

## Woodlake Property Owners Association Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Happy Independence Day!

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.

The editor and staff wish you a safe and happy Independence Day! Take a moment this 4<sup>th</sup>-of-July to reflect on the sacrifices our Fore Fathers made to make this day a celebration of Liberty!

### 1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted as of July 01, 2013 -

[http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd\(adult\\_probation\)/most\\_wanted.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd(adult_probation)/most_wanted.php). (No change). Two of this week's Bell County Fugitives, Andrew Lopez and James Thomas, are wanted for Burglary of a Habitation. Pamela Lockett is a 29 y/o black female wanted for assault with a deadly weapon. 28 y/o James Head is a Black Male wanted for evading arrest and Eddie Finchman is a 54 y/o White Male wanted for Criminal Non-Support.

Please review the attached flyer; if you have any information regarding those individuals; 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 at:

[http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/citizen\\_online\\_reporting\\_system/index.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/citizen_online_reporting_system/index.php)

**Austin:** A \$3000 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of Charles Leon Carr on charges of Parole and Probation Violations. Race: White, Sex: Male, DOB: 07/17/57, Height: 6'00", Weight: 192 lbs., AKA: Benjamin Joel Shaw, Charles Leon McLaughlin, Vincent Desimone. SMT: Tattoos: Skull on outside upper right arm; skull/dagger/roses on outside upper left arm. Operation scar on inside of right knee. Cut scar inside right hand. CCH: Sexual Assault of a Child, Transportation of Unlawful Aliens, and Theft, LKA: 6104 Wheless Cove, Apt. D, LKC: Austin, Texas, Caution: Subject should be considered ARMED and DANGEROUS!



Details: Charles Leon CARR was born in New Jersey. He is a high-risk sex offender who is required to register annually and is likely to reoffend. In 1975, he was sentenced to 99 years in prison for sexually assaulting an 11-year-old female at a park in Abilene, Texas. During the offense, CARR forced the victim into acts of sodomy after physically threatening to smother her. While in prison, CARR was disciplined for using foul language, not obeying orders, and leaving assigned areas without permission. He was released in 2008 and absconded in 2009 when he left a federal building without permission after failing a urine test.

In 2009, the US Marshals Service issued a warrant for CARR's arrest for Probation Violation (Original Offense: Transportation of Aliens). In the same year, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles issued a warrant for Parole Violation (Original Offense: Sexual Assault).

While in prison, CARR took courses in air conditioning and refrigeration repair. He has worked as an air conditioning repairman, machinist, data entry clerk, and laborer. (Source: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/texas10mostwanted/>)

### 2. Crime Update:

**Harker Heights** - An 18-year-old man was arrested Thursday after he assaulted a family member on May 25. An ongoing disagreement between Jemel Desan Defreitas and a 28-year-old family member resulted in the victim suffering serious injuries, including bleeding of

**Killeen** - One man is in the hospital after a Thursday morning drive-by shooting that happened around 6:20 a.m. Thursday near Murphy Street and Mimosa Street, off of W. York. Someone in a moving car fired shots at a man walking along the street. The man was hit but was able to run to a nearby house and call for help. From there he was transported to Darnall Army Medical Center, where he remains in critical condition.

There is no description of the vehicle or any known reason for the shooting.

### 3. A community under siege by crime:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TymQF4RP17g>

Gorgeous, spacious three-bedroom homes in the \$300,000-range with quiet streets where kids could safely ride their bicycles. Sound familiar?

Much like our community and thousands of others, Arcadia Park, just outside Oakland CA., for many seemed like a dream come true, except for one problem. It was in Deep East Oakland, a high-crime area designated by Oakland police as a "hot spot" and Border Brothers gang territory.

Yet, at those affordable prices, coupled with incentives from the builder, some people of a more adventurous nature were willing to become urban pioneers.

After decades of neglect, revitalization was slowly beginning in Deep East Oakland. New buildings were going up, and businesses were opening. The area was finally on target to get a grocery store at the long-dead Foothill Square mall on MacArthur Boulevard.

Nonetheless, with one resident killed, others being robbed, and burglaries out of control, Arcadia Park is plagued by high crime, leaving some to have serious second thoughts about their investment. Police respondents have advised some residents to arm themselves for protection.

In one week, four doors were kicked in and more than two dozen burglaries took place in just a three-month span.

Residents have resorted to installing video cameras outside their homes which have recorded several burglars. Their "Crime Spy" network is to post copies of the footage of suspects on poles in the neighborhood to warn others and shared on the residents' Google Group.

Some residents have begun surveilling their property before they park with an eye-out for any suspicious looking individuals.

It's gone so far to the extreme that homeowners will have to vote on whether to permanently increase their monthly dues to pay for ongoing monitoring of commercially installed cameras and security patrols. Often, these patrols inadvertently wind up tailing one of the neighbors doing the same thing.

That might be comical if it weren't such a sad reflection of the times we are living in -- not just in Arcadia Park.

A crime wave and a series of intimidating incidents have put a gated community near Memphis under siege.

In March a meth-lab bust in their gated community was just a small part of the problems they face. Crimes reported within a one mile radius of Abbey Grove in the past thirty days include burglary, aggravated assault, and drugs. A vehicle gets broken into practically every week and they've had one house burglarized twice.

