Block Watch Meeting

CITY OF RENTON

You're Invited To:

A Block Watch Meeting for Highbury Park

When?/What Time?
October 27, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Location:
Highlands Community Center
(800 Edmonds Ave NE)

Come join us and find out how we can all work together to keep ourselves and our community safer!

For more information about the Renton Police Department's Block Watch Program, contact Cyndie Parks (425) 430-7521 in the Crime Prevention Unit.

Renton Police Department
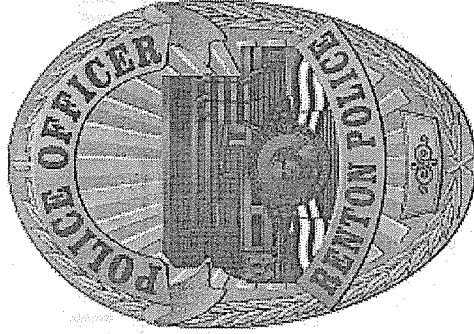Crime Prevention Unit

Kevin Milosevich
Chief of Police

The Benefits of Block Watch

* The program is FREE.

* The program is EASY.

* It helps citizens feel better about their neighborhoods and community.

* It helps to reduce crime.

* It helps get appropriate police services.

* It helps to capture and prosecute criminals.

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What Can Block Watch Do For Me?

Communication:

The Block Watch program opens the lines of communication between neighbors, from citizens to the Police Department, and from the Police Department to the citizens.

Good communication includes tips, tools and information, as well as crime reporting. It enables the neighborhood to be the eyes and ears of the Police Department, plan coordinated action, and have resources on which to draw in times of trouble.

Focusing on direct communication between Police Officers and citizens can also give the Officer a sense of support from the community, as well as give the citizen the sense that police are not just faceless uniforms, and increases understanding in both directions.

Security:

The Block Watch program provides security information on locks, latches, lights, physical environment, alarms, etc. Information which can be used to increase your security at home or in an apartment community. Enhancing the security of your environment reduces the chance of a burglar gaining entry to your home, and may minimize property loss in the event of an entry. Call the Renton Police Department Crime Prevention Unit for a free security survey of your home, 430-7521 or 430-7520.

Education and Information:

The Block Watch program provides a monthly newsletter with crime prevention information and statistics. This assists residents in accessing Police Department and City services, and gives them current information as to tools and risks, which can assist citizens in planning, preparation and crime prevention. Information with regard to problems allows neighbors to define problems correctly and to reach informed consensus on possible solutions and a plan of action.

Strength in Numbers:

There is political and practical strength in speaking in a loud, unified voice, whether to the Police Department, the City, legislators, or in "speaking" to the neighborhood and community. In addition, working in numbers makes citizens stronger against crime and fear and reduces the burden that any one citizen must carry for the group. Since fear can be paralyzing, reducing isolation is an extremely important element of Block Watch.

Property Identification:

Engraving your property and recording serial and model numbers improves the chance of getting stolen items back, reduces the desirability of the items as objects to be stolen, and helps police determine that property is stolen thus catch the criminal. It helps establish court cases against criminals and may make the criminal prefer to burglarize another house.