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Wedgwood South Neighborhood Association

2007-2008 WSNA Officers

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Email Addresses

We want your email address if you have one. At the Chili Dinner, we had a sign-in sheet, but the sheet disappeared, so please try again. We want to be able to send out information in a hurry when necessary.

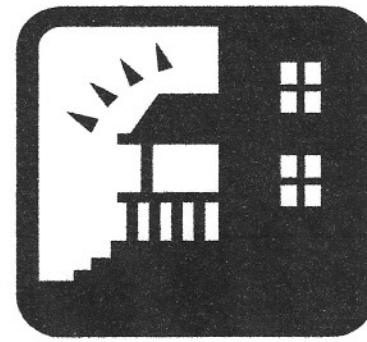
Please send an email to: wsna.menefee@yahoo.com Please include your name and address.

President's Corner

The Out Front Challenge
We are an outback neighborhood. That's great if we are living in Australia, but in Fort Worth the outback encourages crime. Criminals love dark places. We can do something and little by little we will become an out front neighborhood sending a loud message to criminals that they are in the wrong place.

The November Challenge
Buy the turkey. Sound the trumpet. Clean the house. Turn on the porch light. A 5 or 10 watt fluorescent bulb works and can be left on all year at a very minimal cost. **Will your block win our lights on challenge?** Look for winners in the next newsletter.

Elizabeth Menefee
WSNA President



Moving out front to meet your neighbors...

Citizens on Patrol (COPs)

From January to September of this year 16 active patrollers have patrolled our neighborhood a total of 1,629 hours or an average of 181 hours per month. This includes patrollers on foot, bike and in cars. Based on the limited amount of crime we have experienced we seem to be sending the right message to the bad guys. They need to go elsewhere. We have started getting daily crime stats and we are consistently absent from the report.

The single biggest issue we have is burglary of motor vehicles (BMV) and things stolen from garages. We all can do better by parking our cars in the garage or at least off the street and to keep all valuables out of sight. Most individuals that commit BMVs are looking for easy pickings, so don't make yourself a target. Be proactive and remove all items from the field of view.

As we drive around the neighborhood it is amazing the number of open garage doors we see as we patrol. This is another target of opportunity the bad guys will take advantage of your generosity. Please keep your garage doors closed.

The COPs are available to assist the neighborhood by performing additional patrols if you go on vacation. Just let us know and we'll be more diligent to watch and make sure the bad guys don't empty your house while you are on vacation. Also Chief Mendoza suggested COPs offer to park near your home in the event you have a death and will be going to the funeral. Having a COP with signs on their car in front of your house will be helpful in keeping the bad guys away.

Robert and Carol Beardsley
Co-Captains of Wedgwood South COPs
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Oil Leasing News for Wedgwood South

Dear Neighbors,

Since the WSNA Gas flyer was distributed last week, I have heard from many of you and I'm excited to hear you're teaming with us in the fight to get a bigger bonus check and a better lease. As we wait, we will see more offers come in the mail and each one will offer something new. **Please be patient, as negotiations take time.** The Gas Companies are betting that you will cave in sooner so they will continue to send token offers; each one getting a little better.

Many experts have told me to get the largest check up front possible, because the other checks that come from the wells will not change our lives. With the combination of four neighborhoods, our negotiations will cover about 1,000 acres.
A good estimate of what we are shooting for would be:

$15,000 an acre signing bonus or $2,250.00 per lot bonus minimum with a 28% royalty
No transportation charges on us
No road improvement charges on us
Pugh clause, 3 year lease, no extensions
Donations to our Neighborhood Parks
We will use Attorneys to draw up our Lease and assure that we have done our best for you.

This is our goal; we may not reach these amounts, but other smaller neighborhoods have received this much or more.

Did you know for the purpose of minerals, you also own to the middle of the street in front of your home and on the side if your on the corner. The offers you're receiving are based on the Tarrant Appraisal Districts survey of your home. Please share this information with your neighbors and friends that might not have looked at the Newsletter. By teaming together we will gain more, so share the word.

Interesting Reading: **www.bseec.org** Barnett Shale Energy Education Council which aims to provide the public with information about natural gas production.

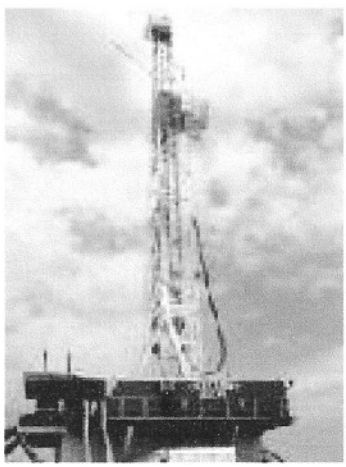
Sincerely,
Chris Wilson
WSNA Gas Leasing Committee Chairman
817-294-1847

Negotiating Gas Leasing in Wedgwood South

Special Meeting
November 27th
7:00 PM
Woodway Elementary School Cafeteria

Guest Speaker,
Robert G. West

Everyone is invited
bring your neighbors!!



