

Neighborhood News

Do you know your neighbor?

How Neighborhood Watch Works

Neighborhood Watch is a Community Policing partnership program that rapidly expanded nation-wide in the 1970's to combat significant increases in residential crime. This program depends on citizen involvement to prevent and discourage crime and reduce fear by taking certain home, property, and personal self-protection precautions, really getting to know and look out for neighbors, and reporting crimes and suspicious activities to the police.

Costs & Benefits:

Costs are minimal... investment of some time, subsequent participation by neighbors at meetings, but there is **NO** cost to be a part of the Neighborhood Watch.

Benefits are many... beyond preventing crime and reducing fear, Neighborhood Watch builds pride, forges bonds among block residents, improves citizen-police relations, and can address other block issues and concerns like child safety, youth development, senior citizen welfare, and quality-of-life. Participants receive an excellent, on-going education from police & community leaders on many topics including:

- * Basic crime prevention measures to safeguard you, your home, and valuables
- * Direct telephone contacts to police agencies
- * Being vigilant, cooperative surveillance, and recognizing suspicious activity
- * How to handle city ordinance "nuisance" violations
- * How to deal with suspected drug activity
- * Experts to speak, instruct, or train at Neighborhood Watch meetings

*Don't wait to become a victim—be proactive!
Join WWNW*

Schedule of Events

March 8, 2008
9:00 AM - Wetumpka Riverfest
@ Gold Star Park

March 11, 2008
7:00 PM - WWNW Meeting
@ Jeanette Barrett Civic Room

Please Remember...

You are not being asked to take personal risks, only to serve as extra "eyes and ears" and to report information on crimes and suspicious activities promptly to:

9-1-1 for emergencies
(crimes in progress or life-threatening situations)
or

(334) 567-5321
for non-emergencies
or (334) 567-1336 for the
Secret Witness Line

The police will take action on those reports.

For more information call Mary Peck,
567-5082 or Elizabeth Rhodes, 567-0450
WWNW Website:
www.neighborhoodlink.com/wetumpka/wnnw

The Accomplishments of the WWNW since Inception

In short, since the inception of the WWNW in September 2006 we have accomplished many things, but we are still striving to make our community better. The WWNW started off with a bang when we approached City Hall in late 2006, with our issues in West Wetumpka. Since then, the WWNW has engaged the City to hire a Code Enforcement Officer, Denny Engle, to enforce nuisance violations involving overgrown grass and weeds, abandoned vehicles and footing the legal legwork of all the abandoned and severely neglected homes in our area for repair or destruction. There have been many dilapidated homes torn down since we started, as they tend to breed crime, drugs and overall degradation to our community. We have worked with Friends of the Community with the Health Fair in September, had National Night Out in August to raise awareness in the neighborhood to fight against crime and drugs, participated in Christmas on the Coosa & the Living Nativity Event, had numerous Clean-Up days for West Wetumpka which are a huge success every time and had a neighborhood-wide Yard Sale. The majority of our meetings have been very informational and filled with great speakers for each program. But most importantly, we have brought awareness to the City and our Officials that West Wetumpka will not stand for crime and drugs in our community. These are just a few highlighted accomplishments the WWNW has achieved since we began, but we still have a long ways to see our community thrive and prosper to what it potentially can be. So please come be a part of community change & leadership - Join WWNW!