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Pat Leito; 6/23  
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Next Meeting:  
June  
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# Pictures from the last HNA, Code Blue Meetings, and the Code Blue Seminar



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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy Father's Day to all you Dads. This month is also Flag Day.

I want to thank everyone who comes early and stays after to set up and clean up. Also thanks to all who bring food and feed the kitty to help with the cost of food. We have some very good cooks in handley.

At our May meeting we had Susan Green from Onmcor, who gave an informative talk on the new "Smart Meters" being installed thru out the city.

For those interested in keeping up on city news, you can go to [www.fortworthgov.org](http://www.fortworthgov.org) and on the right side of the page click on City News. That will bring up all the current events, meetings and news of the city.

As of this writing we are waiting confirmation of our June speaker. We have asked pastor Max Brenner from St. Matthew United Methodist Church to speak. Those who have heard him state he is a funny and great speaker.

This month is going to be our Ice Cream supper. This to let those who bring food know what we are having. You might want to bring something that goes with ice cream.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 14th at Handley United Methodist Church, 2929 Forest. Social time at 6:30 P.M. and business meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Hope to see you there.

Joann



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# HANDLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

May 10, 2010

The Handley Neighborhood Association met on Monday, May 10, 2010 at the Handley United Methodist Church. President Joann Ehlers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Will Dryden gave the opening prayer. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was also read and approved.

Wanda Conlin reported on the Fort Worth City Council meetings regarding the rezoning for pawn shops. After two long days the rezoning passed by a 7-2 vote.

President Joann Ehlers reported that someone has been driving through the cemetery. If anyone sees anyone in the cemetery they need to call the police. The cemetery needs a Texas Historic Designation. It was recommended that a cemetery committee be appointed. The last Saturday of the month, May 29<sup>th</sup> will be clean up day at the cemetery.

The garage sale will be Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo from 9AM-5PM. Items will be priced on Thursday, June 3 at Harrison Warehouse.

Lloyd Jones reported the Census is in progress and everyone should answer all questions if asked.

NPO Kim Gardner reported that robberies are up. There is a trend that more Dodge Ram pickups are being stolen than any other make. It has been suggested that businesses work together to fight burglaries.

Doris Harrison reported the Historic Handley Railroad Museum at 1020 S. Handley Dr. is planning an open house on June 5. If anyone has any railroad related items to donate, please see her.

Code compliance/Code Rangers – Dennis Mitchell reported they will be addressing violations in Safe Neighborhood Initiative. The area covers Lancaster to Meadowbrook and Cravens Rd. to Stark. Dennis' phone numbers are 817-994-1368 (cell) or 817-392-6319.

Betty Coomer reported Code Blue Seminar will be held May 22 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Saturation details are being worked with the police. If you see anything suspicious, call it in. Code Blue meeting will be on May 17.

Yard of the month award for May is Betty Story, 2625 Canton Dr.

The HNA speaker for the evening was Susan Green, Oncor Local Area Manager. Susan gave a very informative talk on the Smart Meters. The installation of the smart meters must be completed by 2012. The new meters will talk to the system to report power outages. The meters will have GPS tracking. She urged everyone to visit Lowes on Eastchase on May 14 & 15 to see a home demonstration on how the system will work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Shirley Collins- Cornwell, Secretary



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Hello—I do hope you had a happy “Memorial Day” weekend.. I know, when I worked, I was always glad for those holidays to come around even though it meant we usually had to double up and work harder the day after the holiday. It was worth it though.

Jody Hughes and I just finished our second week of delivering “Meals on Wheels.” I must say we faired better the second week than we did the first week. We kinda sorta got lost when we delivered meals to the apartments, but quickly found ourselves only to head for the next client. It just wasn’t our day. We went to one home, rang the door bell, banged on the door, knocked and hollered “Meals on Wheels” with your food. We stood & stood and no response. Finally I said, “Here is a phone #, I’ll get my phone out of the car & call him.” In a short time he answered our call and I told him we had his food & we had been on his front porch awhile. He said, “You’re not on my porch,” I said yes we are.” He again said, “You’re not on my porch.” I stepped out to the mail box on the curb and said, “I’m standing by your mail box.” He again said, “You’re not by my mail box, I’m on my front porch looking for you, where are you?” I stepped out into the street to get a good look at the street name. We were on Bermejo instead of Castillo. We tucked in our feathers and took off like old sage hens to the correct address, with his meal in hand. We had a good laugh anyway. What would we do if we can’t laugh at ourselves once in awhile? Last week we did just fine. I could write a book.

