer break, or tempers and desperation that climb with the heat, it's a proven fact that a rise in temperatures is accompanied by a rise in the crime rate. Currently, reported crimes in the neighborhood average about 3 incidents per month. From late March to late June, we've experienced 1 criminal trespass, 3 burglaries from vehicles, 1 broken window (vehicle), and 2 residential burglaries (garage). To get a summary of any recent criminal activity in the area, you can always call our Crime Watch Hotline, 214-967-5157. Terry Thomas updates this line as needed (thanks Terry!). With continued vigilance and prompt reporting of criminal activity and suspicious behavior, we hope to keep our crime rate in check, even as the temperatures rise.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed our first 2009 Volunteers in Patrol training session and added the new patrollers to our VIPer roster. Their additional efforts will be a great help this summer and throughout the year. If you missed this training and would like to be notified of the next one, please contact Lynn Sulander at lynnsulander@sbcglobal.net or call her at 214-941-0135. Trainings are provided by the Dallas Police Department and, after passing a background check, certify you to be involved in the Volunteers in Patrol program and a member of the Wynnewood North Crime Watch group.

Speaking of Volunteers in Patrol, our crime watch patrols are really taking off, thanks to Jeff Sappenfield (master scheduler) and all the VIPers that have participated so far. We've been able to send out an average of 4-5 randomly scheduled patrols per week, keeping a watchful eye on our little slice of heaven and making our presence known to potential ne'er-do-wells. With the addition of our newest members, we'll be able to maintain and hopefully increase these patrols throughout the coming months.

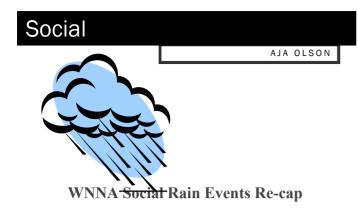
Last but not least, we attempted to hold our quarterly Crime Watch meeting on Wednesday, June 10, but it was interrupted by black clouds, strong winds, and an irrepressible urge to duck for cover. We quickly discussed any new business/ issues then raced home to gather our families close and stare at Larry Mowrey and the changing colors on the weather radar.

As I finish this article, I'd like to leave you with a few reminders for taking care of you and yours in these dog days of summer. Stay safe, and be observant!

Look for more crime watch tips and information later in the newsletter.

Note from the editor:

I have a pool... and can you believe that the water temperature almost hit 100 degrees toward the end of June?! Not yet even July, and it feels like a 20,000 gallon hot tub! A tip I read is that if you'll run a fountain throughout the night, it should help bring that temp down to something more refreshing. Sure makes TXU love me, I bet.



The spring was filled with many WNNA social events, and every single event was accompanied by a good amount of rain. We weren't going to let a little rain hold us down though. Not one event was cancelled, though I'm sure many thought they should be! As my 7th grade Texas History teacher would have said, "We pressed on."

The Spring Fling had a quick change of venue due to rain, but was still a success. I want to thank John and JP at 611 Woolsey Dr for opening their home very last minute. They have a great large deck so we weren't sloshing around in the mud and tearing up Lance and Dwayne's yard. I encourage everyone to try and attend our next neighborhood event. It's such a great opportunity to meet neighbors and become more involved in our community.

This year was my first Spring Wander. There's nothing like organizing an event I'd never been to! The 1950s theme didn't have as big of a turn out as I had hoped. A handful of people dressed up, but the majority wore their current style clothes. I'm just thrilled we had a full turnout, regardless of what we wore.

Our first host, Phil Perry, had the least amount of people because just after 6 PM, we had one of the heaviest downpours I've ever witnessed. As you can imagine, neighbors weren't running out down the streets in the pouring rain to get to the wander. Luckily, just as we were set to move on to the next house, the rain stopped and the sun even came out for a bit. Someone was definitely watching over us and knew that Carrie and Michael, who were hosting the second house, were planning on most of us being in their backyard.

