

IDEAS FOR GETTING FUNDING AND HELP FOR YOUR BLOCK WATCH

IF WE DON'T CLAIM OUR NEIGHBORHOODS – SOMEONE ELSE WILL

- 1) Contact neighborhood businesses, churches, gas stations, banks etc., to see if they would help with costs of running a Block Watch. A formal letter to businesses explaining your Block Watch and the benefits it offers local business is an asset
- 2) If the business gives you a raffle prize or something other than cash, hold a mini auction at one of their Block Watch meetings and have people give a dollar or two to win the prize
- 3) To help with attendance, raffle off the prize at meetings to help build attendance
- 4) Place a donation can at all meetings and let members know what the cost is to run a Block Watch (computer ink, fliers, paper, postage, etc.)
- 5) Instead of the Captain paying for everything for a Block Watch party, hold a pot luck dinner, where everyone brings something to share
- 6) Talk to your Alderman to see if they can give you contact names of business leaders who are willing to assist Block Watch groups
- 7) Charge Block Watch member's dues either per meeting or yearly
- 8) Contact a school, church or printing place to see if they would help with copying things for your group, free of charge
- 9) Do a letter to your neighborhood asking for donations; give a date when to donate by and where they can donate
- 10) Hold a party for your Block Watch, have businesses donate prizes and hold a raffle for the prizes with the money going to the Block Watch
- 11) Have the groups create something (like a cook book) and sell for money to run a Block Watch
- 12} Block Watch members can ask their employers for donations
- 13) Have your group put out a Newsletter and businesses can place ads to help with the cost
- 14) Plan a neighborhood walk thru with your Alderman, DPW, DNS, MPD, residents, etc.

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