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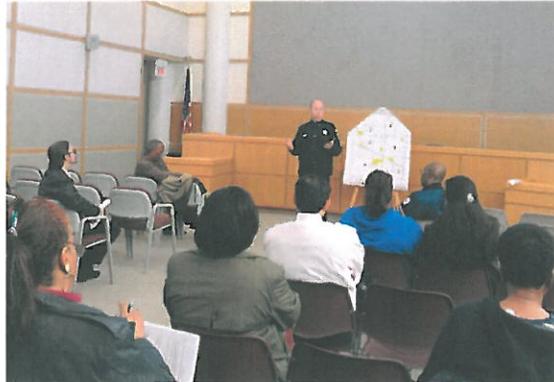
Police Watch

Neighborhood Watch

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This Police Watch newsletter is just one of the ways that the Broadview Police Department is trying to connect with our Community. By sharing information and crime statistics, we can keep you informed about what's happening in town. We hope that you'll find it informative. Please contact us with your suggestions. COPS@broadview-il.gov

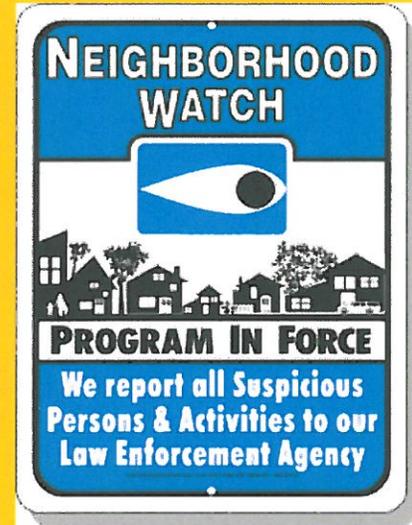


Broadview's first Neighborhood Watch meeting took place on Apr 26th. Enthusiasm for the program was outstanding, but we need much more participation. Police Commissioner Yancy was on hand to explain some of the reasons why Broadview needs and deserves a strong Neighborhood Watch program. Officer Kostka provided some information about how other towns have used Neighborhood Watch to prevent and deter crime.

Attending residents agreed to meet again on Friday May 25th to choose Area Supervisors and Block Captains for each of our eight beats.

The decision was made to use the blue and white sign (above right) as the official Broadview Neighborhood Watch sign, but many more decisions are yet to be made. Please come out to the next meeting and voice your opinions. This is YOUR program, run entirely by the residents and business owners.

The key to a prosperous community, is community involvement. We can talk all day about how much better things were back in the day, or we can get involved now and take back our streets!



Next meeting is Thursday-
May 25th at 6:30pm.
Village council chambers

**ANONYMOUS
Crime Tips can be
Sent to:
COPS@Broadview-il.gov**

**Just a reminder:
Broadview
parks close at
dusk.**

**Do you know
where your kids
are? We
might...**

Attention Parents!!



Over the last month or so, we've received calls about minor explosions near our parks. Further investigation revealed that children are using household cleaning agents to create what is typically referred to as "Works" bombs. These agents are mixed together in plastic bottles. A chemical reaction inside the bottle causes a pressure build-up, which eventually explodes. These "Works" bombs are especially dangerous because the detonation may not occur quickly, causing a desire in the child to shake the bottle to mix the ingredients manually. If the child is close to the bottle when it detonates, they could be severely injured. If you see children carrying empty 2-3 liter plastic bottles, give us a call.

Keeping your home safe from intruders

- There are a few simple things you can do to protect your home and family from intruders.
- First of all, it's extremely important that your home doesn't appear to be an easy target. A home that is well kept, is more likely to be occupied. If the lawn and shrubbery are not attended to, it could appear to a burglar that the homeowner is rarely home. Mail and newspapers piling up outside is also an open invitation to a burglar.
- Proper interior and exterior lighting is essential to keeping intruders away. Bad guys don't want to be seen. They're much more likely to move on to another house, if yours is well lit. Motion sensor lighting is an excellent alternative if you're concerned about energy costs. Consider using timers on your interior lights too.
- If possible, leave a radio on in the house when you're not home. Make sure it's just loud enough to be heard outside of all entrances to the home.
- Lock your windows! Many of us secure our doors, but leave windows unlocked. This is the path of least resistance for an intruder.
- Consider an audible alarm. Many times, the intruder is already gone with your valuables by the time the silent alarm company calls the Police. If your alarm is loud enough to signal your neighbors, the intruder is more likely to get out of there before he's had time to steal anything.
- And finally, let the Police Department know when you'll be away from your home for extended periods. Just come into the station and ask for a Vacation check card. We'll be happy to keep an eye on your home and contact you if something seems out of place.



Broadview Blood Drive

The Broadview Fire Department will be holding a LifeSource blood drive on May 19th from 9am-3pm in the training room of the Fire Department. All participants will receive a free T-shirt and barbeque party. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, please call LifeSource at 877-543-3768



LIFESOURCE
Chicagoland's Blood Center



Telephone Harassment

Unwanted phone calls have always been bothersome, but now that cell phones and texting are so popular, this simple annoyance has become almost epidemic. If you are receiving unwanted calls and/or text messages, the first thing you should do is make it very clear to the caller that the calls are unwanted. DO NOT respond to them after that. If they continue, call the Police and fill out a report. Your phone company may be able to provide us with information necessary to make an arrest. The key to a successful prosecution is maintaining a solid paper trail. If your phone bill— or theirs, shows that you have been calling back or talking for minutes at a time, your case is weakened.

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Did you know?

ALL children under 8 years of age, must be secured in your car using a child safety seat or booster, regardless of height or weight

Next Month: Domestic Violence