

<b>In Our Neighborhood</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Von Elm East</b></p> 	<b>Yukon Police Department</b>	
Email <a href="mailto:VonElmEast@cox.net">VonElmEast@cox.net</a>		Non-Emergency (Crime is not ongoing.)	354-1711 or 354-2553
Facebook at Von Elm East		Emergency 911	
Cheryl Drabek, Volunteer NW Contact		<a href="http://www.CityofYukonOK.gov">www.CityofYukonOK.gov</a> Online Incident Reporting at Police Dept. Link Crimes reported not requiring officer present Includes IDENTITY THEFT	
<i>Love your neighbor as yourself.</i>  Newsletter provided/printed by <i>Community Action Agency</i> <i>February 2016</i>		354-6312 Animal Control...354-2553 if closed	

## Yukon Police Department January 2015 Crime Stats

*We are pro-active!*



 There were no reported crimes in the neighborhood in the month of January. There were a few solicitor calls and suspicious activity but that's it. (5 months with no crime reported.)

*Sgt. Zach Roberson, YPD*

## Two Suspects in Custody Feb 9, shortly after 6pm



A truck with two juveniles erratically left Wagner Road onto Skytrail, not a through-street in our neighborhood. Forced to make a quick left, it drove onto yards while veering into a home on the corner of Wolf Lane and Valley Road. The RED truck hit the brick corner next to the front door of the home causing extensive damage before continuing back into the street. The incident was picked up on an outdoor surveillance camera across the street. Neighbors quickly responded by posting the video on our Von Elm East Facebook page, alerting police, notifying closest neighbors, and stationing themselves at the truck in case the suspects returned trying to obtain their transportation.

The truck was abandoned on Elk Run with both the passenger and driver suspects fleeing on foot leaving behind car keys and drug stash of pills and "weed."

The homeowner of the damaged property tracked and followed the Passenger Suspect to Prue Sand/Von Elm. There he met up with relatives and the police.

The Driver Suspect ran through backyards, jumping fences, and hid in the yard of a neighbor for almost two hours just waiting. He was wearing a t-shirt, jeans, and nice sneakers—with the outdoor temperature dropping. YPD advised neighbors to stay alert should the suspect surface and try to break into a home to stay warm.

He was hiding from the Police. His identity was known because the Yukon Police Department tracked the driver's name through the truck.

There is some humor—the Driver Suspect was unaware that his chosen home to surrender belongs to Von Elm East Neighborhood Watch Contact. At 8:00pm the garage door went up. Cecil drove his own RED truck inside; I drove in later at 8:40. When Cecil pulled into our garage, the Suspect ran from hiding in the nearby yard. Hesitantly he proceeded walking up our driveway with both hands raised. He told quite a story (1 of 3 of his stories that night). He had two hours to sober up from his high, make a plan, and just wait for the arrival of a neighbor totally unaware of the unfolding evening events—and thus easily created his victim's story. The Suspect claimed he had been in a truck wreck, escaped a gun pulled on him, and was being forced to take drugs—playing quite the victim. Shaking from the cold, Cecil offered him a coat, blanket, and loaned him a phone to call parents. The Suspect's father arrived stating they would be going to the YPD.

At the time I was leaving a fraud/scam meeting at YPD, the Suspect was in route there. The Suspect arrived at the time Cecil was reporting the incident to YPD.

YPD called Cecil back after the Driver Suspect was taken into custody. The 2 suspects DO NOT live in our neighborhood—yet they were in our neighborhood looking for someone here.

All neighbors involved-- please document and give YPD any information you feel may be needed in court. Our Suspect had 3 different stories in a matter of a few minutes upon arriving at Yukon Police Department.

Arriving home, I started putting pieces together. Upon hearing Cecil's adventure, I called the neighbor whose yard was the hiding place. That neighbor said he saw a police car and red truck down by Cam's house a few doors down. Cam told me his adventure working with neighbors keeping an eye on the wrecked truck. Cam gave me the name of the homeowner. Upon talking with the homeowner, I learned neighbors had a video posted on Facebook. Because all of us know our close neighbors up and down Elk Run and Valley Road, we can piece the events together and conclude the bad guys got caught.

