

# Dellwood Digest



## Announcing Dellwood Homeowners Association Annual Meeting!

By: Annette Hudson

The DHA annual meeting will take place at the fellowship hall of The Church of Christ again this year. The church is located on hwy 191 beside the Dellwood apartments. The fellowship hall is at the back of the church parking lot and the meeting is downstairs. **The date is Thursday April 23 at 6:00pm.** As last year, all households will bring a covered dish. If you have a hectic schedule bring chips or a pre-made dish from the market. It would be helpful if you let Annette Hudson know what you are bringing to insure a balanced menu. Call her at 693-3081 or email at rdandabudson@bellsouth.net .

This year's meeting should be shorter and more fun than last year as we have far less hard work to do and a very entertaining guest speaker. Many residents will remember former residents, Dick and Mimi Laux. Dick has agreed to make a light-hearted presentation of the history of the Dellwood subdivision. Our newer residents will find this enlightening and older ones will enjoy remembering. We look forward to seeing our old friends again.

We hope all households will be able to attend the meeting. If you can offer assistance with set-up, clean up or organization please contact Annette Hudson. Invitations will be out soon. See you there!

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# Notes from Board Meeting



>The DHA board met on February 28, 2015. Items discussed:

- **DHA Annual Meeting-** Our annual meeting will be April 23rd, 6 p.m., at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Annette Hudson is organizing the event.
- **Vacancies on the DHA Board-** There will be 2 vacancies on the board so **we are now looking for volunteers**. This is a great opportunity for anyone wishing to be more involved in our neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Beth Echols at 828 692-6261 or jamesechols@att.net before March 23rd. This is a wonderful chance to actively participate in our community.
- **Snow Removal-** All the roads in Dellwood are state roads and are therefore maintained by the state. This includes snow removal. Neighborhood roads such as ours are not a top priority so on occasion we can find ourselves snowed in. What to do? The board discussed several options.
  1. Volunteers could clear a trail on both sides of the road where it is the steepest and most curvy. Hopefully this would be done before the road was driven on and the snow packed down.
  2. Salt/sand boxes could be placed near the road (keep in mind the state's required right of way). Volunteers could spread the salt/sand as needed.

Please contact a board member if you have a comment on these options or if you have other suggestions. With any luck the snow has ended for this winter but it is not too early to start thinking about next year.

## Miscellaneous



**Thank you to all our thoughtful neighbors!** The weather may not have been particularly good this winter but the residents of Dellwood were fabulous. Thank you to those who helped clear driveways for their neighbors who weren't able. Thank you to Robert Hudson for clearing a path down the steepest part of Greenwood Drive so cars could travel a bit easier down the hill. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to get groceries for their neighbors who weren't able to get out. Thank you for all this and more. You are the BEST!

When the roads are slick, accidents often happen. Many mailboxes were hit this winter. Please be a good neighbor, take responsibility and contact the owner.

Walking your dog can also be a challenge when everything is covered in ice and snow. No matter the weather, you still need to pick up after your dog. This is not only what good neighbors do, it is the law.



## Recommended by Our Neighbors



If you need a wallpaper hanger, **Gary Denton** (828 329-3410) does a great job.

## DHA Calendar 2015



March 28                    DHA Board Meeting  
**April 23                    DHA Annual Dinner and Meeting**

Please note that the above schedule could change. If you plan to attend a board meeting, confirm the date with a board member.

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## Computer Security by: Tom Walgrave



We lock our doors and put curtains over our windows to keep those we do not know from peering into our home or gaining access to it. Then almost every minute of every day we invite an unknown army of strangers into our homes, into our lives and into our most personal situations in the form of technology. Welcome to 1984, not the year, but the novel.

Make no mistake, your conversations, pictures, locations, habits are being recorded, distributed, sold, and in some cases even being taken hostage with or without your consent and knowledge. This article is not to debate that. It accepts those facts and discusses how to mitigate your exposure. Feel free to email me if you wish to debate the merits of this stance and I will be happy to educate.

If it has a camera, it can send pictures nearly anywhere and to anyone. This includes tablets, phones, laptops, digital cameras, Throw up the curtains, place vinyl cling stickers

# Computer Security Continued



on all the lenses they leave no residue and remove easily when you wish to take a photo, or block the camera lens some other way. Look into turning off geotagging on your devices with photo capabilities. Some devices require settings in multiple places to fully turn it off. Consult your manual.

If it has a microphone, it can send sound, entire conversations, nearly anywhere and to anyone. This includes televisions, remote controls, computers, phones, tablets, small appliances, GPS devices, etc. Throw up curtains again by placing something to muffle sound.

Putting up curtains is nice and keeps the casual observer out of viewing your data without your knowledge but it is useless if you do not lock the doors to your data. Your data front door is your router if you have one. At the very least make sure you have secured your router with a password. Consult your internet service provider or router manual for details. This is just the door knob lock. To deadbolt your router's door, turn off automatic SSID broadcasting and use MAC Address filtering to allow only your devices into your network. Note, dead bolting your router like this will prevent your family members from bringing in their electronic devices and hooking up to your router without you manually adding their devices to your MAC address filters, but in light of security, even their electronic devices are used by the army of strangers peering into your data home. If a device or appliance does not need to connect to the internet to function, do not allow it access. Sure, that Blu-Ray player can get additional video footage from the internet as it plays, but if you do not use this feature, then why plug it into your network? If your device connects to its own network (i.e. most cell phones) ask your carrier how to lock it down securely, turn off Bluetooth, GPS positioning, etc)

If any/all of this sounds like gibberish, contact the manufacturers of the devices you have, tell them you want to make the device the most secure you can and track you less, then follow their directions. Alternatively, if you have a technologically savvy family member or someone else you trust, give them this list and have them go at it. A software switch and even turning off a device isn't enough anymore.

Home data security is an enormous undertaking and this article in no way addresses it all. You cannot prevent a determined thief from entering your physical home nor your data home, however, displaying your Faberge egg collection and leaving your door unlocked to outsiders makes you a prime target.