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# Woodlake Property Owners Association 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 better improve this effort are welcome. Thank you, the Editor.

## 1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted http://www.bellcountvtx.com/cscd/cscdwanted.htm

This week there are three fugitives from Killeen: 5'11" Wendal Thornton, 24 y/o, 178 lb, Black Male w/brown eyes and black hair is wanted for aggravated robbery; 20 y/o Joshua Feldkeller, is a 6'1", 163 lb, black male with brown eyes and brown hair is wanted for burglary of a habitation; 23 y/o, 6'1" 175 lb, white male Jody Phillips has blue eyes and red hair and is wanted for engaging in criminal activities; Chantel Wood is a 29 y/o, 5'5", 140 lb black female with brown hair and eyes last living in Harker Heights is wanted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Joel Morales, 5'9", 150 lb, white male is 20 y/o, has brown eyes and black hair from Belton, is wanted for burglary of a habitation; The last suspect at large is a 23 y/o, 5'7", 150 lb brown eyed, black haired male, Jody Phillips, LKA-Temple, 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). **ALL CALLS WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.** 

#### 2. Crime Update -

**Temple** - Temple Police have arrested a second person in connection with a shooting last July.

Someone intentionally set a fire at a church near downtown Temple. Investigators are still trying to find the person responsible.

**Killeen -** A man trying to steal a TV from a Killeen apartment was caught red-handed when the resident returned home.

A New York man wanted for attempted murder has been arrested in Killeen.

Killeen Police need your help finding a person of interest in the death investigation of 36-year-old Candance Lee Boley.

**Bell County -** A soldier who was stationed at Fort Hood, will now spend the next 25 years of his life behind bars for the death of his step-daughter.

### 3. Are You Still Prepared? -

I hope you're staying informed and alert to the persistent danger of wildfire lurking. Just this week residence of the Dog Ridge (Stillhouse Lake) area were forced out of their homes due to a, at one point contained, fire that was re-kindled by gusty wind conditions.

The relief efforts for the victims in Bastrop is ongoing, although the reception stations are over burdened, there is still need for money, aid, and assistance because the fires are still burning!

In our own community, many vacant lots are overgrown so thick an inferno could erupt in minutes from the slightest ignition. Practically every home in the community is flanked or backed by trees and shrubs that have been deprived of moisture for so long they'll likely explode like a Roman candle if exposed to a raging fire. In many cases, our homes are close enough to each other and dense enough that you're not safe if your neighbor's house catches fire. Our lack of multiple escape routes increase the difficulty we'll have if any of the streets become smoke obscured or flames making the only thoroughfare unsafe. Moreover, our neighbors in Denmons Loop face more difficulty evacuating as their sole escape is via Water Works Road. They've gone so far as to employ an off-duty police officer to enforce the "no fires, no fireworks" restrictions in Sparta Valley Park. Still, inconsiderate park users disregard the open flame restrictions and build camp fires regardless.

One resident told me that their reasonable request to have a more persistent park ranger or game warden presence was grudgingly received with excuses of "not enough personnel, and a work day that ends at 10PM".

My best advice is to stay vigilant; keep your radio dial tuned to any station that will provide you emergency information alert messages or your weather alert radio close at hand. Stay aware of your surroundings and environment; be suspicious if you smell smoke – Assess, Alert, Report, and if necessary, Evacuate.

#### 4. On The Horizon -

The National Night Out event is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Glenda Northam as graciously volunteered to coordinate our proposed activities. If you have an interest in promoting anti-crime education for our community discuss your ideas with Glenda. She'll appreciate the assistance.

The venue will be the community tennis courts. Some of the proposed events/activates include: Demonstration of contents of Emergency Survival Kits, Bell County Deputy Sheriff on patrol, information about pandemic response, and Central Bell County FD and EMS are scheduled to pay us a visit, there will



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be live music and BBQ courtesy of WPOA. Fliers will be in the mail or on your door very soon.

Maybe the weather will cooperate and by then the temperature will be down to a tolerable level so we can get started around 6:30PM. Hope to see you all out and about.