

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

The publication of this newsletter is unofficial and does not reflect any opinion, directive, or policy of the Woodlake Property Owners Association members or Board of Directors.

The primary purpose of the newsletter is to convey information designed to assist us to reduce or prevent crime in our community.

The information presented is available through various public access sources, personal interview, or observation. Your comments as to how we can improve this effort are welcome.

1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted as of Sep 15th, 2014 - [http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscsd\(adult_probation\)/most_wanted.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscsd(adult_probation)/most_wanted.php), and/or; <http://bellcountycrimestoppers.com;>



Jamie Ray Aguilar, is a 35 y/o, W/M, who weighs 165 lbs. and is 5'3" tall. Aguilar has blue eyes and black hair and is wanted for: Burglary of a Habitation. His is last known to have lived in Killeen.



Twenty-three y/o Demond Lawrence is a 6'1", 195 lbs, B/M, also from Killeen, who is wanted for Burglary of a Habitation.

If you have any information regarding these individuals please call the Bell County Sheriff's Office at 254-933-5400, your local law enforcement, or CRIMESTOPPERS AT 1-800-729-TIPS (Local 526-TIPS). There is now an "on-line" crime reporting system for your convenience: http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/citizen_online_reporting_system/index.php

From Austin - A \$10,000 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of: Israel Aguirre. Aguirre is a violent criminal alien with arrests for Murder, Theft, Prostitution, and Failure to ID. Race: W, Sex: M, DOB:



5/29/1981, Ht: 5'8", Wgt: 130 Lbs, AKA: Israel Aguirre Jaimez; Israel Aguirre-Jaimez; Israel Jaimez Carmona; SMT: Tattoos on chest and left arm. Wanted For: Murder. CCH: Murder, Theft, Prostitution, Failure To ID LKA: 903 Mount

Auburn, Dallas, TX. Caution: Subject Should Be Considered ARMED And DANGEROUS!

Details: In 2002, AGUIRRE was arrested for Theft and Murder. He was convicted of the Theft charge in 2003 and served time in a TDCJ corrections facility. After completing his sentence, he was deported from the US before standing trial on the Murder charge.

In 2005, AGUIRRE was arrested in Dallas for Prostitution and Failure to ID. He pled No

Contest and was released on bond in connection to his 2002 Murder charge. He made a series of court appearances between 2005 and 2007 before disappearing.

On September 9, 2007, the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for AGUIRRE's arrest for Murder.

AGUIRRE has ties to the Dallas, Texas area. **Source: Texas Crime Stoppers** Text "DPS plus your tip" to 274637 (CRIMES) or call 1-800-252-TIPS (8477) - 24 hours a day.

2. Crime Update: Based On Information Provided By The Department Of Homeland Security, Law Enforcement Agencies In Texas Received A Special Threat Advisory - Austin, Texas, had been singled out for a terrorist attack to have occurred between August 8 and 9 with a back-up date of August 29.

The advisory claimed unspecified terrorists or a terrorist group had planned to target 6th Street locations, a school and theological seminary, completing the attack at the Austin-Bergstrom airport with backpack explosives.

During the following weeks, multi-agency "homeland security" drills were conducted in the Austin area.

Agencies involved in the joint operation included the FBI, the Austin Police Department, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, and the University of Texas Police Department.

Officials warned citizens to be on guard for the standard array of terror indicators: attempts to gain sensitive information about security measures of personnel, entry points, peak days, access controls, alarms or locks; unusual interest in speaking with building maintenance personnel; and discreet use of cameras or video recorders sketching, or note-taking, especially at building barriers, restricted areas, cameras and intrusion detection systems. (Source: WLS-TV)

3. CyberAttack: The Silent, Yet Destructive Strategy of Modern Terrorist Warfare - It Has Been Asserted That It's Only A Matter Of Time Before Nation-States Or Terrorist Groups Aim To Destroy Data And Machines to Disrupt Our Economy and/or Destroy Our Infrastructure.

The only meaningful declaration during former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano's farewell speech was her prediction "that a major cyberattack is on the way".

It's true; many U.S. companies have been under siege from hackers over the last 18 months.

In fact, two days after Napolitano's August 28, 2013, speech, a hacker group called the Syrian Electronic Army hacked the New York Times' website and Twitter feed for the second time last year.

Napolitano was referring to America's infrastructure: power grid, communications, and banking and not just about American business.

Each of these services relies on computers. A well-placed virus could do a lot of damage, especially if an insider planted it.

For example, the northeast blackout of 2003 started at a single power center. A computer bug disabled an important alarm. The operators couldn't react in time to a downed power line and it blacked out 55 million people for several days.

More recently, it didn't take a high-level cyber security attack on some of our largest banking institutions by a syndicate of Russian hackers (possibly government sponsored) to make us realize that cyber-terrorism, extortion and blackmail are all too real and possible.

Street banks, brokerages and other companies have grown increasingly concerned as well. Bankers and U.S. officials have been warning for years that cyber-terrorists will try to wreck the financial system's computer networks.

The Treasury Department has advised bank insurers; in the event of a cataclysmic attack, a government backstop that doesn't explicitly cover electronic intrusions would be activated. Federal deposit insurance would apply only if a bank failed, not if hackers drained accounts. The banks would have to tap their reserves and then their private insurance, which wouldn't be enough to cover all claims from a catastrophic event.

Imagine waking up one morning with no power. Cellphones can't connect, banks are closed, the Internet is down and credit cards don't work.