Our dessert house was fabulous! Anita and Susan went 100% with the theme. The desserts were recipes from the 1950s. My favorite was the Coca-Cola cake. I took some home and ate it for three days. I hope Susan will put that recipe in the next WNNA Cookbook.

I want to thank every person who hosted or cohosted the Wander. We had many people involved in making it such a success. I am already looking forward to the Fall Wander. As long as I live in our wonderful neighborhood, I will attend the Wanders. It's another great way to get to know your neighbors and help raise money at the same time. If you haven't been, I highly recommend giving the next one a try. It's scheduled for October 24th, so mark your calendars!

Our neighborhood garage sale was a bit of a flop, again due to the rain. I had my garage door at the start time, but it was quite a while before I saw my first customer. We decided against postponing it because we already had an ad in the Dallas Morning News. Next year we'll know to put a rain clause in the newspaper ad. I hope those who participated were able to get rid of some treasures and make a little money in the process.

Our next social event is scheduled in October for National Night Out, quickly followed by the Fall Wander. There is still interest in a neighborhood wine and cheese. If you'd be willing to host this event over the summer, please contact me. If you have an idea for a social event please email me at social@wynnewoodnorth.org.





Phone: 214-669-2547

BILL GRIFFIN
REAL ESTATE
BROKERAGE

www.ajaolson.com

"Living in Oak Cliff, Serving Oak Cliff"

Beautification

LANCE IVY

Getting to know the Dallas Water Conservation Ordinance

It is getting to that time in the Summer when it feels like you are watering non-stop. While most of us are aware that Dallas has put into place a city ordinance, not everyone has ever really read the Conservation Ordinance Guidelines.

The Conservation Ordinance Outdoor Watering Guidelines

- Hand water or use a soaker hose. Both are permitted at any time.
- Maintain your sprinkler system. Repair any broken, missing or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- Automatic sprinkler system owners are required to have rain and freeze sensors installed.
- Monitor your total water usage. If you use more than 15,000 gallons a month, you'll now pay a surcharge on the amount above 15,000.
- Don't water during any form of precipitation.
- Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks and streets.
- Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area when you're watering.
- Don't water your yard between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. between April 1 and October 31.

Violations of these outdoor water guidelines can result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. First offenses will be issued a warning.

In addition to the guidelines above, all automatic sprinkler systems were required to be equipped with a rain and freeze sensor as of January 1, 2005.



Resources for Bringing Your Sprinkler System Up to Code

Approved rain and freeze sensor list:

http://www.dallascityhall.com/pdf/
dwu/SensorList.pdf

Where to buy a rain and freeze sensor:

http://www.dallascityhall.com/pdf/
dwu/LocalRetailers.pdf

For a list of licensed irrigators, visit the Dallas Irrigation Association:

http://www.dia-irrig.org/
memberlistname.htm



WNNA Yard of the Month Nomination Form

Date:

Address of nominated yard:

Reason for nomination (optional):

Cut out the form and return to: Lance Ivy, 520 Monssen Drive, or www.wynnewoodnorth.org

Yard of the Month



May 2009 533 Woolsey Dr, Jenny Brown



June 2009 410 Monssen Dr, Joe & Bonnie Merola



July 2009 533 South Manus Dr, Christman Medsger

Calloway's Nursery

July Tip of the Month Summertime Watering

Timely Tip for July Gardeners

If you have lived through a summer in Texas, then you know how valuable water is to our landscapes. It is our responsibility to conserve water yet keep our gardens thriving through the heat. If you own a sprinkler system, each zone should be programmed differently depending on the needs and you should always operate it manually.

Established lawns should be watered once every five to seven days, applying about one inch of water. This soaking encourages deeper rooting which leads to stronger, healthier plants.

Shrubs and flowerbeds may require more watering depending on the age of the plant material. A good test is to dig down 4 to 6 inches and feel the soil. If the soil is dry, a good deep watering is in order. Plants in full sun will require more moisture as well as those growing in containers. Please remember, any newly planted tree or shrub requires hand watering for that first year.

The best time of day to water is early morning before the temperatures begin to rise. Also, early mornings tends to be a time of lower winds and thus reduced evaporation.