What is the Barnett Shale?

The Barnett Shale is a layer about 600 feet thick which was deposited millions of years ago when this area of the world was part of an ocean. Small organisms were imbedded in the mud and were trapped as the mud hardened to rock. The organic material decomposed and produced methane (natural gas). It has been there for years waiting for engineers to develop a technology to extract economically.

•1980 -Discovered as potentially economic resource
•1995 -Significant research made to make resource economic through stimulations and testing of horizontal wells.
•2002 -Horizontal drilling & fracturing becomes mainstream for development.
•Currently there are over 6,000 gas wells in the Barnett shale and 580+ active in the city of Fort Worth.

The formation is estimated to stretch across 20 counties in north central Texas, covering approximately 5,000 square miles. The major portion of potential development is located directly beneath Tarrant County.

Is drilling for natural gas in the city safe?

All drilling in the state of Texas is tightly regulated by the Texas Railroad Commission and monitored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to protect the health and safety of the public and the environment. City ordinances provide additional regulations on urban drilling activity. Sites are routinely inspected by both city and state inspectors.

City regulations are in place to assure that any inconvenience is minimal and temporary and no more intrusive than other construction projects. Once the well site is completed, there is no noise and minimal visual impact.

The risk of any problem beyond the actual padsite is extremely low. But if an accident does occur, the industry works in close conjunction with the city's emergency response team. In Texas, there have been no reported resident or bystander injuries as a result of a wellsite accident caused by drilling operations.

Pipelines are necessary to transport the natural gas from the well to the consumer. While the diameter of the pipelines may vary depending on their function, they are all similar to normal utility pipelines that currently deliver gas to your home or office, and thus pose no elevated safety issues.

Why should I care about urban gas drilling?

Whether or not you own mineral rights, the Barnett Shale is an incredible opportunity for everyone in Tarrant, Johnson and many other counties. It provides increased economic growth, new jobs, and new revenue streams for a vibrant business climate which will make our communities a better place in which to live. As a resident, you can benefit from the increased services your city can provide with revenues received from the oil and gas industry.

Natural gas is the cleanest-burning fossil fuel, burning 43% more cleanly than coal and 28% more cleanly than oil, aiding in the reduction of global warming and greenhouse emissions. In addition to warming your home, heating your water, or cooking your food, natural gas can fuel electricity plants, so even all-electric homes can benefit from natural gas.

Urban drilling is a relatively new concept that has been made possible through horizontal drilling techniques, so the long-term effects have yet to be determined. However, there is zero evidence to indicate that nearby completed wellsites will have any negative influence on property values. And mineral rights ownership can actually increase your property's worth to you.

What exactly are mineral rights?

A mineral right is the legal ownership and/or right to extract a mineral (such as natural gas) from beneath a property. In Texas, mineral rights are treated as actual property and can be sold or leased. However, surface rights and mineral rights are not the same thing. It is possible to own the surface rights to a property (e.g. the land on which your home is built) without owning the mineral rights. Owning a piece of property does not automatically mean you own the mineral rights.

A mineral lease is a binding contract that gives an energy company the right to extract and produce the mineral owner's natural gas. Typically, the owner of the mineral rights is paid a sum of money (the "bonus") when such a lease is signed. Then, the mineral owner will receive a recurring payment based on the percentage of a well's production and on the amount the operating company is paid for the natural gas (the "royalty").

Leasing is a revenue-sharing arrangement where you share in the proceeds of any minerals produced from your property for as long as the lease is in effect.

Selling your minerals is a different transaction: you permanently forfeit all mineral/subsurface rights to the purchaser in exchange for a one-time payment.

National Night Out 2007 Award Winners

Fort Worth won Sixth Place in competition with other U.S. cities of comparable population size. Texas and Minnesota tied for the First Place State Award.

Thanks to each and every one of you who participated in planning, hosting and providing documentation for this year's National Night Out!

Martha L. Mabry
Crime Prevention Coordinator
Fort Worth Police Department
350 W. Belknap St.
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Wedgwood South Citizens on Patrol also wants to thank everyone who attended the Chili Cook-off dinner and helped make our WSNA National Night Celebration a great success. It does take many hands to pull off a neighborhood function. If you didn't get to help this year please plan to help next year. It's great fun, you make new friends and meet new neighbors along the way.