**Is this a GREAT Neighborhood or What!**



**Neighbors Share...** conversations on email and Von Elm East Facebook of 268 neighbors. All neighbors can post positive comments directly on our timeline.

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, Cheryl D:** From 5 families who met with you tonight--Thank you so much, Eric and Janet Bell with Bell Electric--our neighbors on Deer Creek Court. We are much better informed about our options for keeping the lights on and the heat going during power outages--whether it is an ice storm or tornado. The installation of a transfer switch for our generators makes such good sense to be "easily-accessible" while protecting our home from backfeeds that will damage our appliances when the power returns. Your personalized expertise as an electrician is highly valued amidst many neighbors that you have helped through the years while customizing safely what is needed in their homes.

**TIP:** Using the back of your hand run it down the breakers. If you feel heat, there may be an issue in your breaker box. Breakers age, wear out, quit working without notifying us, and need replaced over time. More than one breaker box in our neighborhood has failed -- "dripping fire" as one neighbor described the problem. And their homes are the age of our homes. Do this in the summer.

Clearly I was not prepared for power outage during ice storms. The garage door froze shut, the alarm system lost power, no back-up 9 volt battery for the electric/battery carbon monoxide detector while operating my gas fireplace, no easily accessible charger for the computer or phone.

Lessons learned: Candles melt and cake pans are great for sitting candles in before they do. The bottom of the garage door should be raised just above the garage floor rather than be frozen to the floor. Stock all the different batteries including 9 volts. Have a survival disaster kit inside the home as well as in the storm shelter. And call Eric Bell before the next power outage!

Bell Electric LLC [www.Bellelectric.US](http://www.Bellelectric.US)  
405.245.5950  
Your Neighbor in Deer Creek Court



**Generators should always be used outside the home.**

Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur when a generator is not working or vented properly.

U.S. Fire Administration | FEMA | 

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, LJ on Facebook:** We had one (hawk) on our porch on deer creek in November. We took her to WildCare-- great folks. Said she'd make a full recovery. Beautiful birds.



**Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Cheryl on F/B:** Anderson Windows is back in our neighborhood again. Tall white young male with knit cap wearing the Anderson Green color. An officer is on his way out. Please call 354-1711 non-emergency number if he comes to your door.

**Sherree:** Yes I just saw this guy too! Walking very slowly...looked suspicious!

**Jeanifer:** Yes he came to our house!!! My grandmother opened door before I could get there but I shut him down quick & closed the door. He does look suspicious.

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup> James:** I was flying my drone around 12:00 today. I lost sight of it when it flew into the sun. It's supposed to return (built-in GPS) but it hasn't as yet. If anyone finds, please let me know. Thanks, Jim



**Kristen:** That's how I saw your post on the neighborhood site and I just happened to see this guy's post about finding one..... He is supposed to message you to arrange a pick up!

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Boyd:** Happy to report an honest "neighbor" did come forward and take full responsibility for damaging my son's car mirror, after seeing the January newsletter, and reimbursed the damages. Wonderful gentleman.



**Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Rhonda:** GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!!! Just wanted to let everyone know that starting this Friday my daughter will be selling Girl Scout cookies again this year. She will be doing some door to door selling this weekend, but if she doesn't make it to your house and you would like to buy some cookies, you can send me a message and we will deliver them to you; or feel free to stop by our house on Oswego Drive (there will be a girl scout cookie sign in the yard) and we will get you set up with some yummy treats! We look forward to being out and about in the neighborhood again this year and thank you all for the support you have given!



**Jan 31 Neighbor messaged:** 8:34am Sunday morning Hello! Just wanted to inform you of a white van who has been driving around for the past 15-30 mins on Oswego! I called the non-emergency number and they are going to be checking it out! Just haven't ever seen this van and it seemed strange!

