

Gier Neighborhood Watch and Organization Newsletter

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Did You Know?

As everyone knows, school is out for the summer. This often correlates to an increase in vandalism, entering autos, and mischief that frequently causes damage to property. It is also historically when auto accidents increase. Here are some quick tips to keep your family safe this summer. See second page for details.

Lock it! Light it up!
Shut it! Drive on!

Special Announcements

Websites of Interest

www.citizenobserver.com
www.cityoflansing.com
www.lansingneighborhoodcouncil.com

What's New?

Officer Penni couldn't make it to our meeting because she was busy with the diving team at the Grand River, but we had a pleasant surprise! Both Carol Wood and Officer Jeromy showed up yesterday and it turned out to be such a nice visit.

- Carol Wood spoke about the Marijuana Ordinance and has provided important hearings dates that might interest you.
 1. Foster Community Ctr, room 213, 200 N. Foster
Hearing - June 16 at 6pm
 2. City Council Chambers, 10th floor, 124 W. Mich. Ave.
Hearing - June 20 at 7pm
Passage of Ordinance - June 27 at 7pm
 3. P&N Dev, Conf room, 316 N. Capitol Ave
Hearing - June 23 at 4:30pm
- There is a fundraiser planned to help RE-Elect Carol Wood on Tuesday, June 28 from 5:30-7pm at the IBEW which is located at 5205 S. Pennsylvania. Contact Dayle at woodforlansing@aol.com if you would like Carol Wood yard signs.
- Officer Jeromy confirms that not much is going on in our neighborhood other than domestic issues and there was a car that hit a tree on Turner/Filley, but the driver wasn't injured. By the way, Officer Jeromy is safe and will not be laid off. Great news!

Highlights!

- New name is Gier Neighborhood Watch and Organization. Our officers are: Dorothy Soliz-President, Chari Bell-Vice-President, Nora Gross-Secretary, Melissa Balderas-Treasurer, At-Large-Melinda Balderas, At Large-Sam Pardee, At Large-Jo Pardee.
- To promote our neighborhood, the Web Page Creation for our organization is scheduled for June 17 from 9-11am at the Lansing Neighborhood Council office at the Hill Center, 5815 Wise Road. Send your ideas before.
- National Night Out & Neighborhood Party is August 9 from 6-8pm at the Gier Community Center. Usual plans are pizza, watermelon, craft, cake walk, raffles, and inflatable gym. We are looking for a large grill with charcoal to use for our Smores. If anyone can lend us one and make the arrangements to deliver and pick up, we would really appreciate it.
- Tentative for September/October, End of the Year Neighborhood "Block" Party. Ice Cream Social theme. To be discussed later. Send in your ideas.

1. LOCK IT! We have had several entering automobile incidents in recent weeks. In all of these incidents the vehicles were left unlocked in driveways or on the roadway with valuables visible from the outside. The simplest deterrent for this is to lock your car doors and remove valuables (laptops, GPS systems, DVD players, iPods, etc.) by taking them inside or securing them in the trunk, out of sight. Always lock the doors to your home, especially at night or when leaving the house for any amount of time.

2. LIGHT IT UP! We have also had incidents of damage to pool and commons areas. Lighting is key to keeping vandals away from these areas at night. Motion sensors and flood lights are great deterrents. Additionally, ask neighbors who can see your neighborhood's common/pool area to keep an eye on it and call 911 if they see suspicious activity. Keep your home's exterior lighting on at night or invest in motion sensors.

3. SHUT IT! Please keep your garage doors down even during daylight hours. An open garage is simply an invitation for a thief to steal items within your garage.

4. DRIVE ON! Because of the known increase in auto accidents in the summertime, deputies will be actively enforcing traffic laws. Insure that you and your loved ones limit distractions such as cell phones, slow down, buckle up, and move over for emergency vehicles displaying flashing lights. Please remember the rules for golf carts and other low speed vehicles in your neighborhood. Pay close attention to your speed in the neighborhood, as more children and other pedestrians will be outside.

As always, be observant and familiar with your surroundings at all times. If you see any suspicious activity, please call 911 immediately. For other issues call the non-emergency dispatch number .
Thank you for your help keeping our community safe!