

Holgate Neighborhood Crime Watch

A meeting was held on December 2, 2009, at 2PM in the Municipal Court Room. Attendees were: Jean Ochs, Kim Davies, Al Valse, Pat and Glenn Powers, Halina Lapin, Barbara Sands, Bill Hutson, Commissioner Knarre, Lieut. Anthony Dealy, Rob Nehring and Marianne Hurley.

We are officially up and running, and now the township will order and install "Neighborhood Crime Watch Signs" in the Holgate area - I cannot give you a definite date for that or exactly where they will be placed. I do know that they will be quite visible on the Boulevard. Rob Nehring also asked that a sign be posted below our "WELCOME TO HOLGATE" sign on the Boulevard noting that we are a crime watch neighborhood. If that gives someone a second thought before inflicting some type of damage in our area, so be it. Commissioner Knarre (who has started a successful watch in Brant Beach) gave different scenarios as to how his group has helped catch a few undesirables. Lieut. Dealey stated that he would be in contact with me regarding any problem, etc. on the Island and I, in turn, will contact each member.

He also reminded us that we can do a few things to help ourselves. If we are so lucky as to be purchasing electronic equipment (i.e., flat screen TV, etc.), please do not throw out the box in your regular trash. You are just advertising to someone what you have available. Just a reminder that no one should be giving out any personal information data (ss#, bank account #'s, etc.) to anyone who calls stating that they are from your bank, for instance. Two people on the Island have already gotten caught in this scam, and unfortunately, it has cost them.

In doing your walks in your assigned areas, please do not go on anyone's property. If you suspect a problem, contact the Police Dispatcher at 492-3322 and report it to them. If you are not comfortable giving your name, it is not necessary - just be anonymous or state that you are from the Crime Watch and then stay in your house and let the police handle it. DO NOT get involved with the possible suspects. However, the more information that the police receive, the better. Try to get a car make, color, license tag, state, 4 door/2 door, direction vehicle was heading, did the vehicle have equipment visible i.e., fishing rods, surf boards, etc. Individual(s) description, height, weight, color of hair, hat, facial hair, clothes (color and type), shoe, boots and any other distinguishing features. Try to work from the top of the individual down. You can do your watches by foot, car, or bicycle and if possible, we would like to see it down once a day but again, as often as you can do it is appreciated. The PD will respond immediately if you call. However, if they are coming down for a broken window, etc., they of course, will check out the house but can only notify the owner and it is up to them to get it fixed...it will stay broken until the owners make the necessary arrangements. This watch has also notified the PD of water problems in winter as well as a gas leak so it can cover a lot of areas and they get back to

the owners. However, if it is a TRUE EMERGENCY, please CALL 911 not the PD directly.

We plan on having meetings every so often in the Municipal Court Room, whenever they have more information to teach us or the members simply want it. It would always be held in the afternoon. I will keep you informed.

Another important matter came up. All residences in LBTownship MUST HAVE their numbers visibly shown on their home, but unfortunately, a number of them do not. If you are on your walk, ride, bicycle try to notice any homes that do not have their numbers visibly shown and then email me. I in turn will forward a list to Commissioner Knare so that the owners are made aware of the situation and correct it - there will not be a fine. This numbering can save someone's life if the Police and or emergency responders are not able to find your home. If you need assistance in the night, put on as many lights as possible, inside and out, and this will also help the emergency personnel find you.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas/Chanukah and a healthy, prosperous and wonderful 2010 to you and yours.

If after reading this, you are so inclined to become a "watcher" that would also be appreciated as some of our members are doing a few streets. It would truly be more beneficial if we could have people from the very street they are watching, be a part of our group. Also, summer residents, you are more then welcome to help us out when you are on the Island....and I would love to hear from you.

Thank you, Marianne Hurley
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