



Beachwood Breeze

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Your Neighborhood Newsletter of People and Events

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Neighborhood Watch Program News

Mr. Mike Gillim, (telephone no. 998-9115) accepted the new Neighborhood Watch Coordinator position for Beachwood. The flyers enclosed with this newsletter explain more about the program. You can contact Mike with questions or to volunteer as a Block Captain or Block Watcher, please use the email address: Beachwood.watch@yahoo.com. The program will be discussed further at the upcoming civic meeting on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Lieutenant's Walk In Beachwood

Several members of JSO, members of the civic association and volunteers will be participating in an upcoming Lieutenant's Walk through several streets in Beachwood. The date of the walk is *to be determined*. This walk gives residents an opportunity to meet with JSO officers face to face and share their questions and concerns. Once a date has been set, signs will be posted near the front entrance to the subdivision to let you know the exact date and time.

ShAdCo Is Renamed As Sheriff's Watch



For more than 20 years the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has had a Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShAdCo). The monthly meetings, in the areas where citizens work and live, is citizen led and provides an opportunity for that face to face discussion about crime issues facing our neighborhoods. JSO police are active participants, and together solutions and recommendations are discussed and implemented. There is accountability and more importantly, a bond that grows from people knowing they can come to a meeting to get a resolution to a problem or learn the many ways crime can be prevented. These active members are our "Advisors". To read more about the Sheriff's Watch visit: www.jaxsheriff.org and in the search box simply type in Sheriff's Watch. For many years, *Sheila Litwhiler* has faithfully attended the monthly ShAdCo meetings at Regency Square. During the civic meetings, *Sheila* shares the data/statics on recent criminal activity in and near our subdivision. Recently, more residents have joined her to educate themselves about Zone 2 and JSO news and alerts.

Only 15 More Memberships Needed To Reach The Goal of 100

| - 100 There are 328 homes in this subdivision and the goal is to have a minimum of 100
 // - 80 memberships to cover annual expenses. The yearly dues are \$25.00 payable to the
 // - 60 "Beachwood Civic Association". At this time, we have received 85 out of the goal of 100
 // - 40 memberships. Cape Horn residents hold the lead for contributions! Thank you! A membership card will be
 // - 20 attached to subsequent newsletters for your records. Simply fill out the bottom portion and mail payment to:
 (//) **BEACHWOOD CIVIC ASSOC., P.O. BOX 17385, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32245**

Hurricane Matthew VS Palm Tree

During the hurricane, one of the palm trees on the second island was blown down. Thankfully, a few men from Starfish Avenue volunteered to cut the tree into sections and placed it at the curb for pickup. One of the men is new to Beachwood and we are so grateful he stepped up to help cut up debris in several yards. Good job guys!!

Next Civic Meeting – Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm

at Community Center, 11758 Marina Drive (turn right off Beachwood Blvd.)

Beachwood Membership Dues--

Name: _____

Address _____

Amount \$ _____

Thank You in advance for making a difference!

Beachwood Neighborhood Watch Program

Please help keep the Beachwood Neighborhood a fun and safe place to live.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the neighborhood watch program, both block captains and block watchers are needed (see below for duties and responsibilities). Several concerned citizens have already stepped up. If you are interested please contact Mike Gillim at 904 998 9115 or e mail your name, address and phone number to Beachwood.watch@yahoo.com all information will remain confidential. A meeting will be held with a local police officer to discuss the program, answer questions and addressing concerns.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I. BLOCK CAPTAINS

- A. Personally visit each dwelling unit in the block, distribute invitations announcing the meeting, and encourage neighbors to participate.
- B. Act as a base station for Operation Identification. This way neighbors can obtain Operation Identification materials from their Block Captains. The goal -100% participation – is essential and the Block Captain is encouraged to personally contact those neighbors who have not participated.
- C. Act as liaison between the Coordinator and the Block Watcher, and disseminate any information which may lead to the solution of a crime.
- D. Distribute crime prevention materials to residents who were unable to attend the meeting.
- E. Act as an information base for residents when they leave for vacation or any time their home will be empty for a period of time. Find out who has a key (you are not responsible to keep a key unless you choose to), where they are going, and how they can be reached in case of emergency.
- F. If there is an incident, remind the Block Watchers to report it to the police department first. Then, when they have time, call their Block Captain, who in turn will report it to the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

II. BLOCK WATCHER

- A. Act as eyes and ears for your neighbors and report any suspicious activity.
- B. Study crime prevention material furnished them.
- C. Check homes of neighbors when they are out of town.
- D. Cooperate with and assist the Block Captain.
- E. Secure their homes in compliance with recommendations in the Residential Burglary booklet.
- F. Participate in Operation Identification.



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WAYS TO CONNECT WITH JSO

Website: www.jaxsheriff.org

Social Media Channels:

- [Facebook.com/JacksonvilleSheriffsOffice](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleSheriffsOffice)
- [Twitter.com/JSOPIO](https://twitter.com/JSOPIO)
- [YouTube.com/JAXSHERIFF](https://www.youtube.com/JAXSHERIFF)
- [Instagram.com/JAXSHERIFF](https://www.instagram.com/JAXSHERIFF)
- Snapchat: JAXSHERIFF

Watch Live News Conferences, Event Coverage and more at: [Periscope.tv/JSOPIO](https://www.periscope.tv/JSOPIO)

Mobile Apps (Free-Available on IOS and Android):

- *JAXSHERIFF (FL)* – many features of the popular jaxsheriff.org website
- Talking Traffic App: *Audio Traffic - Jacksonville* – Includes emergent information (M-F 6a-6p)

Neighborhood Crime “Message Board”:

- Nextdoor – This is a free, internet-based application for Jacksonville residents. The JSO contributes Crime & Public Safety information on this channel. Go to nextdoor.com to register your neighborhood or join an existing group.