**Gloria:** Not sure if same vehicle but someone was throwing phone books on driveways

**Marka:** Yesterday a white van was around and he was a heat and air guy. Not sure if same van.

**Kinzie:** This one was driving back and forth down the street... Wasn't throwing papers and didn't seem to be heat and air. Honestly seemed like he was scheming the area for something.

**Feb 2 Traci:** There is a white Silverado going door to door selling steaks.

**Von Elm East** Please call YPD at 354-1711 and report the solicitor.

**Traci:** Done.

**Von Elm East** Thanks for watching out for our neighborhood!

**Feb 8 Patsy:** This morning shortly before eight am a newer model black Cadillac was parked in front of our drive. Would not move so our daughter could get out easily. He was a white man with beard and she thinks glasses. No tag number. A little strange at that time of day. Did anyone else see him?

**Von Elm East** Did you call Yukon Police Department? All suspicious activity should be reported. We do not need to wait for a crime. An officer will come out and gain information as to the identity of suspicious people. Then if anything is reported later, they have a person(s) of interest.

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Wanda emailed:** Thank you to everyone that keeps all of us in Von Elm East safe. So appreciate your time and energy!!!

**TIP:** Facebook is not the place one should announce a pending trip or ongoing one. Facebook is where you share the photos when you get back home.

**Lots more conversation on our Facebook page including lost and found pet pics.**

### **OG&E Scam Alert:**

This one is very sophisticated. The scammer poses as an OG&E representative warning of an overdue payment. The customer is provided with a number to call, and when the number is called the customer hears the exact prompts OG&E uses in its Customer Service phone system. No matter which option the customer chooses, he/she is sent to a representative that then asks for credit card payment.

Remember that we don't take payments directly over the phone, nor would we ask for your credit card information. When we do call for payment reminder, we'll direct you about ways to pay by giving a direct number to our credit card vendor, providing information

about bill pay kiosks or directing you about how to pay online.

If someone calls claiming to be from OG&E, hang up and contact our Customer Service directly at 800-272-9741. You can always check the status of your account online as well at [www.oge.com](http://www.oge.com)

### **PACKAGE THIEVES BEWARE**

From Cheryl Drabek

**Tip:** On orders from Amazon they will send an email at the time a package is delivered to your door. You must complete the request for the emails. There is a link to it within the Amazon order email sent at the time of purchase. I find this very helpful to know when and if my package is going to be delivered.

Also I have a porch bench with a seat that opens up for the delivered package--thus the package is usually concealed from the drive-by would-be thief looking for packages sitting on porches. Recently a neighbor asked about my Rubbermaid Sears-purchase. Inside my mailbox and on my front door is posted a note to put the packages inside the bench. Otherwise the delivery man has been known to drop and run --especially during holidays. A gust of wind has been known to blow my packages off the front porch--so this bench has been very well used through the years.

**DIY:** An old hose storage box can be easily converted for small porches to conceal packages.

### **Notes from AARP on Fraud and Scams SHRED – SHRED – SHRED**

To avoid having your identity stolen and prevent fraud:

- 1) Shred all documents that have your name/address.
- 2) Shred the cover page of magazines with the mailing label—lots of info is on that mailing label. Marking out your name doesn't prevent reading the bar code or them using a light to highlight what you have marked through.

The Con Artist Motto is: "Once I get a hold of a victim I never let go. If they say they have no more money, I tell them to go borrow the money."

--Even if you ask for a call-back number on a suspected scam, don't call them back. An out-of-the-country call can cost big \$\$\$.

--Develop a relationship with someone at your bank. Let your bank and credit card companies know when and where you are traveling.

--Use an RFID wallet to prevent your cards hidden inside your wallet from being unknowingly scanned for information on the card strip.