If that wasn't bad enough, because the subdivision sits on the boundary between Memphis and Shelby Counties, the neighborhood is divided over 911 jurisdictions placing a portion of the residence in the city, and the rest in the county.

This creates 911 response delays when dispatchers try to decide who should get the call unnecessarily putting someone's life in danger.



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other's wellbeing, that go around intimidating neighbors.

The group had been reported to the police for assault after one teen threw a rock at a woman's head or for making death threats.

The cost to them to hire a security firm and to videotape criminal behavior was more than \$10,000. Additionally, they're taking shifts at the gated entrance.

They've also hired an attorney to litigate against a landlord who rented a house to the suspected meth dealers and to file an abatement of public nuisance against another who rented a property to the family where many of the troublesome teens live.

Numerous American communities — from large cities like Los Angeles (now 47 percent Hispanic) to small towns like Owatonna, Minnesota — have faced such a rapid and enormous influx of immigrants that the local residents have difficulty in dealing with both the increased financial burden and the inevitable cultural clash.

The small Wisconsin city of Wausau documented how a few Hmong refugees since 1994 rapidly grew into thousands, with accompanying problems of gang violence, teen pregnancy, overburdened schools and increased taxes.

Most Americans prefer preserving our homegrown values, like community involvement, women's equality, individual rights, environmental responsibility and respect for free speech, to name a few. Americans have not voiced a desire to live in a northern extension of Mexico or a western outpost of Somalia, yet the enforced dismantling of American culture continues by both the government and multiculturalism ideologues.

Southern California has borne the brunt of illegal immigration so huge that many call it an invasion. The explosion of illegal aliens committing violent crimes has escalated so that entire communities are torn apart.

Black communities, especially, are severely affected. Unchecked immigration has reduced wages, increased racism (from immigrants against American blacks) and transformed black working-class neighborhoods into Mexican slums paving the way for increase in gang-related activities: drugs, extortion, assaults and murder.

Not an isolated case; hundreds of cities and neighborhoods across the nation are experiencing problems the local police are ill-equipped, untrained or unwilling to deal with.

State governments are reluctant or refuse to address the growing incidence of hate crimes.

The problem became so bad that the citizens of Chillicothe, Ohio, City and county officials, ministers, school administrators, community members and educators were recruited to create a diversity task force. By meeting with officials from the FBI, Department of Justice and the US Attorney General's Office, the hope is that the task force will help to prevent incidents from happening completely through education and awareness.

National Night Out is an important event that allows for people in communities all across the United States and in many places around the world to make a statement about taking a stand against crime. These events might include festivals or parades, block parties or fairs,

or community meetings that allow neighbors to become acquainted with others involved in crime prevention. Here are some useful tips on how you can get started.

- Form a small planning committee of neighbors to discuss needs, the level of interest, possible challenges, and the Watch concept.
- Contact the local police or sheriffs' department, or local crime prevention organizations to discuss Neighborhood Watch and local crime problems. Invite a law enforcement officer to attend your meeting.
- Establish a regular means of communicating with Watch members such as a newsletter, telephone tree, an e-mail listserv, or an online message board.
- Prepare a neighborhood map showing names, addresses, and phone numbers of participating households and distribute to members.
- With guidance from a law enforcement agency, the Watch can train members in home security techniques, observation skills, and crime reporting.
- Remember that the Neighborhood Watch is not a team of vigilantes, and does not exist to take the law into their own hands. The purpose is to ask neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring — and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police.

Check out links to some local crime prevention organizations or check with your local police department for more ways on how you can get involved. The National Crime Prevention Council also has a few publications for download on their site with more information on starting a Neighborhood Watch. (Sources: Oakland Tribune Columnist Tammerlin Drummond, 03/16/2013, Memphis, TN (WMC-TV), and <http://imagine2050.newcomm.org/2009/08/21/as-hate-crimes-continue-to-rise-one-community-fightsback/#sthash.AKPVFuMS.dpuf>)

#### 4. On The Horizon - Community Leadership Conference Planned:

Invitations for the next Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Leadership Conference were mailed today. The focus, again, will be Disaster Relief, Planning and Preparation. Don't be concerned if you didn't get invited — every household will be offered the opportunity to attend — eventually. The conference is scheduled for Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> but, regardless, please advise me at [hlswaim@yahoo.com](mailto:hlswaim@yahoo.com) or 254 933 9322 (leave a message) whether or not you can attend.

Notwithstanding high relative humidity and calm wind, conditions are ripe for the high risk of wildfire. Any number of events could be a trigger: dry lightning, a careless cookout or backyard BBQ, to a faulty car exhaust or catalytic converter over a dry patch are a few examples.

Please obey "Burn Ban" if in effect this Independence day/week and review all the quick reference recommendations and be alert to where we may be vulnerable. Act on your "gut feeling" and resources to find a remedy — especially areas a fire crew may have difficulty accessing.

I'm evaluating the newest social network NextDoor.com/nno and hope to have some form of "virtual neighborhood watch" established by National Night Out — usually sometime in August — is celebrated around October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Texas.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. *The WPOA NW Coordinator.*