Handley Code Blue Seminar was held on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at the Fort Worth Convention Center Ball Room. East Division is hosting this year’s seminar.

Handley Code Blue met Monday, May 17, 2010. We had approximately 17 in attendance and enjoyed salads, chicken and desserts. Service Pins were given out to our patrollers.

They included the 110% Pin, Community Service Pin, Outstanding Patrol Services Pin, Rookie of the Year Pin and 1, 15 year pin. I am proud of our Handley Code Blue Group and their outstanding service to our community in keeping our neighborhoods safe. Keep up the good work. Jim Arnold, one of our top patrollers, informed us he will be leaving us to move to another state. He will be missed. We wish for him & his wife much happiness in their new endeavor.

For those of you who have computers, here is some good tools to use on looking things up. CRIME REPORTS [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) CRIMEVIEW COMMUNITY

<http://www.fortworthpd.com/CRIMEVIEW> CRIME MAPPING [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) All three tools have an alerts system that will allow residences and business owners to receive email elerts regarding recent incident activity in their desired area. You can call RESEARCH & PLANNING at 817-392-4240 for more information. With these tools you can bring up crime reports for your area if needed.

When Doris Thomas and I attended the presentation, “Personal Situational Awareness” they recommended a book called, “The Gift of Fear” for you to read. It could save your life. It’s written by Gavin De Becker. It will help and teach you how to protect yourself from violence.. It’s the #1 National Bestseller.

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I received a brochure in the mail this week. **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.** If it's been raining and there's water on the highway and you can't tell how deep it is, turn around and find another way to go. The best warning system is common sense,

For those of us who go on trips and stay in hotels, here is some important information in regards to **HOTEL KEY CARDS.** Your information is on these cards. Your name, home address, hotel room number, check in and out dates, your credit card number and expiration date. Hotels do not erase the information on these cards until an employee reissues the card to the next hotel guest. You need to keep these cards. Take the cards home with you or destroy them. Never leave them behind in the room and **NEVER** turn them into the front desk when you check out. They will not charge you for the card (it's illegal). Your card can be scanned for your information. Destroy the card, do not throw it away. Information courtesy of Metropolitan Police Service.

Our next 2010 Citizen on Patrol Quarterly Training Class will be held on Saturday July 17, 2010 at 0800-1600 and then again on October 16, 2010, on a Saturday 0800-1600. We need more people taking training to help us keep our city safe. We are still having "Saturation Details" in trouble spots of G15, G17 & G 18's beats. These are usually done on a Thursday morning after the Roll Call. We meet at East Sector Base about 9:15 a.m. and they run for two hours.

We want to welcome Jody Hughes to our Handley Code Blue Group. We are very fortunate to have her. Lt. McCarthy has asked for our help in patrolling more. School is about to be out for the summer. He needs our eyes and ears on the streets. He also needs spotters for the SKY-WATCH. Call 817-392-4800 for more information.

The next CAC5 meeting will take place June 7, 2010, Due to the Code Blue Seminar on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Memo-

rial Day on the 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be no Captain's meeting in May. The next Captains meeting will be June 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at east sector base on E. Lancaster. Be watching for an article in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram in reference to the Patrol Division Reorganization.

