

***Fairfield Farms
Neighborhood
Crime Watch
Meeting***



***We would like for you and the
neighbors to get together to discuss
ways in which we can help put a stop to
the crime that is happening in our
neighborhood!***



***We are meeting in Gail Buckler's
front yard, 115 North Fairfield Dr.
Sunday October 19th at 3:00 PM***

COLIN R. M. J. BONINI
STATE SENATOR
Sixteenth District



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October 21, 2008

Dear Fairfield Farms Neighbor,

At the request of a constituent, I attended a community meeting on Sunday Oct. 19 regarding setting up a Neighborhood Watch Program and to address some other issues in Fairfield Farms. It was very nice to see so many of my neighbors! (I lived on South Shore Drive until 2006). I just want to update you on my activities to date:

- I contacted Captain Hawkins at the Delaware State Police and he will make sure that there will be a Detective at your next meeting (Nov. 15, I believe) to help formalize and set up your Neighborhood Watch Program. I would really encourage you to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program – it really works!
- I have asked Deldot to do a Speed Study of Fairfield Drive and Old Mill Road. This will take a few weeks as Deldot is backed up, but you should see the rubber “run over” tubes to gauge speeds sometime in next several weeks on both Fairfield and Old Mill.
- I have contacted Caesar Rodney School District about speeding of school buses in Fairfield Farms.
- I have contacted Kent County (I should receive a return call shortly) about setting up a “Lighting District” in Fairfield Farms. You should be receiving a letter either from my office or the County (or both) in the next few weeks on this process (it is a ballot process – the community must vote to create and participate in a Lighting District). I can obtain the funding to install any lights, but the community would be responsible for the electric bills – they are pretty nominal – only a few dollars a month per house usually.
- I have contacted Deldot about the drainage issue on the two drains at 93 Fairfield Drive and I should hear back from them shortly.

I am confident that with a Neighborhood Watch Program and a Lighting District, we can dramatically reduce the opportunities for crime and improve public safety and traffic safety in Fairfield Farms.

Please don't hesitate to call me if I can help you in anyway.

Yours in Service,

Colin R.M.J. Bonini
State Senator
16th District

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Fairfield Farms Crime Watch Quarterly News!

Fairfield Farms has a New Crime Watch

November 2008



Fairfield Farms has held two crime watch meetings this Fall. October 19th, the First Crime Watch meeting was called in Gail Buckler's yard to discuss concerns that neighbors about street lights, speeders, crime and insufficient water drainage. Colin Bonini also attended this meeting. He stated that he would assess the options that we had available to us regarding these matters and would update us at a later date. In the interim it was suggested that we keep our Outside lights on throughout the night and possibly purchase motion detector lights and form a Neighborhood Crime Watch. Several of the neighbors rallied together and a Crime Watch was formed in time for the Halloween Weekend. With everyone's help there were no major problems reported that weekend.

The second meeting was held Nov. 15th at Camden Harvest Years Senior Center. Cpl.

Manear from DE State Police informed those attended about the roles and responsibilities of individuals involved with the Crime Watch. He suggested that we get to know our neighbors and ask them to pick up our mail & newspapers when away, lock our car doors in the driveway, not park in the street if possible, and closing our garage doors will deter individuals from criminal opportunities. All homes have their house numbers posted.

It was decided to proceed with organizational efforts even though a small percentage people from Fairfield Farms attended this meeting. Elections were the next order of business.

It was voted and decided that...
President- Gail Buckler, 632-8298 or 697-7729 Representative to the National Sheriff's Association
Vice President- Roger Hollopeter, 242-9670 or 697-1933

Liaison to The State Police
Treasure- Bill Colvin 698-1115
Secretary- Bob Mathers 697-1594

Block Captains:

Wildwood Raod -

Brian & Sharlena Patterson

Woodsdale Ave.-

Merita Marshall 943-5601

Beloit Ave. -

Bill Colvin 698-1115

Oakcrest Dr. -

Roger Hollopeter 697-1933

Dalwin Drive -

Pat Meluney 697-7336

Beaumont Drive -

Mike Merson

S. Fairfield Dr. East End-

Chris & Gary Moore

697-9703

S. Fairfield Dr. West End & W. Fairfield Dr. -

Erick Warner 697-2228

N. Fairfield Dr.

(West end to Oakcrest Dr.) -

Jim Austin 698-0627

N. Fairfield Dr. (East end - Oakcrest Dr. to Old Mill Rd.) & Old Mill Rd.

(Between S. & N. Fairfield

Dr.) - George Hanhauser

697-1867

Within the next couple of weeks each Block Captain. will introduce themselves to the home owners in their area and spread the word about the Crime Watch efforts and help build a sense of community.

