

**Feb. 18, 2012**

**Neighborhood Watch Organizational Meeting February 9, 2012**

[http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroPolice/CrimeMaps/Division8/Division8\\_Beat2.htm](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroPolice/CrimeMaps/Division8/Division8_Beat2.htm)

Lt. Cabrera of District 8, Beat 2 reported there has been a rash of burglaries in our beat during the afternoon hours. They knock on the front door and if no one comes to the door, they go to the back door and kick it in. They are not typical robbers, as they are not stealing electronics but instead go to the bedrooms looking for quick cash and jewelry. They make it quick and easy and take what is easy to cash in. Most burglars arrested have drug habits using opiana much like cocaine costing \$70 each. Usually they have a 4-6 pill per day habit. Withdrawal symptoms resemble those of heroin.

Lt. Cabrera suggests hiding jewelry in inconspicuous places.

Criminals are arrested, but able to post as little as 10% of their bond, usually \$250, and are released to the streets again. Lt Cabrera is very disturbed that the police department, by the rules, have no legal way of keeping them locked up. A recent criminal arrested admitted to more than a 100 burglaries.

Lt. Cabrera said that interest in Neighborhood Watches peaks during crimes but when the dust settles neighbors tend to be less involved in prevention. He suggested we make meetings a social event to make it something everyone looks forward to.

He suggests neighbors be aware of anything that seems unusual in the neighborhood and call the non-emergency number, **502-574-2111 option 5** to have the police investigate. He said it is their job to investigate and they prefer to prevent crime rather than investigate after the fact. Calls also help them identify patterns of activity and take action before crimes start or move into adjoining neighborhoods. Always write down suspicious activity details to help you remember; day, time, description of person, activity, car, license number, make, model, year, color, and anything that may help the police.

Other suggestions:

**KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR AND THEIR HABITS**

- If you are having contractors on or in your property let your neighbors know. If you make this a habit and someone shows up without their knowledge they can call you to inquire and call the police if need be.
- If you are going out of town, alert your neighbor. Always make sure you have your neighbors emergency contact information.
- Make sure mail, paper boxes, packages on porches are picked up daily.
- Register at the online website of the post office to have mail held while out of town for more than a few days.
- Have a neighbor walk around and check windows and doors while you are out of town.
- Report solicitors to the police and provide license # and car description.
- NEVER contract with door solicitors to perform work on your property. 90% of these people are supporting drug habits and may be casing your home.
- Use motion lights around doors and windows.
- Use timers throughout your home to make it look lived in even while you are away.
- Always lock car doors even when you are home. Never leave valuables in view in your car. Car burglaries are the number one crime in Louisville.
- If you have garage door openers in your car remember they can be used as a means of entry to your home.
- At night be sure to secure your garage door with the lock feature if available and lock your interior door.
- If you have a car key fob with an alarm keep it by your bed at night. If you hear someone outside at night push the alarm button to activate the car alarm. This will scare the intruder and alert neighbors.

- Secure sliding doors with special tools to prevent sliding. This is the number one place for entry.

Be a good neighbor; we are neighbors helping neighbors.

**Feb. 12, 2012**

A WPHOA Board meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Anyone having any business they wish the Board to consider placing on the agenda should submit it to a Board member by February 14, 2012.

**Feb. 5, 2012**



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**FOR**

WYNDHAM PLACE HOMEOWNERS

**WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012 –  
7:00 PM**

**WHERE: BROWNSBORO FARMS  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**(From Goose Creek Road, turn left at the stop light on to Brownsboro Road. Take first right on to Old Brownsboro Hills Road. At the stop sign take a right on to Cascade Road. The Community Center is on the left.)**

**SPEAKER: LT. ALEJANDRO CABRERA  
LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE**

**ORGANIZERS: KEVIN & DAE LYNN COMBS**

### **New Board Members for 2012**

President – Diane Greenwell  
V President – Wayne Glover  
Treasurer – Monty Webb  
Secretary – Dorothy Holzknacht  
Board – Charles Brunner  
Board – Dave Dermody  
Board – Hugo Pavon

### **Annual Homeowners' Dues**

Invoices are being mailed to you by February 1, 2012 and fees are due on or before March 15, 2012.

### **Directories**

A new phone number, address list, and email address directory is being developed. It will include listings alphabetically, by address, and the telephone tree list. For privacy purposes, the directory is to be e-mailed to you directly rather than placed in your paper box. Eventually, we hope to put the directory on our new website, password protected, and available only to our homeowners.

## **Chairman for Social Committee**

We are still in need of a person or persons willing to step up to the chairman(s) positions on our Social Committee; one person to head it all up, or two people splitting it for children's events and another for adult events.

## **Newsletter Articles or Announcements**

If anyone has any news articles or announcements to share with our neighbors please email or contact Diane Greenwell 713-5382 or [bmwz3\\_diane@yahoo.com](mailto:bmwz3_diane@yahoo.com).

## **Job Market**

Calling on all babysitters, snow shovelers, lawn mowers, errand runners, car washers, etc....

Submit your name and contact information, service provided and standard fees so that we can develop a list of contacts for neighbors to call when they have a job that needs done.

## **Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

The New Life Church on Goose Creek Road is reserved on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm for our meeting to discuss start up of a Neighborhood Watch. Dae Lynn and Kevin Combs will be assisting us with this committee and are trying to make arrangements a speaker, although they will be unable to attend the initial meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

I hope all of you will try to attend.