

"The WatchWord"

Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse
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SPRING DINNER MEETING "The City's Judicial System"

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Ed Smith School



Just as the TV series, "Law and Order" portrays many stories about individuals breaking laws, being pursued by local law enforcement officers and then following a story line through the judicial system to decide that criminal's fate, the City of Syracuse, as all cities across the country have their own version of Law & Order. The law side of the program is carried out by the Syracuse Police Department who apprehend individuals that have broken local and state laws. The order side of the program is that of the judicial system in any city, including the City of Syracuse.

At the Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse, Spring Dinner Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday March 13th, 6:00 PM at the Ed Smith School, located at the corner of Lancaster Ave and Broad Street, we have invited a panel of experts to talk about the judicial "order" maintained in Syracuse. The panel will include City Court Judge James Cecile, Onondaga County District Attorney William Fitzpatrick, and the head of the Law Department for the City of Syracuse, Rory McMahon. Each will talk about the roles their offices play in judging crimes that occur in the City, the process arrested individuals go through when involved in the judicial system, and how Neighborhood Watch members can assist each



of these offices when individuals from neighborhoods have been arrested and are going through the judicial process. Time will be allowed for attendees to ask questions of each of the panelists. As Neighborhood Watch members, there is a strong knowledge of what the Syracuse Police Department does to control crime, however, often times the question will come up at meetings as to what happens to individuals after the Syracuse PD has arrested them. This meeting should answer many of those questions.

Following the panel discussion and question and answer session, Dinner will be served. The traditional Neighborhood Watch baked ziti dinner will be on the menu for the evening. As always Neighborhood Watch members, their family, guests and all interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group are invited to the Dinner Meeting. And as always, during dinner we invite you to exchange thoughts, concerns and accomplishments with other group members from across the City.



If you have any questions about the evening, or need directions to Ed Smith School, please contact Jim Crosby at 448-8762.

**Tuesday March 13th
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New Watch Groups Formed In 2006

Bellevue Ave
Bishop Harrison
Buckingham Ave/300
Holden Street
Jean Ave
Overlook Drive
Roe Ave
Salina School Apartments
West Colvin 1800-1900

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group, contact Jim Crosby at 448-8762. Neighborhood Watch is a neighborhood organization made up of residents, business owners, and other stakeholders who share the common goal of reducing crime in their neighborhood and improving the overall quality of life.

JUST THE FACTS!

Did You Know.....

- ⇒ At the end of 2006 there were 78 active Neighborhood Watch Groups in the City of Syracuse.
- ⇒ The Traffic Division of the Syracuse PD wrote 314 Parking Tickets in the Tipperary Hill area during 2006.
- ⇒ There were 37,567 calls for Quality of Live concerns made to the 911 Center for service by the Syracuse Police Department during 2006.
- ⇒ There were 9 new Neighborhood Watch Groups formed in 2006.
- ⇒ All buildings and structures in the City of Syracuse must have street numbers. These numbers or letters must be clearly visible from the street
- ⇒ All dogs over the age of 4 months must be licensed in the City of Syracuse.
- ⇒ 50% of all burglars enter homes through un-locked doors or windows.
- ⇒ There are over 2,100 citizens involved in Neighborhood Watch in the City of Syracuse.
- ⇒ There can be no more than 3 adult dogs per property in the City.
- ⇒ Graffiti on any public or private property is illegal. Graffiti is defined as any etching, painting, drawing or other marking on public or private property.
- ⇒ The Parks and Recreation Department in the City of Syracuse is 90 years old this year.
- ⇒ During 2006, there were 342 Neighborhood Watch meetings and events held across the City.
- ⇒ In the City, yards must be maintained in the following manner; Grass and shrubbery must be cut regularly. The length of the grass shall not exceed 8 inches. Property must also be free of trash and debris.
- ⇒ To report cases of nuisance barking, dogs attacking people or animals, unlicensed or loose dogs call Dog Control at 473-6608.
- ⇒ There have been 288 Neighborhood Watch Groups formed since 1988.
- ⇒ The Spring Members Dinner Meeting is Tuesday March 13th.
- ⇒ The Website for the Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse can be found on the Web at syracuseneighborhoodwatch.org



Community Policing Division Monitors Local Sex Offenders

The Syracuse Police Department's Community Policing Section has been working in coordination with the Abused Persons Unit to track registered sex offenders in the City of Syracuse. The goal is to confirm the locations of all sex offenders and prosecute the ones that fail to register a correct address.



