

Gier Neighborhood Watch and Organization Newsletter

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If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to gierneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com.

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Neighborhood Safety Tips

Personal Protection

- Make yourself a "tough target." Walk with confidence, be aware of your surroundings, carry your keys or pepper spray in hand.
- Don't think that it can't happen to you. Avoid dangerous such as when leaving the mall have a security officer escort you to your car.
- Should you resist? Everyone and every situation is different. Learn self defense techniques.
- If being followed or stalked, call 911 or drive directly to a police station



Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hello Neighbors,

Thank you all for attending our Halloween Block party. It turned out really nice with approximately 25-30 people. We grilled the hotdogs, popped the popcorn, and enjoyed an outdoor movie. We simply spent the evening getting to know each other. I especially want to thank Chari Bell who was getting over bronchitis, Cyndi Ward who hosted and came up with the Halloween ideas, and Doris Soliz-Hill who dropped in after participating in the walk for cancer. Thank you for your hard work in setting up the tents and unloading everything in the cold and rain. Great job ladies! Let me not forget to thank Kathy Bergdolt who was able to recruited two new members to our team. We'll have to do this again next year!

I have reserved a few Thursdays for our 2012 neighborhood meetings. The Thursday meeting dates at the Gier Community Center are March 22, April 19, May 17, June 21, and July 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Also, National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2012. Make sure that you check the website for any updates. If you have a particular topic of interest that you would like a city official to address, please let me know and I will work on getting that official. If you would like to host one of these meetings, please let me know. I am open to new ideas and suggestions so don't hesitate to ask.

There are no neighborhood alerts to report at this time just an update. The vacant property on Creston has been handled by the bank owners. Thanks to all who helped with the search of the missing dog, I am sure the owner is pleased to know that we are on the alert. Sadly to say the dog has not been found yet.

One of my duties as a board member for the Lansing Neighborhood Council is to attend their informative monthly meetings. I will try to share bits and pieces from these meetings to increase awareness of the many possibilities and benefits we have access to.

1. **Ingham Health Plan** is a no-frills alternative to traditional health insurance and offers viable option to those on limited budgets. Call 272-4175 or visit www.inghamhealthplancorp.org.
2. **Demmer Center** is a family fun facility located at 4830 East Jolly Road in Lansing. It is for shooting sports enthusiasts, newcomers to archery or firearms, or a family looking for a fun, safe activity. This is a respectable and educational sport for all. Call 884-0550 or visit www.demmercenter.msu.edu.