Block Captains should not be pushy, but let everyone know what steps can be taken to help our community increase safety and security as a whole and what steps individual can take to protect themselves and their property.

Block Captain's area of responsibility is by helping each other monitor unusual behavior and making our presence known to outsiders which will be determined by the homeowners in that respective area. It is hoped that the variety of approaches and the randomness of our efforts will provide the coverage needed by the neighborhood as a whole.

The secretary will put together a package to be distributed via email as well as hard copy to the block captains. It was felt by those in attendance that this would help ensure the success of our efforts.

The package will include:

- A spread sheet with the history of criminal acts, date and time, address of incident, what was taken, and how entry was gained.
- A publication listing the responsibilities of the block captains
- List of all homeowner addresses and associated phone numbers to the Block

Captain's area of responsibility (since this information is in the public domain it was not felt to be a violation of privacy)

- A drawing was held on Nov. 15 to help raise money to defer expenses. Chris Moore won the drawing but graciously donated the winnings to the association. The treasurer will account for the money collected in the drawing along with the expenses in a separate document.

- Any other material felt to be of interest in our crime watch activities. Bob Mathers will meet with Gail Buckler and Roger

Hollopeter to assemble information they previously obtained from the Delaware State Police County- Wide Crime Watch Group (D.S.P.C.W.G.) that meets once a month at the Kent County Emergency Preparedness Center across the street from Winner Ford.

It was felt that two members of the Fairfield Farms Crime Watch should attend the monthly meetings of the D.S.P.C.W.G. to obtain information that will assist us in our efforts. It need not be the same two people each month.

Sharing these types of types of responsibilities will keep us from over burdening any one person. Shortly after the D.S.P.C.W.G.

meeting the block captains will meet at one of our homes to share the information from the state police and report on any unusual activities in the neighborhood.

Communication – Any unusual activity should be called into the police immediately by anyone observing the activity. Try to get license plate numbers, descriptions of vehicles and individuals that will help the police. Letting the Block Captain also know about the call will help the neighborhood stay on top of developing trends.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I want to Thank You for electing me as the Fairfield Farms Crime Watch President. I know that we will all have to work together with our Block Captains to make this neighborhood is safe once again. I personally want to thank everyone that continues to leave their front lights on, makes sure their garage doors are closed, and keeps their eyes open. Walkers, joggers, and Bicyclist please continue to wear your vest while you are out in the neighborhood doing your daily activities. I hope each of you will contact your Block Captain with information about any suspicious behavior.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!

Gail

Fairfield Farms Crime Watch News!



Proposed Street Lights District No. 008

Moore's Lake, Fairfield Farms,

Candlewick Dr. and South Shore Dr.

February 25, 2009

Greetings, There has been a lot of buzz lately about the street lights, so it has been decided to call another meeting with the Kent County Dept. of Public Works, Division of Engineering Project Manager, Craig Harvey to answer your questions and to verify signatures.

There is some important Crime Watch business that we also need to discuss!

The Senior Harvest Center on South Street, in Camden,

Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 9³⁰ AM till Noon

Thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions please contact Gail Bucker, 302-632-8298

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Fairfield Farms Crime Watch URGENT News!

**Proposed Street Lights District No. 008
Moores Lake, Fairfield Farms,
Candlewick Dr. and South Shore Dr.**



February 11, 2009

Neighbors & Friends of Fairfield Farms we have an urgent message to get out! As you know we have formed a crime watch so that we can learn how to protect our property. One of the first things we heard, Do you have lights on your street? NO. So we have contacted Sen. C. Bonini and Rep. D. Blakey and they have allocated money for street lights in our neighborhoods. The majority of Fairfield Farms property owners have stated they they do want the lights for the neighborhood. We have not been able to successfully poll Candlewick Dr. and S. Shore Dr. to see if they would like lights on their streets as well. We have the opportunity to include Candlewick Dr. and S. Shore Dr. with this money that has been allocated to us.

It is imperative that we all join together on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Nellie H. Stokes Elem. School to meet with engineering of the City of Dover and Kent Co. to go over the details of the lights and the signing of the petition. We will need 65% of all the property owners for this to pass. Please show your support and join us at this meeting.