Mulching is an excellent way to retain moisture. It will also insulate the soil surface from the direct rays of the sun and prevent weeds from germinating. Apply a two to three inch layer of mulch to all beds and plantings.

Attend our Free Saturday clinic on July 18th for more water saving ideas. For a more complete list of clinics, visit www.mytexasgarden.com.

Visit

http://www.calloways.com/clinics.pdf for more information on clinics.



uccess in the garden ...made fun and easy at Calloway's Nursery.

Visit today. You'll find premium products, new introductions and friendly experts... with answers!

- □ Fresh Plants
- □ Superior Selections
- □ Expert Knowledge

- Addison: Marsh Lane (972) 484-0784 Arilington: S. Cooper (817) 465-2838 Arilington: N. Center St. (817) 861-1195 Arlington: N. Center St. (817) 861-1195 Hurst: Grapevine Hwy (817) 581-6361

 Dallas: N. Greenville Avenue (214) 363-0525 Irving: W. Airport Frwy (972) 258-1312

 Denton: Dallas Drive (940) 591-8865 Lewisville: E. FM 3040 (972) 315-3133
- Denton: Dallas Drive (940) 591-8865 Duncanville: Cockrell Hill (972) 283-8021
- Fort Worth: S. Hulen (817) 923-9979
 Mesquite: N. Galloway Rd. (972) 686-0048
 Grapevine: Hwy 121 South (817) 421-6667
 Plano: Custer Rd. (972) 596-5211

- McKinney: W. Eldorado Pkwý (972) 540-0707

- Plano: Preston Rd. (972) 964-3084
- Richardson: N. Plano Rd. (972) 644-0144 www.calloways.com

© 2007 Calloway's Nursery

Wynnewood North Homeowners Association

Visit us at www.calloways.com





Offer good for merchandise only. No cash value. One certificate per person, please. Not good with any other offer.

Offer valid at ANY Dallas/Fort Worth location

Offer expires: December 31, 2009

\$5 off every \$25 purchase

CODE #92

More Crime Watch...

PAM WESTERHEIDE

Stay Safe!

Your home:

- keep garage doors closed, and exterior doors and windows locked at all times.
- keep the exterior of your home well-lit at night, and trim shrubs around doors and windows that may act as hiding places for criminals.

Your Vehicle:

- lock your vehicle and park it in the driveway or in the garage, not on the street.
- remove valuables and personal items every time you leave your vehicle.

Anytime, Everytime:

• call 911 if you see suspicious persons, activities, or vehicles. When you call, provide as many details as possible and use the term "suspicious" person/activity/ vehicle. That elevates the urgency of the call and allows for a quicker response time.

Did you know...?

The WNNA Crime Watch Director has an *engraver* you can borrow to ID your household items? Marking big-ticket items with serial numbers, and creating and maintaining a household inventory is helpful in case of theft, fire, or other catastrophic loss. Contact crime@wynnewoodnorth.org or call Pam Westerheide at 214-943-5673 to borrow the WNNA engraving tool.

If You Are the Victim of a Crime

Call 911 as soon as possible. Provide the police with as much detail as you can on what is missing, when the crime occurred, and any unusual activity or possible suspects.

You may choose to inform WNNA Crime Watch of the crime so details can be passed on to upcoming crime patrollers and other residents, as appropriate. You can do this by emailing crime@wynnewoodnorth.org

or by calling Pam Westerheide, Crime Watch Director, at 214-943-5673.

Overgrown Alley?



Dallas Police and VIP Patrols will not travel down alleys that are nearly impassable. Many crimes are committed by persons who enter homes through the backyards. The City of Dallas has strict regulations about keeping alleys clear so that they can be easily accessed, so be aware that you can be cited for code violations. Working together, we can make our alleys accessible for patrol, and help reduce crime in our community!

www.dallascityhall.com/code compliance/
Common Code Violations.html

We Offer Warmth Without the Hell, Fire and Brimstone.