I am enclosing a separate sheet for those of you who live in the Fort Worth and Arlington areas in reference to a Missing Person, Roland Morris, Jr., (Rollie), white male 51 years old, who has been missing about four weeks. Anyone with information about Rollie should call Ft. Worth Police at 817-335-4222, report # 10-045512. The family fears foul play may be involved. For those of us who know Rollie, we hope he will soon be found and that he will be ok. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. Rollie is 6'tall, weighs approximately 150 lbs. with balding black hair and brown eyes. He has no front teeth, top or bottom. He was planning to have his teeth fixed. He was last seen at his home in East Fort Worth on April 24, 2010. He usually rides a bike, but is currently on foot—his back pack and billfold were left at his home. He frequents locations on E. Lancaster Ave. (Quik Way gas station and beer establishments).

Our neighborhood (HNA) Garage Sale is to be at the Gazebo on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Also the grand opening of our Railroad Museum is on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to read the Handley Herald that William Ludwig wrote on the caboose and land over by the RR tracks. The City has sure let us down with getting the gaping hole taking care of., so we can move the caboose and get things rolling. They just don't carry through with their promises.

I am trying to get my house in some kind of shape, while I am still able to. I have just had Phillips Sprinkler System install a new sprinkler system in my back yard and front yard, with the new rain gage feature—it won't come on if it's raining or freezing. Next I am having rocks put on the bottom part of the north side of my house and then I want to have a 6 foot

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wrought iron fence installed between my property and the gazebo and Massey's Key and in the front of my house. It will give me more security.

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Toby, my little dog from Hell, is finally calming down or I am one. All three of them are still leading me a dog's life, but I wouldn't be without them. They are so much company.

Please remember our sick and bereaved members, family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. We need for you to start back to our meetings—we miss you and you are missing some good food and lots of community information.

Take care until next time,  
Betty Drinkard Coomer



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## THE STORY OF FORT WORTH FROM OUTPOST TO METROPOLIS

When the first settlers began moving into Texas, the land on which Fort Worth now stands was Comanche territory. Other tribes that had made North Texas their home had been driven away by the savage Comanche.

In 1840, four years after the Battle of San Jacinto and Texas Independence, these Indians still roamed at will from the mountains of New Mexico to the black lands of East Texas. Where for years they had pillaged and destroyed other Indian settlements, they now raided the farms and villages of the settlers.

The new Republic of Texas government tried to control the raids, first by organizing the Texas Rangers and later by sending out a small frontier "army." But when Texas joined the union in 1846 as the twenty-eighth state, the Comanche were still largely unchecked. The United States was asked for help and responded quickly by sending soldiers to Texas to set up a series of outposts. One group of twenty-five privates under the command of Brevet Major Ripley Arnold was sent to the small settlement known as Johnson Station, about twenty miles west of Dallas.

On June 6, 1849, Arnold and his men rode west to explore the land along the Trinity River. That night, they made camp in a grove of cottonwood trees along the river. Major Arnold names the site Camp Worth in honor of Major General William Jenkins Worth, his commander during the Mexican War and head of army operations in Texas and New Mexico.

Because the location seemed ideal, a permanent fort was built. The site Arnold chose was a bluff overlooking the spot where the Clear Fork and West Fork of the Trinity met to form a single stream. On November 14, 1849, Arnold names the outpost Fort Worth, and this is now generally accepted as the date of the founding of the city. In early 1850, Arnold and his men moved into the newly constructed fort. Two years later, Arnold was killed in a brawl with another soldier. He is buried in Pioneer's Rest Cemetery on Samuels Avenue about a quarter of a mile from the site of the original fort.

By the time the soldiers moved into Fort Worth, the state legislature had designated the area around it as Tarrant County, named for General E. H. Tarrant, one time commander of Texas' frontier army and a former member of the Congress of the Republic of Texas. The county seat—and closest settlement—was at Bird's Fort, later known as Birdville, seven miles east of Fort Worth. Except for Bird's Fort and Johnson Station, the nearest town was thirty miles to the east. It was called Dallas and had a population of 430 residents.

The troops at Fort Worth and other new Army posts were very effective in fighting the Comanche. By 1853, the soldiers had forced the Indians to withdraw to the north and west. As Indian raids died down, more settlers moved into the area. Finally, on September 17, the army abandoned Fort Worth and moved the troops northwest to follow the retreating Indians.

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Betty "Drinkard" Coomer



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