Sincerely,

Gail Buckler

President of Fairfield Farms Crime Watch

Gail Cell Phone 632-8298
Gail Home 697-7729
Herb Konowitz 745-1315

Fairfield Farms Crime Watch Newsletter



Greetings:

Spring 2009

We have lots of news to report:

On May 12, 2009 The Levy Court met to discuss the Street Lights for Fairfield Farms, South Shore Drive, and Candlewick Drive, the light have been passed! So hopefully in the next couple of months we will start seeing them installed. Thank you to those who helped get this passed.

This past week we have seen a lot of new criminal activity around the Moores Lake Area. They seem to be targeting not only inside our homes and garages, but now also our cars that are parked outside. We would like to ask you to please keep your eyes and ears open and make sure that your doors and windows are locked, please put your garage doors down, and turn on your outside lights. May we also suggest that you remove all valuable items out of your cars and take your garage door openers inside the house with you, check your back doors, basement entrance and if you have a sliding door please install a bar or put a dowel in the tack. Unfortunately, only a very few of these crimes were reported. The Police will not accept someone else reporting a crime for you. So if something does happen please contact the Police 911 and then your street captain. It is your community obligation to report all crimes.

We have also had some drag racing around our neighborhood. We are asking if you can safely get a license plate number or vehicle description that would be very helpful for the Police as well as the Crime Watch Team to possibly be able to pinpoint who is doing this. On Sunday Afternoon, May 17th there was also a hit and run car accident on Old Mill Road.

Since we have had another large number of crimes in the area the Street Captains and Officers will be out patrolling the area more frequently in our vest. If you have a vest please wear it when you are out, we have a few extra vest available if you would like to wear one. Your help with this matter is **NEEDED** and **GREATLY APPRICIATIED!**

Crime Watch Pres. Gail Buckler
302-632-8298

Fairfield Farms Crime Watch

tried to contact you on this date _____ to
_____ ask you to please close your garage door.
_____ ask you to please turn on your front lights.

Or _____

Any questions please contact:



Thank you for helping
make our Neighborhood
a safer place to live.

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Fairfield Farms Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

Happy Halloween Edition 2009

**Please keep your garage doors closed and house well lit this
Friday for Mischief Night and Saturday for Halloween!**

Fairfield Farm Neighborhood Watch Organization Begins Second Year of Operation

Fairfield Farms started its current neighborhood watch program last Halloween; this weekend will mark our One Year Anniversary. Happy Anniversary! The neighborhood watch is proud of what has been accomplished in just one year, here are a few highlights:

- 1 Increased safety/security awareness of the residents of Fairfield Farms through organized communication such as newsletters and meetings
- 2 Strengthened the relationship between our community and the State Police by representatives of Fairfield Farms attending the State Police monthly community watch meetings
- 3 By holding a neighborhood block party this past summer we bolstered a sense of community
- 4 Through our community yard sale last month and the generous contribution of residents, we purchased safety vests and neon tee-shirts for those walking our neighborhood at night

Have You Been Thinking of Becoming Active in the Fairfield Community Watch?

The commitment can be as little as one hour a month! Be a part of something good; join your neighbors who volunteer their time as neighborhood watch volunteers. Its great camaraderie, an easy way to make friends and you will get a great feeling knowing you are making a positive impact on our neighborhood. Now is the time to join, we need neighbors out in force this weekend wearing vests and making our presence known.

If you are interested in joining please contact

Gail 632-8298

or

Roger 697-1933

Homeowner Safety for Halloween

List below are tips for homeowners to prevent injury on Halloween:

- Make sure walkways to the front door are safe with no broken or uneven stepping stones
- Clear walkways and steps of any clutter that could cause someone to trip
- Repair loose railings on outdoor steps to prevent an accidental fall
- To make dark walkways safer all year long, illuminate with solar powered lights
- Keep Halloween decorations away from walkways
- Don't leave burning candles unattended indoors or outside – in jack-o-lanterns, for example
- A pumpkin that accidentally gets knocked over could ignite a costume or even dry leaves on the ground
- Try illuminating with small flashlights instead
- Clean the yard of debris, branches, yard tools, toys, or anything that could cause someone to trip
- Move small potted plants, water hoses, and yard decor that might present a safety hazard
- Make sure the porch light is working
- Plan to secure pets indoors or away from kids trick-or-treating
- Some animals may become frightened by the noise and costumes
- Causing them to bite or bolt through an opened door
- Trim hedges where the driveway meets the sidewalk so that anyone passing by can easily be seen
- Don't feel you have to answer the door after the typical trick-or-treater rush is over
- Many people open their doors freely on Halloween because they expect to see trick or treaters

- Once the rush dies down, you may want to turn off your outside light to indicate you're done answering the door for the night
- Do not allow any child or adult to come into your home!
- Hand treats out with the door propped open or on your porch
- If an adult or child says they'd like to come inside to use your phone for an emergency, do not allow these strangers to enter your home

13 Things a Burglar Won't Tell You

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom—and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door—understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com.)

