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Carousel Cove Homeowners.

This is a follow up from our meeting this summer regarding the Neighborhood Watch program. I am attaching to this email my watch program outline. My goal is to form a Neighborhood Watch with volunteers from each association, with an objective of at least 4 volunteers per association, more would be beneficial to the program. I will coordinate and spearhead the program in conjunction with the volunteers. Now that many residents are back, it would be an opportune time to reach out for volunteers by attaching my writeup for reference to the potential volunteers in an email blast.

This is a very important program to our community to undertake at this time to keep our community safe. My objective is to have the program up and running by January 31 and a list of volunteers by January 23. If you are having a meeting this month and would like me to attend and discuss the program I am available.

My goal is (A) minimum 4 volunteers/ association or (B) a minimum of 20 volunteers, to make this program comfortably workable. I will reevaluate the watch program after I receive the feedback response from you and the number of volunteers that step up.

Volunteers can either email me at [seabr25@comcast.net](mailto:seabr25@comcast.net) or call 239.405.7347

Thank you for your support

Denny

Carousel Cove will be initiating a Neighborhood Watch program throughout our neighborhood, the Master Pool and the Master Clubhouse. We will be working closely with the Sheriff's Department assigned Resource officer, as well as the Sheriff's Department directly. The sole purpose and thrust of this watch is to curb possible criminal activity and prevent destructive damage to properties, by maintaining a visible presence of eyes watching our neighborhood.

Summertime, with so many residents gone and empty homes, this provides a perfect scenario for crimes of opportunity. The Master pool, without the winter residents, is less occupied and provides a perfect undisturbed area for non residents to party. The Master Clubhouse has many amenities with a comfortable cool environment that will attract many children off for the summer to just hangout.

## Where to Start

- \* Request volunteers from our community
- \* Form teams from the volunteer list Summer/ Winter season
- \* Attached is a Checklist for Patrols

## Checklist for Citizen Patrols

(Adapted from National Crime Prevention Council's Checklist)

The main purpose of Citizen Patrols are

- \* To provide a visible presence that dissuades criminal activity
- \* To report incidents and problems to police

The characteristics of Citizen Patrol include

- \* No policing powers
- \* Never carry any weapons of any type
- \* Non confrontational mannerisms
- \* Coordinate with law enforcement
- \* Work in teams

- \* Wear identifying clothing such as t shirts, vests and/or hats
- \* Always carry a pad, a pencil and a flashlight (if it is dark)
- \* Keep logs and file reports
- \* To be helpful and courteous to residents

Extra Duties Citizen Patrols can undertake

- \*Identifying neighborhood nuisance concerns
- \*Identifying and reporting abandoned vehicles

Neighborhood watch helps reduce crime through a variety of techniques

- \* We will increase neighborhood awareness of crimes in the neighborhood through continuing information program
- \* Residents will have a better sense of property security
- \*The watch team helps neighbors learn what constitutes suspicious activity and how to report it
- \*ALL people in the neighborhood are asked to participate and cooperate with the police department to reduce and curb community crime.

## Reporting Suspicious Activity

Suspicious activity, will be defined as any activity that is deemed by an individual as unusual. The effectiveness of the police department crime prevention efforts is enhanced by active participation in contacting the police department immediately upon noticing any such behavior.

Individuals should not be concerned with fears of being a “nosy neighbor”, a belief someone else may have called, fear that they are “bothering” the police department, or perceived embarrassment of suspicions being proven non suspicious. It is important to remember we work as a team and if the police department is not informed of possible criminal activity, they cannot respond.

## What a Criminal looks Like

Criminals come in all shapes, sizes and ages. They are not limited to certain hours of the day or dressing in a particular way. They are much like us. They may have even been watching to see when the neighborhood is less active and fewer people are home. They often commit crimes quickly and leave the area swiftly.

We teach our children to think of “stranger danger” but we need to be mindful as well.

## How to Report Information to the Police Dispatcher

\*When you call to report an incident or suspicious activity make sure you stay on the line until the dispatcher ends the conversation.

\*Begin by identifying the situation and location of the event.

\*Provide your name, a contact number and your location in case the dispatcher needs to call you for further information or to meet the officer.

\*Give a description of all individuals involved to include: gender, age, race, height, (taller or shorter than you), weight (thin, medium or heavy build), clothing description, scars, marks, tattoos, jewelry and any other distinguishing characteristics.

\*Give description of any mode of transportation (vehicle or other) involved. This description should include make, model, color and license plate if possible.

\*If the individuals are leaving the area, give a direction of travel and location last seen.

## What to Observe for:

\* Any individuals traveling door to door in the neighborhood. There is a NO soliciting policy in this community. If they are attempting to open doors or begin looking in windows, contact the police department immediately. Any sales representative should be in possession of some type of company identification, which can be requested before they make entry into your home. If the sales person says something that seems odd or out of place or acts in a suspicious manner notify the police department. Under no

circumstance should you let anyone in your home if you are uncertain of their identity.

\* Juveniles/people casually walking through your neighborhood can be considered suspicious if this is not a normal activity (seen often) in the neighborhood. However, looking in windows, garages, cars and backyards is not normal.

\* Unfamiliar vehicles or individuals in or around the neighborhood. Often times a burglar will park a short distance away and walk to the crime scene or move slowly in a vehicle without headlights on ( if dark) through a neighborhood and/or appear to be traveling aimlessly or repetitively throughout the area. Watch for any vehicles occupied that appear to be conducting transactions between themselves.

\* Be aware of anyone carrying property (especially unwrapped), exhibiting signs of intoxication or mental illness.

\*Vehicles/Individuals following in close proximity of package delivery trucks, FedEx, UPS

My hope is to have 3 or 4 teams of 2 to meet with me to discuss a plan of action to start a Neighborhood Watch in our neighborhood, Master Pool and Master Clubhouse and grounds. If approved by the board I will take the lead role with the teams and Cathie Bartlett will assist as backup. When teams are established, which could be husband and wife, two friends, two neighbors etc., I will petition and work with the board to design and procure an identifying Neighborhood Watch tee shirt.

With crime on the rise due to economic conditions, drugs, and non owners disrespect of our property, I believe with your help and the Sheriff's Department involvement we can keep our neighborhood safe and our property protected.

I will be in contact with our resource officer from the Sheriff's Department to meet with us sometime in the near future, and will advise everyone of a date and time.

Denny