All level 1,2, and 3 registered sex offenders must register with the local police department within ten (10) days of moving in their area of jurisdiction. Registration is done through the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services and passed on to the local agency.

The Officers go out unannounced to their homes confirming that they in fact live there. If it is determined that they do live at the correct location they are placed on a recheck list for periodic unannounced visits. If there is no contact at the listed address they are placed on an active recheck list until located. If it is determined that the person does not live at the listed location a police report is filed and forwarded to the Abused Persons Unit for follow up. If it is determined that the registered sex offender has not properly registered a new address, criminal charges will be filed against that person.

To date there have been several registered sex offenders charged with failure to register as required, while over 300 addresses have been confirmed. As there are approximately 530 registered sex offenders in the City of Syracuse these checks will continue until all addresses have been confirmed. At that point the rechecks of all confirmed registered sex offenders will commence.

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Active Neighborhood Watch Groups In the City of Syracuse

Alden/Vincent	Josephine Street
Apple Street	Kenwood Ave
Atkinson Ave	Kramer Drive
Ballantyne Garden Apt	Levy Area
Bear Street	Lilac Street
Beard Block Assoc	Mather Street
Bellevue Ave	McLennan Ave
BFG	Melrose Ave
Bishop Harrison	Melrose Ave/200
Brighton Towers	Mildred/Peck/Paul
Buckingham Ave	Mountainview Ave
Buckingham Ave/300	NECC
Butternut Street	Nichols Ave
Caleb Ave	No Midler Ave
CFACFC	Northside Neighbors
Cheltenham/Weymouth	Orlando Ave
Dale Street	Outer Comstock
Darlington Road	Overlook Dr
Durston Ave	Parrish Lane
Eastwood	Pompei North
Eastwood Homes	Roe Ave
Enable	Ross Park
Far West Tipp	Roxbury Road
Fellows Ave	Salina School Apts
First North Street	Salt Springs
Forest Hill Drive	Schiller Park
Frazer	Shotwell Park
Gifford Street	Spring/Curtis
Girard Ave	Sweeting Street
Greater Greenwood	Tipp Hill
Greater Strathmore	Transfiguration Church
Harding Place	Valley Eyes
Hawley/Green	Valley/Maurice
Hickok Ave	Warrington Road E
Holden Street	Webster Pond
Holland Street	West Colvin/1900-1800
Homecroft Road	Westside
Hood Ave	Winthrop Road
Jean Ave	Wood Lawn Terr

If your Neighborhood Watch Group is interested in the Cell Phone Patrol Program, please contact Jim Crosby at 448-8762.



Neighborhood Watch is an organized effort by concerned residents, business owners, and stakeholders to assist the Syracuse Police Department in their crime prevention efforts by becoming the "Eyes and Ears" of their neighborhood.



**The Neighborhood Watch "WatchLink"
442-Link (5465)**

What is "WatchLink" ?... WatchLink is a communication program which has been designed to improve the flow of information between Neighborhood Watch members, the Neighborhood Watch Office, the Syracuse Police Department and other City Departments. It was conceived to allow a means of communication between Watch members and this system. This communication allows our office to send documentation to the Police Department and other City Departments so that neighborhood issues and concerns can be addressed quickly by the proper personnel. The "WatchLink" system, which is housed in the Neighborhood Watch Office is simply an answering machine that will monitor any concerns you may have about your neighborhood. By simply calling from a telephone, you can leave information about your neighborhood that you would like to have someone address.

What would you use the "WatchLink" for? WatchLink is used to pass on information pertaining to ongoing or reoccurring problems, such as drug activity, traffic concerns, youth problems, code enforcement concerns and issues that reflect on the quality of life within your neighborhood. WatchLink should not be used to replace calls that would go to "911". In an Emergency, you should always call "911".

Reasons for calling the "WatchLink"You suspect drug activity in your neighborhood. Speeding through the neighborhood that seems to occur the same time each day. There is continuous problems with youth in the neighborhood. Prostitution seems to be moving into the neighborhood. There are dog related problems within the neighborhood. Any type of problem that bothers you and your neighbors that could not go to the 911 Center.

How can I access "WatchLink"? The WatchLink system is accessed by your telephone. The caller access the system by dialing 442-5465. At this time you will hear a brief introduction by the system. After the intro, you will hear a short beep. At that point leave the name of your Neighborhood Watch Group. Next you will leave information you want passed on to the Syracuse Police Department or other City Departments. Your vital information will help us help you eliminate crime and other neighborhood concerns that you and your Watch Group may be experiencing.

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