Fairfield Farms Neighborhood Crime Watch

VACATIONS
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We will start patrolling the neighborhood this Thursday through Sunday.

We will be wearing green vests and have flash lights.

On Thursday, October 30, Mischief Night Patrolling 5 PM to 6 AM

Please turn your outside lights on from Dust to Dawn.

On Friday, Halloween Night, October 31, Patrolling 5 PM to 6 AM

Everyone please turn your lights on from 9 PM to Dawn.

Saturday and Sunday we will be patrolling the area

From now on please keep your outside lights on from Dust to Dawn.

If you see any suspicious persons or activity this weekend please call

Gail Buckler at 302-632-8298

She will contact The Police and who ever is on patrol.

Don't forget the Meeting the 1st Thursday in November at the

911 Building, on Safety Blvd. by Winner Ford at 6:30 PM.

Also Fairfield Farms Crime Watch Meeting on Saturday 15th of Nov. at

The Senior Harvest Center on South Street, in Camden, 9 AM to Noon.

Thank you for your participation!

Fairfield Farms Neighborhood Festival



Bring your food and drinks
(no alcohol please),
enough for you
and some to share!
Bring your chairs, tables,
etc.



Saturday, June 13

Rain or shine

2:00 to 6:00

**Set up at the corner of
Oakcrest and South Fairfield**

**So we know how many to expect,
RSVP by June 6th to:**

Gail 632-8298

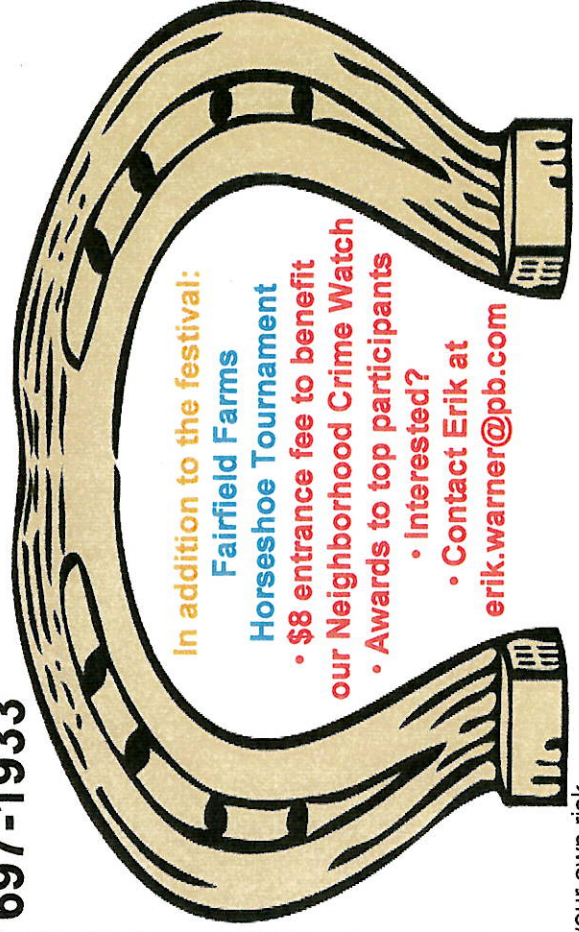
or

Roger 697-1933

**NEIGHBORHOOD
CRIME WATCH**



Gift from the
crime watch
to all adults
who attend
(while supplies last)



In addition to the festival:

Fairfield Farms

Horseshoe Tournament

- \$8 entrance fee to benefit our Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Awards to top participants
- Interested?
- Contact Erik at erik.warner@pb.com

Participate at your own risk

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Dear Fairfield Farms Area Neighbor,

I just wanted to give you an update on the lighting district.

As you probably already know, your neighborhood has approved a lighting district. (The lighting district required a 65% approval from the property owners and it received that and more.)

I am very pleased the districts have been approved and thankful to the volunteers who pushed the districts as I really believe the lights will provide a deterrent to crime and also increase vehicular and pedestrian safety.