--Check your bank account and credit card balances daily. To talk to a volunteer trained in how to spot and report fraud, call the **Fraud Fighter Call Center, 1-877-908-3360.**





### In Real Estate - Our Addition

For real-estate related questions and current market pricing specific to your home call

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#### ACTIVE:

1316 VIOLA 1988 3/2/2 1730 164,900

4505 PRUE SAND 1985 4/3/2 2193 188,000

#### PENDING:

4801 WILCOX LN 1984 3/2/2 1259 107,200

4825 ELK RUN 1982 3/2/2 1608 154,500

#### CLOSED:

1209 VALLEY RD 1983 4/4/3 3729 320,000

#### YUKON SCHOOL DIST STATS:

365 ACTIVE AVE \$230035 /107.04

114 PENDING AVE \$183,109/97.87

69 SOLD \$185,117/92.67 53 DAYS ON MARKET

METRO STATS: AVERAGE SELL PRICE \$180,791.00 (JAN)

GETTING 97% OF LIST PRICE

- The 1<sup>st</sup> generation of Nantucket Pine Tip Moth appears at this time. Begin pesticide applications in late-March based on pheromone catches.
- Anthracnose control on sycamore, maple, and oak should begin at bud swell.
- Prune roses just before growth starts and begin a regular disease spray program as the foliage appears. Check with garden center personnel for roses that don't require chemical applications.
- Divide and replant summer and fall blooming perennials. Mow or cut back old liriopse and other ornamental grass foliage.

**Elk Run and Wolf Lane**  
**Newsletter Volunteers NEEDED!**  
 Contact Cheryl at [VonElmEast@cox.net](mailto:VonElmEast@cox.net).  
**Thank you, Cam Dooley, for**  
**7+years of serving Elk Run**



### The Green Thumb for March

From: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service

<http://pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-1136/HLA-6408web.pdf>

- Prepare lawn mower; install clean filters
- Cultivate annual flower beds to destroy winter weeds.
- Apply organic mulch to control weeds in beds. Landscape fabric barrier can reduce the amount of mulch but care should be taken to ensure proper water penetration to plants' roots.
- Remove excessive thatch from warm season lawns. Dethatching, if necessary, should precede crabgrass control treatment.
- March is the second best time of the year to seed cool-season turfgrass; however, fall is the best time to plant.
- Cool-season lawns such as bluegrass, fescue, and ryegrass may be fertilized now with the first application of the season. Usually, four applications of fertilizer are required per year, in March, May, October, and November.
- Broadleaf weeds can easily be controlled in cool-season lawns at this time with post-emergent broadleaf herbicides.
- Begin mowing cool season grasses at 1 ½ to 3 ½ inches high.
- Chemical and physical control of galls (swellings) on stems and foliage of trees should begin now.
- Dormant oil can still be applied to control mites, galls, overwintering aphids, etc.



Thank you, Newsletter Volunteers -- Bois D'Arc Dr EVA SUDDUTH • Chimney Hills Rd, Hunton Terrace, & VIOLA DRIVE TRECIA STATON • Deer Creek DICK SPEAR

- Deer Creek Ct MARGARET ALBRECHT • Elk Run CAM DOOLEY • Osborn Lane CALAWAYS • Oswego Drive KATHY RICE • N. Sky Trail NOWLINS • S. Sky Trail SHIRLEY PFIEMMER • Sylvan Sand & Prue Sand ROHWERS • Valley Road JESSUPS • 1300 Von Elm Place CHERYL VASCELLARO • 1400 Von Elm Place BILL WALKER • Wilcox Lane JENNIFER ASHTON • • Sub MICKEY QUOTONE

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**We practice the "Five House" Rule**—Get to know the neighbors next door to the left and right and the three houses across from you.

**We are eyes and ears for our community.**

**Our Mission...**We agree to work together, in respect for each other, for the purpose of protecting property, human life, deterring crime through cooperation and crime prevention actions.

**Neighborhood Watch** is a non-profit organization that is not directly or indirectly related to the Yukon Police Department. It is separate entity that receives support through guidance. Neighborhood Watch agrees to notify the Yukon Police Department of any suspicious activity or areas of concern.

**Von Elm East Borders: north WAGNER RD, east SARA RD, south SYLVAN SAND. west DEER CREEK**