At Grace United Methodist Church, we don't spend much time worrying about eternal damnation. We'd rather feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the oppressed.

That's why you'll find your friends here: Lisa Tully, Mary K Trostmann and Marisa Tully; Randy, Victor, Edan and Jarrod Ray; Joseph Hernandez and Jeremy Ratliff; and Jay and Jane Sullivan.

Perhaps that's why, at 100 years old, we're still a vital part of East Dallas. So regardless of religious background, ethnicity or sexual orientation, you'll always find a warm welcome here.



4105 Junius at Haskell, 214-824-2533 / Rev. Dr. Diana Holbert, pastor www.graceumcdallas.org / E-mail: pastor@graceumcdallas.org

JOHN MCKINNON FOWLER

Attorney & Counselor at Law

3rd generation Wynnewood North Resident

Civil Litigation, Estate Planning, Family Law, Wills

> 900 Jackson St., Suite 550 Dallas, TX 75202

Phone: 214.747.5700 Fax: 214.747.5705

JMF@johnfowlerlaw.com www.johnfowlerlaw.com

Co-Ed Adult Health Club 24-Hour Access, 7 Days Per Week

Call for a free guest pass and to schedule a tour during staffed hours.

214-948-6161 611 N. Bishop Ave., Dallas, TX 75208

- TV's on cardio equipment
- Free weights and machines
 - Personal training
 - **Tanning**

www.anytimefitness.com

Walter Connell R.P.T.

Registered Piano Technician

dba C & A PianoCraft

Specialist in Grand Piano Rebuilding

119 N Marlborough St. Dallas, TX 75208 214-859-0801 walter216@aol.com



THAT PAINTER GUY

CRAIGHTON COOPER

phone: 214 - 693 - 1960 Email Harleysdads@sbcglobal.net



& Bonded"

Ph#: (214) 337-7097 Cell#: (214) 725-1171 Fax#: (214) 337-5144 E-mail: jridefree@aol.com

Castra's Tree Service ree Estimates

Specializing in: Tree Trimming, Cutting & Removal



Sue May Broker/Owner

P: 214-676-1742 F: 214-946-3889

Tales from 506 Woolsey

CINDY KIRK

Recently I was drafted to participate in the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers fund raising event "The DAYLmpics." The partners at our firm, who were in charge of recruiting "volunteers" represented that this would be a "fun-filled evening of beer, wine and free food for all participants...and...don't worry, the events are very easy, nothing too athletic, it's just for fun."

All of the proceeds from the event were benefiting the National Lung Cancer Partnership. Lung Cancer is actually the leading cancer killer of women and men in the US, taking more lives than breast, prostate, and colon, liver, kidney and melanoma cancers combined. Although I am not prone to volunteer because I am old enough to know better, I found myself reluctantly agreeing to participate. It's hard to say "no," when two partners tell you they have already added you to a team.

My Carrington, Coleman team consisted of Jean Foster, Donna Savage and Keith, a former Dallas cop and personal friend of one of the partners. Keith was billed by the recruiting partner as a "ringer" who would help our all-girl team win every event. Ironically, even though this was a fund-raiser for lung cancer, our team consisted of one asthmatic and three smokers. Go figure. The first order of the day was to submit a name for our team. We initially wanted to call ourselves "Dead Butts" in deference to our smoking members, however that idea was quickly nixed by the event organizers, so we were forced to re-submit additional suggestions that "adequately described our team." : After much brainstorming, the following names were submitted for consideration and approval:

- Stimulus Package
- American Idle
- Village Idiots
- Apologies in Advance
- Mea Culpas
- Carboloaders
- Minds over Matter
- Rage Judicata
- Behavior Selfs
- No, We're Not Drunk, Just Uncoordinated
- Last Ones Picked
- Sandbaggers
- Slowpokes
- Standard Deviants
- Immovable objects / Irresistible forces
- Injury Prone
- C for Effort

While any of the above would accurately describe our team, we ultimately went with Last Ones Picked

because "No, We're Not Drunk, Just Uncoordinated," didn't fit on the shirt.