The attack on New York-based JPMorgan, though limited in scope, underscored how cyber assaults are evolving in ferocity and sophistication, and turning more political, possibly as a prelude to more direct assault to destroy records, drain accounts and freeze networks to hurt the economy on the scale of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Insurance Information Institute, an industry group, estimates that policies paid out about \$42.9 billion after the Sept. 11 attacks. Economic losses, given the closure of lower Manhattan, grounded flights and shuttered financial markets, were much larger.

Regulators are raising pressure on banks, broker-dealers and hedge funds to report intrusions and show they're improving cyber defenses.

The larger financial institutions have been buying cyber insurance for some time now. Still, even expanding product lines can't solve the problem of a systemic crisis of the sort that Napolitano warned of.

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Discussions about the government's role in cleaning up after a catastrophic cyber assault have centered on the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, or TRIA. States are also pressing Washington to clarify how the Stafford Act, the main statute for relief from natural disasters, would factor in.

Under pressure, the Treasury Department would treat cyber-terror like a physical attack under TRIA and besides invoking the terror insurance law, may need to tap funds originally intended for natural disasters.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency suggested in a 2012 report that the existing law governing its work, the Stafford Act, could cover physical damage resulting from a cyber attack.

A cyberattack might not take down everything, but it could make basic services unreliable. You won't be able to trust technology to always work.

In localized emergencies, workers from other areas help to restore services quickly. However, a cyberattack could affect wide regions of the country, overwhelming the available manpower and take days, weeks or months for basic services to be fully restored.

That's why you need a backup plan for your family. I would plan for at least 30 days of limited to nonexistent services.

Keep a supply of water and canned food on hand, along with a first aid kit. Knowing exactly what other survival tools to include can be difficult. Fortunately, the government has a site to help you plan your disaster kit.

Your emergency kit should contain cash. After all, debit and credit cards may not work.

Keep important documents within easy reach, too. You may not be able to get to documents stored on your computer. So, keep physical copies in a small safe near your disaster kit.

Being separated from your family is worrying, particularly in emergencies. So, your family needs to determine a gathering point. You might not have Facebook, Twitter or texting available to help you coordinate.

In a disaster, remember it's better to text than to voice call. Texts use less information so they

don't overwhelm local cellular towers. Plus, texts can wait to send, so they'll still get through without your constant attention.

In localized disasters, it is often easier to contact people outside the area. So, designate an out-of-town relative as a contact person.

However, as we saw in Hurricane Sandy, cellular towers aren't as robust as traditional landlines. So, don't count on your cellphone working reliably.

Look around for apps that can help provide essential information in an emergency.

Have one or more sets of two-way radios. They'll work in any situation. Be sure to choose a channel to use in advance. Choose a second one in case the first is in use. And be sure to stock up on batteries.

An AM/FM radio capable of receiving NOAA weather alerts and that can be powered by hand crank or solar power is another essential for any emergency kit. Some of these radios can even charge other gadgets, like cellphones. Radio stations have generators and can still keep broadcasting important information when other communication systems fail.

If you have young children, be sure to write instructions down for them. This can help if they're at school when disaster strikes.

For kids old enough to have a cellphone, make a note with the instructions and store it on their phone as a file or picture. Don't count on them remembering where to meet or what to do.

4. On The Horizon: The 30th Annual National Neighborhood Night Out To Be Celebrated This Year on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. I hope you'll make plans to attend this year's event.

Assisted by Theresa Reese and Debbie King, Nancy Geary (to each we owe a great deal of gratitude), will be "point" in hosting the occasion that will start at 6 p.m. and go until sundown (8 p.m.).

I'm happy to announce the return of *Wild Horses*, the duo songsters Mike and Angela Mahler, are planning to entertain us again this year.

Pat Beard and her SVFD will be here with the grills "fired-up" to turnout some of their BBQ brisket and other delectable - all provided FREE (Donations Welcome).

This year's theme is Home Security and Fire Safety/Prevention. Please take the time to pick-up a Home Security/Fire Prevention Workbook to take home. Don't be shy about taking an extra copy or two for your neighbors unable to attend this year's event.

To help get your kids involved in the activities, there will be "prizes" offered for the best Fire Prevention poster.

We will again welcome one of our esteemed Bell County Sheriff's Department Deputies for any questions you may have about their efforts helping us keep our homes and families safe and secure.

On a related topic: No News is....well, No News. All the same, it's a good day when Nolanville is free of any reportable crimes, as it was on September 5th. But, save for one reported burglary (Mulberry Dr., on the very southern rim), it's an even better day when there was nothing to report-on in the whole of the Sparta Valley area!

Neither Morgan's Point Resort nor the city of Belton reported any major criminal incidents.

It was even an incredibly slow day for law enforcement in the city of Temple with only a total of 18 incidents, the majority of which were traffic or non-felony related. Of the other 50%; 28% were alcohol/drug or DUI related leaving with just 1 Assault, 1 Felony Theft and 2 "Other Criminal Violations."

I asked the Sheriff's Department about this phenomenon and was told, "This is a rare occurrence indeed, unusual but not unwelcome. From time-to-time, our officers deserve a slow day (a 'day-off' by criminals)."

This doesn't suggest that no crimes were committed that day, only that no crimes had been reported or crimes that were reported hadn't been recorded for public dissemination.

Nonetheless, raw data suggests that, at least in the Sparta Valley area, in the past 12 months, the incidence of Crimes of Opportunity: Robbery, Burglary, Felony Theft, Theft From a Vehicle and Theft of a Vehicle, have dropped by 40% (from a total of 499 reported Crimes of Opportunity from 9/1/12 - 8/31/13 to 299 reported Crimes of Opportunity from 9/1/13 to 8/31/14).

Kudos good citizens! Keep-up the good work and your eyes and ears open!