I also wanted to let you know that if you are concerned about the proposed placement of a light near your home, we have significant flexibility as to the placement of individual lights. My understanding is that a light may be moved up to several feet in order to accommodate home owners. Before the lights are installed, if you have any concerns about a proposed light – please call Craig Harvey at Kent County. His number is 744-2421. Please note, once a light is installed, the cost of moving it to another location would be covered by the requesting person, not the county.

Again, thank you for the honor of being your State Senator and please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way.

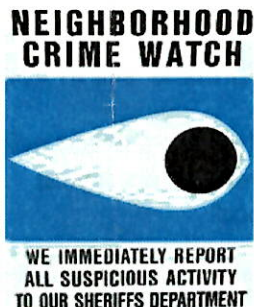
Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Colin'.

Colin Bonini
State Senator
16th District

Fairfield Farms Neighborhood Watch

Quarterly Newsletter



Spring 2010 Edition

Neighborhood Alert System- phone, text, e-mail

The Neighborhood Watch is currently creating an alert system and we need the help of every household. During a past Neighborhood Watch community meeting, a resident suggested the great idea of a phone-call chain system to notify all residents when there is a situation in Fairfield Farms. The concept is that information will be conveyed to the Block Captains who in turn would disseminate it to the residents on their block. Creating such a system has been challenging because it is not known who lives at every address and the appropriate contact information.

We would like to take the idea of phone call notification a step further to include e-mail and text notifications.

In the spirit of the 2010 US Census, the Neighborhood Watch is conducting our own census. This will help us in the creation of the phone/e-mail/text alert system. If you would like to be a part of the alert system please complete the survey questions below and submit by **April 15th**:

- Name
- Address
- e-mail
- Phone
- Does this phone number receive text messages? Yes/No
- What is your preferred method of receiving alert messages? Phone/e-mail/Text

Submit your answers by either:

- e-mail to Block Captain Erik Warner at erik.warner@pb.com
- via phone to Gail Buckler at (302) 632-8298 or (302) 697-7729

Lawn damage from snow plows this past winter?

If you received lawn damage from snow removal, call (302) 739-1111

Fairfield Farms street lights

The new lights are scheduled to be functioning by May!

Don't become a victim! Here are prevention tips

There have been some reports of garages, sheds and one home broken into in the past few months. Please keep your garage doors closed do as to not be a temptation for someone to enter. Please keep your sheds locked when not being used.

Please continue to be vigilant and don't keep things in your cars like GPS units and scanners as these are items that thieves target.

There is still siphoning of gasoline going on in the county, so please watch for any suspicious activity like this in our neighborhood.

Jury Duty Scam

If anyone calls concerning jury duty and says they are calling from the Federal Jury Judicial Court and saying they have not heard from you and that they need your phone number, Social Security Number, this is a scam! Never give out your SS number in these cases! The police reported to Roger Holloper that this is occurring around the county.

Get involved!

The Neighborhood Watch program in Fairfield Farms is still in need of volunteers to help as Watch Captains, which entails:

- calling your block neighbors if illegal activity occurs in our neighborhood
- attend Neighborhood Watch meetings several times a year
- provide input on matters in the neighborhood

If you are willing to help in some way, please call Gail Buckler at (302) 632-8298 or (302) 697-7729. Please consider helping out in some way, it's only a few hours of investment a year!

Neighborhood outreach

There was discussion at our last Neighborhood Watch meeting concerning our neighbors who may contract an illness, or be stricken with some incapacitating event, that there be a committee set up to help these folks with sending in meals, helping to get them to doctor visits, or other things that may assist them until they are well enough to get back to normal life. This could happen to any of us at any time and we should be willing to help in some small way to help in a time of need. If anyone would be willing to take on this mission to help our neighbors, please call Gail Buckler and speak to her about this.

If anyone has any suggestions, concerns, or thoughts on things in our neighborhood to make it even better, please let one of us know so we can bring these concerns up at our meetings.

Fairfield Farms Community Block Party

Save the date! Our 2010 block party is scheduled for Saturday, June 12. Details will follow as we get closer to the date. Last years block party was a lot of fun, below are some pictures from the event.



A special Thank you to Erik Warner for creating this newsletter. Great Job Erik !!!

Fairfield Farms Community Yard Sale Event



Saturday, September 19

7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

(Rain date Sunday 9/20)



This event will be heavily (and professionally) advertised in local papers, flyers and with roadside signs!



Want to participate?

Only \$10 per house to cover advertising cost

(Any extra proceeds from advertising costs will go to our Neighborhood Crime Watch Fund)



Contact Gail @ 632-8298

Turn your stash into cash!