The event was held at the Village apartment complex off of Lover's Lane. We arrived promptly and assembled together for a moment of team bonding. Jean, Donna and Keith immediately got beers and lighted up their cigarettes while they waited for the speaker to begin his speech on the importance of lung cancer research. The picture of them puffing away and listening to the speaker was a Kodak moment in itself. After the speaker, it was time for more beer and cigarettes, then on to the main event.

The DAYLmpics consisted of five events:

- 1. Hula Hooping
- 2. Water balloon War
- 3. Tug-of-War
- 4. Dodge Ball
- 5. Relay Race



Sounds fun huh? Well, we forgot a couple of things. Number one, this was an event sponsored by the Dallas Association of **YOUNG** Lawyers. The combined age of our team was over 210 years old. Lots of experience, but not much ability to move fast. Number two, due to the fact this was sponsored by a bunch of attorneys, it would not be "just for fun, and nothing too athletic." These teams were competing for bragging rights and they were serious about winning.

Our first event was Dodge Ball which was to be played on the clay tennis courts. We swaggered on to the court fully expecting to at least make a decent showing. After all, this was dodge ball, the game we had all played as children. How hard could it be? Did you know that there are now official dodge ball rules? They even had official referees there to keep us in line and to explain the rules: "The game will be played outdoors. (well "duh" where did he think we were?) The playing field shall be a rectangle divided into two equal sections by a center-line and attack-lines 3 meters from, and parallel to the centerline. The color drained from our faces, this sounded more like higher math rather than a friendly little game of dodge ball. The referee went on to state that, "the object of the game was to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "OUT". This may be done by hitting an opposing player with a live thrown ball below the shoulders...or catching a live ball" With a blow of a whistle it was "Game On."

Initially, we charged the line, grabbed for the balls and valiantly tried to throw out the opposing side. It became immediately apparent we had a problem; three of us

threw like girls. On the opposing side, it was all YOUNG male aggressive, ego-laden lawyers, out to kill, and they also were able to throw a ball - hard and fast!. They smelled blood and easily picked us off, one by one, like shooting fish in a barrel. First they took out their main competition by knocking out Keith. Then they turned their attention to us. It was ugly. Jean attempted to dive out of the way, but forgot she is no longer mobile due to an ankle injury several years back. She hit the clay court with a thud. One of the other young lawyers had me in his sights and hurled his ball directly at my knees. I had already came to the conclusion that I wanted out of this game fast, so being eliminated was more of a victory than a disappointment. However, his attorney-buddy friend, Mr. Aggressive decided that even though I was walking off the court, he should take a cheap shot and hurl the ball at me to make sure I was out. He hit me in the back of the head with a driving force that knocked me down. I don't know if you all know this...but...I have been known to have a temper. I picked myself up and dusted myself off and grabbed the ball he had knocked me senseless with and stormed across the boundary line. "Listen you testosterone inflated jerk, the rules state below the shoulders – are you just blind or just stupid and therefore unable to determine that the back of my head is not where my shoulders start at???" The referee quickly intervened before I could really get going and pulled me off the court. He sternly looked at me and asked me what law firm I was from...I looked him squarely in the eyes and said "Jones Day...be sure and remember that." (in case you don't recall, I work for Carrington Coleman). Donna, having taken note that the guys on the opposing side were throwing the ball hard had retreated to the relative safety of the back court. From her vantage point, she easily retrieved the balls and attempted to throw them at our nemesis on the other side. They quickly gathered up the balls that rolled gently their way and continued to aggressively attack eventually hitting Donna on the lower leg. Our first event was over. Only four more to go. Then they told us this was a double elimination event and we had to be back on the court at 8:15 p.m. to play again. After drowning our sorrows in beer, we eventually moseyed over to our next event, vowing to do better and to make our firm proud.

