

# Germantown Oaks Neighborhood Watch News



## WHO WE ARE

Our association is a group of neighbors who take the initiative to help prevent crime, bring united action to civil problems, maintain our properties, and promote peace and tranquility in our community.

Your involvement would contribute to the success of these goals. You're welcome to participate with us at our monthly meetings. Our meetings are held in conjunction with the Ridgeway Area Neighborhood Watch, held at the Ridgeway Police Station on the last Monday of the month (except holidays) 6:30pm.

Our website is [www.mygowatch.com](http://www.mygowatch.com).

## Graffiti

You may have noticed the graffiti on the fences along Riverdale Rd, light poles, and our houses. It seems to be increasing over the last month. The longer it stays visible the more they will think it is okay to do it again. We need to paint over it as soon as possible. So cover it up even if you need to paint again with the right color. Report it to the police first, take pictures if needed, and then paint it.

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 4<sup>th</sup> come out and meet your neighbors. As a way for us to meet each other, we invite you to meet at 4410 Timber Rise Rd. 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Bring a dessert or soft drink (no alcohol) to share and meet others from your neighborhood. You can also learn about the neighborhood watch group and its crime report and email alerts.

If you plan to attend please email [mygowatch@comcast.net](mailto:mygowatch@comcast.net), if possible, with the number of people to attend, so we may plan better. If you're unable to attend you can learn more about our neighborhood watch group at [www.mygowatch.com](http://www.mygowatch.com). If you decide you would like to join the group click on the Contact Link and send an email with your name, address, phone, and email address.

## ARE YOU READY

Do you remember Hurricane Elvis? Some of our neighbors went without electricity for days, some weeks depending on where you were in the neighborhood. Have you prepared your 72 hour packs/supplies for when the next disaster occurs and there will be another one. If you have, now work on a three months supply. You never know when an illness or job loss will occur. There are many sources of information on the internet including the FEMA's website.

## Reported Crimes:

Addresses of reported crime are rounded to the nearest 100 block. Exact addresses are not reported, in order to protect privacy.

Offenses	Date	Address	Offenses	Date	Address
Drugs/Narcotics Violation/Felony	6/27/2010	4200 RIVERDALE	Theft of Vehicle Part/Accessories	6/21/2010	4400 Green Creek
Other Theft/Non-Specific	6/15/2010	7100 Falls Hollow Cv	Other Theft/Non-Specific	6/14/2010	7100 Snyder
MVT/Passenger Vehicle	6/11/2010	4000 Autumn Springs Cv	Other Theft/Non-Specific	6/09/2010	4200 Riverdale
Theft from Vehicle	6/5/2010	Germantown & Kingsland	Other Theft/Non-Specific	5/31/2010	4300 Oak Chase Cv
Burglary/Residential	5/31/2010	6500 Chesapeake Dr	Simple Assault/DV	5/30/2010	4300 Timber Rise
Other Theft/Non-Specific	5/29/2010	7100 Country Oak Cv	Vandalism/Misdemeanor	6/29/2010	7000 Timber Rise CV
Vandalism/Misdemeanor	7/1/2010	7100 Oak Chase Ln	Vandalism/Misdemeanor	6/22/2010	4200 Timber Rise Rd

# TEN COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

CITY OF MEMPHIS - SHELBY COUNTY

## ① ACCUMULATION OF JUNK, TRASH, AND DEBRIS



It is a violation to accumulate junk, trash and debris on residential property. This includes, discarded items, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, dead limbs and branches. All garbage should be disposed of by placing it in the appropriate container and placing on the curb for collection. (Call solid waste to arrange for pick up)

## ② OPEN STORAGE OF MATERIAL AND FURNISHINGS.



It is a violation to openly store on residential property any equipment, materials or furnishings that is dangerous to public health, safety or welfare or that creates an unsightly condition that would reduce property value or promote urban blight. This may include, but not limited to, outdoor use of indoor furniture, outside storage of household appliances, auto parts or building materials.

## ③ PARKING & STORING INOPERABLE (JUNK) MOTOR VEHICLES.



It is a violation to park, store or leave any vehicle that is rusted, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, inoperable or abandoned upon any property for ten (10) days unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building.

## ④ EXCESSIVE WEED, GRASS, TREES AND SHRUBS



It is a violation to allow grass or weed to grow over 12 inches high, or allow plants, shrubs, or trees to grow in a manner that will obstruct traffic or the visibility of motorist. This includes overgrowth to trees and vegetation that block sidewalks or hang into public streets or utility services.

## ⑤ SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AND FENCES



It is a violation to neglect accessory structures, including storage sheds, garages and fences. They are to be maintained structurally sound and in good repair to serve their intended purpose. This includes damage to framing, walls, ceilings, floors, decking and roof.

## ⑥ OFF STREET PARKING



It is a violation to park or store any vehicle on the lawn/grass of any residential property. All vehicles must park on concrete, asphalt, or other hard dustless surface approved by the city. The number of vehicles parked at a dwelling shall not exceed more than four (4) vehicles.

## ⑦ SPECIAL USE / RECREATIONAL VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT



No person shall park or store any motorized vehicle or equipment such as boats, campers and trailer and no more than one (1) camping trailer or recreation vehicle per house. No parts of such parking or storage area shall be located in the front yard. It shall also be unlawful for any person to park or store any such vehicles on any residential street.

## ⑧ COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT



It is a violation to park, stand or store any commercial truck exceeding 8,000 pounds in weight or truck tractor on a residential property or a residential street. Contact Shelby County Code for further information or complaints.

## ⑨ ABANDONED AND DERELICT STRUCTURES



It is a violation for any property owner to refuse to properly secure any structure he or she owns to prevent loitering of vagrants or criminal activity. This includes but is not limited to any vacant house, building or structure where the doors and windows are broken or open to causal entry.

## ⑩ GENERAL SERVICE & REPAIR SHOPS



It is a violation to own or operate a commercial business in a district zoned residential without proper permits. Certain commercial establishments are strictly prohibited in residential zoned areas. This includes any for profit general repair services, such as automotive, equipment or appliance repair shop. Contact Shelby County Code for further information or complaints.

City of Memphis Code Enforcement 576-7464  
\* Animal Control 362-5310  
\* Drain Maintenance 357-0100  
\* Mayor Service Center 576-6500  
\* Memphis Fire Anti-Neglect 320-5356  
\* MLGW 544-6549  
\* Public Works 576-6866  
\* Shelby County Code Enforcement 379-4237  
\* Shelby County Health Department 324-5922  
\* Solid Waste 576-6851

Garbage Collection and Disposal: **Sec. 9-56-23 - Hours during which carts may be placed outside property lines—Extension.**

- A. It is unlawful for any person in possession, charge of or control of any premises to allow the cart assigned to or used by that premise to remain in public view at any time other than between the hours of six a.m. and seven-thirty p.m. on the regularly scheduled collection day.
- B. The director may, during inclement weather and other extreme circumstances, extend or otherwise modify the above stated hours in order to perfect the completion of a collection route. (*Ord. 4048, 6-25-91; Code 1985 § 15-24*)