Thanks Again,
Carol Beardsley
Wedgwood South Crime Watch Coordinator
Wedgwood South Code Blue Coordinator

Wedgwood South Neighborhood Website

Earl Wilson and Terry Turman are working to get a new website set up for the neighborhood. They are using one set up on Neighborhood Link to get started. The ultimate goal is to have a more attractive and user friendly website. We anticipate it as a great way to reach out to our neighbors.

The web address is:
www.neighborhoodlink.com/ftw/wedgwoodsouth

Vice President's Comments...

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as Vice President of the neighborhood association. I am a new to the neighborhood, but I am working to learn what the neighborhood needs.
Thanks for your patience! I have had the privilege of working with many of you and am looking forward to getting to know more of you.
Any and all suggestions, comments or questions are welcomed and encouraged.

Terry Turman
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(make sure to put the "dot" between names)

Notes from the Editor...

This is a newsletter for you!

All comments to Terry Turman
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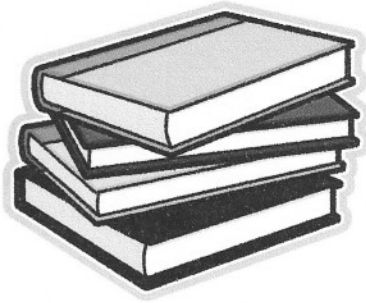
Terry.Turman@yahoo.com
(make sure to put the "dot" between names)

The next newsletter will go out in early January.
Articles due by December 30, 2007.
Anyone in the neighborhood may submit articles.

Book Club News

The November 27th meeting will be at Darline Johnson's, 4009 Aragon.
We will discuss 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM. For more information on the book club, contact Sue Wilkinson 817-346-1953.



4th Annual Chili Cook-off was a huge success...

On October 13th we had a very successful chili cook-off at Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There are many people to thank for this wonderful event. First I want to thank Elizabeth Menefee, our new President, for all of her help and support. Thanks to Amy Rich of Gene Rich & Co. for printing the flyer free of charge that Terry Turman, our new Vice President, designed. The beautiful decorations were done by Lauren Chandler and Sharon Wilson with help from Trinity's Boy Scout troop under the direction of Scout Master Paul Rojas. We especially want to thank the 15 people who brought chili and our wonderful judges for their hard work.

Thanks also to each of you for coming and bringing the delicious food. Without each of you, there would not have been a party. Thanks for making it happen.

Thanks to the people at Trinity for all of their love and support. Thirteen people from Trinity supported us by attending. As usual Pastor Randy Hardisty was there to support us and help us work out the building details as well as judge chili and give the invocation.

Thanks to Carol and Bob Beardsley for organizing National Night Out 2007. Our neighborhood police officer, Ross Williamson and our District Councilman, Jungas Jordan addressed important issues in our neighborhood.

The children's activities included a visit from MrGruff the Police dog, Sparklelette the Fire clown, and FWFD Firemen and fire truck from Station # 29. The costume parade and games under the direction of Debbie Branch and Amy Butterfield were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to the outstanding Hospitality Committee for a job well done. That night didn't just happen. It took much planning, many phone calls, and much hard work to make it happen. THANK YOU, HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE.

Melba Kelley, Chairman
Hospitality Committee

Thanks to our Chili Judges and Winners...

Judges:

Randy Hardisty – Minister, Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Jungus Jordan – District 6 Councilman
Jerry Moore – Principal, Woodway Elementary School
Cora Mosley – Active community volunteer and College Criminal Justice Professor
Daniel Staples – School Crossing Guard, Woodway Elementary School

Chili Winners:

John Huebener—First Place
Carol Sue DuBose – Second Place
Melba Kelley—Third Place

Thanks to the others who provided Chili

They were:
Nick Alvarado, Vickie Barnett, Carol Beardsley, Rusty, Andrew, & Alex Branch, Lauren Chandler, Vivian Hicks, Bridgette Krippel, Elizabeth Menefee, Bill Miller, Shirley Potter, Nanette Reinhart, and Betty Webb

January

WSNA Winter Festival on January 19, 2008

Mark your calendar for January 19, 2008 . We will be having our first Winter Festival from 5:00 until 8:00 PM at Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church. You will be hearing more details later.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
If you would like to serve on the Hospitality Committee and help plan this event, please call Melba Kelley (817-292-0894)

WELCOME TO NEW WSNA RESIDENTS

Joanne Crawford and I are attempting to visit all new WSNA residents. If you are new in the neighborhood and have not been visited, please email me at: marky292@juno.com. We want to meet you and will visit you soon. Also if you have a new neighbor on your street, please email me so we can visit them.
Thank you so much,
Melba Kelley

Brown Thumb Buddies Garden Club

Brown Thumb Buddies Garden Club has planned an exciting year with excellent speakers and numerous fieldtrips.

We have twenty three members at this time and room for many more. These ladies have a variety of garden skills and a desire to study and explore many horticulture areas.