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Information about all of the programs listed below is available on JSO's website, www.jaxsheriff.org
Use the program title in search.*

- **Citizen's Police Academy** – A program for adults providing an “insider” look at policing
 - Contact Community Affairs at (904) 630-2160 or by email at JSOCommunityAffairs@jaxsheriff.org
 - <http://www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/citizen-academy.aspx>

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CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

- **JSO's Volunteer Opportunities** – For adults and students (who may need community hours)
 - Contact Community Affairs / Crime Prevention at (904) 630-2160 or by email at JSOCommunityAffairs@jaxsheriff.org
 - Volunteer at the JSO: <http://www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/citizen-volunteer.aspx>
 - Be a member of the "Community Posse" – *represents JSO at safety fairs, etc.* - <http://www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/community-posse.aspx>
- **Police Explorer Program** – for students between the ages of 15 and 20
 - Contact Community Affairs / Safety Education Unit at (904) 630-2160 or by email at JSOCommunityAffairs@jaxsheriff.org
 - <http://www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/police-explorers-program.aspx>
- **Police Reserve Officer Program** – for adults at least 21 years of age
 - Contact the JSO Recruitment Unit at (904) 713-4870 or JSORecruiter@jaxsheriff.org
 - http://www.joinjso.com/careers/reserve_officers.php
- **Citizen Ride Along** – adults only
 - Contact the preferred Zone for information and sign up
 - <http://www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/ride-along.aspx>
- **Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShAdCo)** – For residents of every neighborhood in Jacksonville
 - Contact Community Affairs at (904) 630-2160 or by email at JSOCommunityAffairs@jaxsheriff.org
 - [http://www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/sheriffs-advisory-councils-\(shadcos\).aspx](http://www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/sheriffs-advisory-councils-(shadcos).aspx)
- **Watch Programs** – For residents of every neighborhood in Jacksonville
 - Contact Community Affairs at (904) 630-2160 or by email at JSOCommunityAffairs@jaxsheriff.org
 - <http://www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/watch-programs.aspx>

schools, teenage alcohol and other drug abuse, or domestic violence. Adopt a park or school playground and paint over graffiti. Sponsor a block party, holiday dinner, or volleyball or softball game that will provide neighbors a chance to get to know each other.

- **Other aspects of community safety.** For instance, start a block parent program to help children in emergency situations.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- Be alert!
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Report suspicious activities and crimes to the police or sheriffs' department.
- Learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD I BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle.
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.

Report these incidents to the police or sheriffs' department. Talk about concerns and problems with your neighbors.

HOW SHOULD I REPORT THESE INCIDENTS?

- Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.
- Give your name and address.
- Explain what happened.
- Briefly describe the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers.

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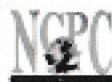


CRIME PREVENTION UNIT: (904) 630-2160

EMERGENCY #: 9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY #: (904) 630-0500

Connect with us: www.jaxsheriff.org



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Take a Stand Against Crime

Join a Neighborhood Watch



A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PRIMER

Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Building Watch, Crime Watch—whatever the name, it's one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

- It works. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch programs.
- Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children involved in many activities that keep them away from home. An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a prime target for burglary.
- Neighborhood Watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns such as recreation for youth, child care, and affordable housing.

HOW DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH START?

A motivated individual, a few concerned residents, a community organization, or a law enforcement agency can spearhead the efforts to establish a Watch. Together they can

- organize a small planning committee of neighbors to discuss needs, the level of interest, and possible community problems.
- contact the local police or sheriff's department, or local crime prevention organization, for help in training members in home security and reporting skills and for information on local crime patterns.
- hold an initial meeting to gauge neighbors' interest; establish the purpose of the program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed.
- select a coordinator.
- ask for block captain volunteers who are responsible for relaying information to members.
- recruit members, keeping up-to-date information on new residents and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people.
- work with local government or law enforcement to put up Neighborhood Watch signs, usually after at least 50 percent of all households are enrolled.

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

Any community resident can join—young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner. Even the busiest of people can belong to a Neighborhood Watch—they too can keep an eye out for neighbors as they come and go.

I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING. CAN I START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Yes. Watch Groups can be formed around any geographical unit: a block, apartment building, townhouse complex, park, business area, public housing complex, office building, or marina.

WHAT DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DO?

A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police or sheriff's office.

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF A WATCH PROGRAM?

- **Community meetings.** These should be set up on a regular basis such as bi-monthly, monthly, or six times a year.
- **Citizens' or community patrol.** A citizens' patrol is made up of volunteers who walk or drive through the community and alert police to crime and questionable activities. Not all Neighborhood Watches need a citizens' patrol.
- **Communications.** These can be as simple as a weekly flier posted on community announcement boards to a newsletter that updates neighbors on the progress of the program to a neighborhood electronic bulletin board.
- **Special events.** These are crucial to keep the program going and growing. Host talks or seminars that focus on current issues such as hate or bias-motivated violence, crime in