

## Neighborhood Watch Meeting Recap – June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### What did we talk about?

- Approximately 13 attendees no officers attended
- Mentioned burglary at 8720 building
- Action Items for Neighborhood Watch Group
  - Look up liquor store license information
  - Enhance fence corner near bus stop
- Talked about Hazelwood Action Line (314) 837-1236
- Talked about loud music all day at McDonalds, Olivia Young has started a petition against the gatherings.
- **Action Item to All:** Call Aldermen Russell Todd (314) 513-5022 about cleaning up the buss stop and liquor store.
- Mike Porcelli offering packages to the residents for deadbolt and motion light installation.
- Bus Stop Update: Metro will not move the bus stop because it is the only stop in the area that is Handicap Accessible and it is heavily used.
  - **Action Item:** Find out who is responsible for the trash can at the bus stop.
- Liquor Store Update: Hazelwood Code Enforcement has been working on the liquor store cleanup. They are having a closed court session with the owners.
- Talked about the BBQ contest that was held the weekend before.
- Talked about starting a walking group.
- Talked about doing a neighborhood clean up
  - We could borrow the trash pickers from maintenance
- Talked about having Unit Capitan's for each building.
- Code Enforcements Next Project is the Storage Area
- Talked about creating a complaint contact sheet

### What to do at future meetings:

- Get to know your local officers
- Get to know your neighbors
- Talk about what is going on in the complex, recent crimes, etc.
- Come up with community improvement goals
- Rules:
  - Not just a complaint session
  - Used as an information exchange
  - Officers only able to enforce in legal situations

### Safety Tips:

- If you see something out of the ordinary – call the police
  - If you're afraid of people knowing who called, ask the police not to come to your house, but to call you and they will
  - Calling helps establish probable cause/reasonable suspicion
  - Call if you suspect someone drinking at the bus stop – open container law
  - Reporting crimes creates a record for when renewal of licenses comes up, etc.
- Use incandescent lighting
- Trim Bushes/tree limbs
- Get dead bolts, reinforced door frames
- Keep your blinds open and be aware of what goes on outside
- Keep track of regular cars outside and be aware of odd cars

- Check on your elderly neighbors
- Keep your doors and windows locked
- Use CPTED strategies - <http://www.cpted-watch.com/>

#### Ideas for Neighborhood Watch

- We can leverage the neighborhood watch to get things done like:
  - Regulation of liquor store
- Get volume discounts on safety items
  - Dead bolts, reinforced door frames, and installation
  - Neighborhood Watch stickers/signs
  - Special Alert lights
- Set up Neighborhood Watch Training Program
- Set up cameras that point to the liquor store and the entrance of the community

Fire Dept. - (314) 731-3424 (For non-emergencies)

Street Dept. - (314) 731-8701

Parks & Recreation Dept. - (314) 731-0980

**City Hall** (314) 839-3700

**Police** (314) 838-5000

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