## TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF CLARK COUNTY

"We can keep this neighborhood together"

## Truman Crime Watch Update

Our first neighborhood meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! We had over one people show up proving that this neighborhood is important to all of us! We want to than everyone who attended and made this possible as well as those that emailed ahead letting us know they could not attend.

The presentation from Clark County Sheriffs' office was very informative. Its focus was primarily on the preventative measures we can all take, not only for our homes but for our neighbors as well. These topics included things like making sure that our homes and cars are locked even during the day. Not leaving valuables in cars or exposed in your yard or driveways. If you have an alarm system in your home or vehicles, make sure that you use them on a regular basis, audible systems are the best. And really the most important point was to be aware of what is happening around you. The sheriff's presentation also taught us to always follow our instincts and call 911, even if you're not sure call, and talk to the dispatcher, it is better than a crime being committed!

A recent event took place where neighbors watched a crime as it was occurring instead of calling 911; for obvious reasons this is exactly why we want all neighbors to become involved and lookout for each other. This crime watch format is simple and easy to maintain.

Our ultimate goal is the creation of many small groups within our large Truman neighborhood. Each small group will have block captains assigned as the main contact. They will be responsible for keeping in contact with other neighbors and maintaining a small phone tree/contact list for all of you who are involved.

By creating this small network within your block, your neighbors and you can see when something is out of place and respond in a preventative way. Whether it is a car parked outside that shouldn't be or it is some strange sales person snooping around yards instead of knocking at doors. It is up to us to help prevent crime from happening.

Follow Up Meeting
Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>
at 7:00 p.m.
Truman Elementary School
4505 N.E. 42nd Avenue

We have now produced a very detailed map for this meeting. It shows our boundaries and any block captains that have already signed up. This will also be available to view on our upcoming website. Despite these efforts we still need more block captains as there are many gaps in between! We are asking everyone who attended the first meeting to please come to see where your home is at on the map and who your captains are? If your street doesn't have a block captain we can help you organize it at that time!

Other topics will be the cost of signs and where to put them. We need council member volunteers for the <u>Truman Neighborhood Association</u> or TNA. They help organize this crime watch and produce these mailers for distribution. TNA needs volunteer representatives to attend meetings at the sheriffs' office and county meetings held monthly! TNA is also seeking volunteers who are computer savvy to assist them! All volunteers are very important to all of these efforts and are needed badly!

See you all soon!

## Crime Watch Update Inside

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