Our monthly meetings take place on the fourth Monday of each month in different members' homes. Some of the topics chosen to study and explore are: Fall Soil Preparation, Living with Gourds; First Aid in the Kitchen using Herbs; Antique Roses; Butterflies in the Garden; Grapes and Wine; and Native Plants.

Our service projects include: working with the Woodway Elementary School Butterfly Garden; Organic Vegetable Food Co-Op., Cowtown Clean-Up; Flowercade which is the name of the annual Flower Show for the North Texas Garden Club Council; Victory Garden Boxes for our soldiers overseas, and our newest project school box gardens.

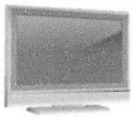
Please take time and read the separate article on this new school box garden project. My hope and desire is to collect the products needed and donate them to our own Woodway Elementary School. Many of the children attending our local school are also in need of assistance and garden supplies. What a great way to give back to our community.

Fieldtrips will be fun for the whole family or just a nice ladies day out. Thus far we have been to the Blue Moon Gardens in Edom, Texas and the Antique Rose Emporium in Independence, Texas.

Upcoming events will include trips to Clark Gardens, Lavender Ridge Farms, Shaw Kemp Ranch, Westin Gardens, Green Mama's Nursery and our third annual trip to the Kidd Flea Market and Plant Sale.

Garden Clubs are a fascinating way to meet new people who share a common interest. Come join the fun and travel down the WSNA garden path.

Carol Beardsley 817-346-8986
Sue Wilkinson 817-346-1953



Television as we know it is about to change. By law, television stations nationwide must switch from the old method of transmitting TV signals known as analog to digital television (DTV) on February 17, 2009. DTV is an innovative new type of broadcasting technology that delivers movie-quality pictures and sound to consumers with HD television sets. To find out more go to:
http://www.dtvanswers.com

Red Hat and Pink Hat Societies

The WSNA Red Hat and Pink Hat Societies are filled with a group of fun loving and caring women. The women dress in purple and wear red hats after fifty and the younger ladies dress in lavender and wear pink hats.

We currently have twenty six members with two mother–daughter groups participating. No service projects, no community service – just time to relax and enjoy each others company. There is something to choose from each week. We have four queens, three Diva's, two Countesses, and three princesses to help plan and coordinate all the monthly events.

These Red and Pink Hat ladies like to have tea parties, visit area museums and antique shops; enjoy lunch bunch activities; are crazy over the monthly games night, like dinner and movie nights, celebrate different themes in member's homes, attend fashion shows, love to shop at Sam Moon's, go to art exhibits, explore Texas festivals and participate in Area and Regional Events.

November 10th we will venture over to the Southfork Ranch for a regional "Denim and Diamond" conference.

Come join the fun!! Add some funky clothes, and sparkle in your life.

Carol Beardsley 817-346-8986
Sharon Wilson 817-294-1847
Melba Kelley 817-292-0894
Anne Pyle 817-294-2454

DISTRICT II YOUTH PROJECT
Introduce a child to gardening

We're gathering garden supplies to make shoebox gardens. The first group of boxes will be given to 4th grade students at Morningside Elementary who are involved in the Junior Master Gardener Program. These kids have very little; at school they must take turns to even use a trowel. Please bring your shoe boxes or bag of supplies to Terry Turman - 4279 Balboa or Carol Beardsley - 4101 Alicante before November 14. If you don't like to shop, then consider a donation and we will buy supplies for you.

Supplies to consider include:

- Picture Books about Gardening, Coloring Books on butterflies, insects, flowers
- Markers, Crayons, Colored pencils, pencil sharpener
- Gardening tools, Gardening gloves, garden apron, Sun visors, baseball caps, packages of hand-wipes
- Seeds: lettuce, quick & easy to grow vegetables, flowers, flowering vines, peat pots

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WSNA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT/RENEWAL

New Membership or Renewal: $15.00 per year - Due each January
Make checks payable to: W.S.N.A
Mail to: P.O. Box 331314, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1314

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Personal Information - Not required

Occupation: _____

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? _____

Number of children? _____ Ages? _____

Any pets? _____ Names? _____

Any other information you want us to know? _____

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Are you interested in joining the following committees or groups?
Hospitality___, Traffic & Roads___, Zoning___, Membership___, Citizens on Patrol (COPS)___, Red Hats___, Brown Thumb Buddies___, Garden Club___, Book Club___, Cowtown Cleanup___, Code Ranger___, Community Emergency Response Team___, Block Captain___, Woodway Elementary School Butterfly Garden___, Spring Neighborhood Tea___

May we put your information in our Neighborhood Directory? Check Y or N to the following:
Name___, Address___, Home phone___, Work phone___, Email___, Emergency contact___