It should be noted that we made a decent showing at hula-hoops, however we were eliminated because the rules allowed you to try and "bump others" while they are hula-ing. We were proud of ourselves for just being able to hula, the idea of bumping others while maintaining the hula-hoop was a foreign concept to us, but the other teams excelled at bumping. The relay race consisted of running backwards, carrying an egg on a spoon, kicking a soccer ball and dropping a potato you carried between your legs into a plastic cup. By this point in the evening, we had decided that we needed to try and win at least one game. I cheated by holding the egg on the spoon with my thumb and we were in first place by the end of the first leg of the race. However, we failed dismally during the portion of the relay race that required us to run backwards through the obstacle course as we do well to walk forward without tripping. We slipped further behind on kicking the soccer ball through the obstacles as we weren't raised playing soccer like the baby-powder crowd was - we were raised playing kick ball and softball! Keith did manage to gain some ground back by putting the potato down his pants and running through the course to finally put us in a first place finish. Unfortunately, even though we argued that the potato was between his legs, we were disqualified. The tug-of-war was vet another beating. Donna wisely decided early on to just let go and step aside rather than risk ruining a good manicure.

Last but not least was the water balloon war. The water balloon war was described as two teams of four opposing each other on a field, with the object of the game being to retrieve the flag from the other team's side and to bring the flag back to your team's side without being hit by a water balloon. We huddled up and tried to be creative. Should we sacrifice a team member as a human shield, try to deflect the balloons, try various staggered advances? Again, we forgot the two key factors that would help ensure a victory. We weren't young and we weren't wearing our P.F. Flyers that would allow us to run fast or jump high...Jean, Donna and I quickly looked like the losers in a bad wet t-shirt contest, and for the record, if a water balloon is thrown at you at a high velocity of speed, and you are less than 3 feet away, it does hurt. Donna had the bruises to prove it.

In the end, we kept our perfect record. We lost all five events... twice. We limped home, battered and bruised but with an inner fortitude, and steely determination that next year... next year... come hell or high water... they won't make us volunteer again!

WNNA Board of Directors

| President | Joseph Hernandez |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Vice President | Dwayne Privott |
| Treasurer | Richard London |
| Secretary | Cindy Kirk |
| Crime Watch | Pam Westerheide |
| Social Director | Aja Olson |
| Publications | John Sarlay |
| Communications | Tom Claeys |
| Beautification | Lance Ivy |
| Website/Special Projects | Dean Rose |
| OOCCL Representative | Dwayne Privott |

WNNA Block Captains

In addition to distributing the WNNA newsletter and other flyers, these dedicated volunteers help you and the entire community in various ways. They contact our newest neighbors and update our directory. If you've just moved in or if you've changed your contact information, give them a call. These folks are your first point of contact, so get to know your Block Captain and thank them for their time and commitment.

Calendar of Events

WNNA

Mark your calendars now!

July 16: General Neighborhood Meeting

October 6: National Night Out October 10: OOCCL Home Tour

October 22: General Neighborhood Meeting

October 24: Fall Wander

Treasurer's Report

RICHARD LONDON

As of June 25, 2009

| Beginning Balance @ 12/31/08: | \$ 8,982.54 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| YTD Income: | \$ 5,406.00 |
| YTD Expenses: | \$ <u>3,727.39</u> |
| Ending Balance @ 6/25/09 | \$10,666.15 |
| General Account Balance: | \$ 3,362.63 |
| Security Account Balance: | \$ 7,303.52 |
| | \$10,666.15 |

We just want to remind you that WNNA is supported by your donations. Our work to better our neighborhood is directly connected to the level of your support. Please remember to donate generously at the general meeting! If you would prefer to mail your donation, 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(c3) 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.

Newsletter Advertising Rates & Information

Advertising can be purchased on a yearly or issue-by -issue basis. Businesses can promote special events, sales, etc. with a single issue ad, but discounted rates are offered for yearly contracts.

| | <u>Per</u> <u>Year</u> | <u>Per</u> <u>Issue</u> |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Card | \$75 | \$45 |
| 1/4 Page | \$125 | \$75 |
| 1/2 Page | \$175 | \$75 |