

Neighborhood Watch Deputy Meeting

4/19/08 Minutes

GUEST SPEAKER

Barry Taylor, President of Pavilion Board and rep for their Neighborhood Watch Program. (Barry was a former cop in Oregon.) Suggestions from Barry:

- Do regular walks through the neighborhood wearing a hat, for example, identifying yourself as a Neighborhood Watch member. This will help deter crime as violators see that we patrol. Most crimes occur between 9am and 1pm.
- Phone 247-8200 for non-emergencies. Report crimes, but don't confront the person.
- Be sure that homeowners can identify their personal items with a serial number. (For example an iPod or bike; in the event it is stolen it can be traced back to you.)
- Consider adding a video surveillance camera. As an alternate, post a sign below the Neighborhood Watch sign stating: This area protected by 24 hr video surveillance.
- Encourage homeowners to install motion sensor lights.
- Create Phase Captains so that Block Captains can report up to them.
- Pull crime stats off of HCSO website (www.hcso.tampa.fl.us) and share with Block Captains.
- Prior to a vacation, homeowner can fill out a DPA form at Sheriff's office on Commerce Drive to have a Deputy patrol your home while away.
- Add stars to the back of homeowner mailboxes to indicate who has special needs or has resources to help each other. For example: red star means medical need, blue star means has resources (such as a generator, is a nurse, etc.)

HOA WEBSITE

Remind homeowners to use the link on the HOA website for reporting a crime to the N.W. Committee.

NWP COMMITTEE

Barry offered that we join efforts and invited us to their monthly Committee meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Pavilion Clubhouse. That next date is May 8th.

NWP DEPUTY MEETING

Barry invited us to hold joint meetings with the Deputy at their Clubhouse. They have worked with Mellow Mushroom to get discounted pricing on pizza slices to sell at the meeting to help increase attendance.
