

Gier Area Neighborhood Watch #158

3/19/09

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Gier Community Center

Meeting called by: Dorothy Soliz & Angie Parkhurst

Attendees: Dorothy Soliz, Melinda McCullough, Mary Yeakley, Leora White, April Ward, Angie & Corey Parkhurst, Carol Wood, Eric Hewitt, Ofc Jeromy Churchill, Jeff Winarski

Minutes

Agenda item: **Meet your Neighborhood Police Officer** Presenter: **Ofc. Jeromy Churchill**

1. Continue to report noisy neighbors to police. If still not getting results, report it to Dorothy and she will contact Jeromy. This way, Dorothy can keep a log of the incident and follow-up with Jeromy to find solutions.
2. Police have in custody two suspects for the most recent murder crime in Lansing
3. Officer Jeromy is planning to show up at Gier School to warn reckless drivers not too drive too fast around children.
4. It is recommended that you register your bike with the police. By registering you have a better chance of retrieving your bike if it gets stolen. Stolen bikes that are claimed by the police department cannot be returned to their rightful owner without proper identification. Tons of stolen bikes found are eventually sold at auctions. Please go to the website at www.lansingmi.gov/police for additional info or to register your bike.
5. Report tall bushes/weeds that are obstructing view of incoming traffic to the Code Compliance office. You can go to their website at <http://www.lansingmi.gov/pnd/codecom> and submit an on-line complaint request. If you do not hear from them within a week, you can either let Dorothy know or call the Code Compliance office at 483-4361 or mail a copy of your complaint to 316 N Capitol Ave Suite C-1, 48933. Make them remember you, by sending your complaint in numerous ways to get their attention. Fax number is 377-0169. They will investigate and take pictures and send a letter to that person giving them 2-weeks notice to take care of it. If it is not done, Code compliance sends someone out to take care of the problem and bills that person for the service provided.
6. Police officers do not chase after riders on small moped/motorized bikes for safety reasons, but will ticket them when able to.

Agenda item: **Safety – Protect Yourself & your Property** Presenter: **Carol Wood**

1. There are many ways that you can protect yourself and your property by thinking ahead. While mowing your lawn or working in the garden, make sure that you close/lock your garage door or doors to your house. Also, lock the padlocks to your shed. Many times the padlocks are left unlock and owners do not realize anything is missing till much later.
2. When you go on vacation, make sure that someone takes care of your mail and newspaper. During the winter it is also a good idea to have someone shovel your sidewalk and make foot prints in the snow. Criminals look for clues to indicate no one is home.
3. Report anything to the police that makes you feel uncomfortable. Suspicious people, strange vehicles, a large number of people visiting a particular house at night, small or large items stolen from your car, etc.
4. Get to know your neighborhood police officer and welcome them to your home.

Agenda item: **Small Moped/Motorized bikes** Presenter: **Eric Hewitt**

1. It is illegal to drive a small moped/motorized bike on the streets, sidewalks, or in the parks. Please report this to the police. However, it is not against the law to ride this bike in your backyard. What could become a problem while riding in their backyards is that it might be too noisy and that could be reported to the police.