

Building Community Partnerships

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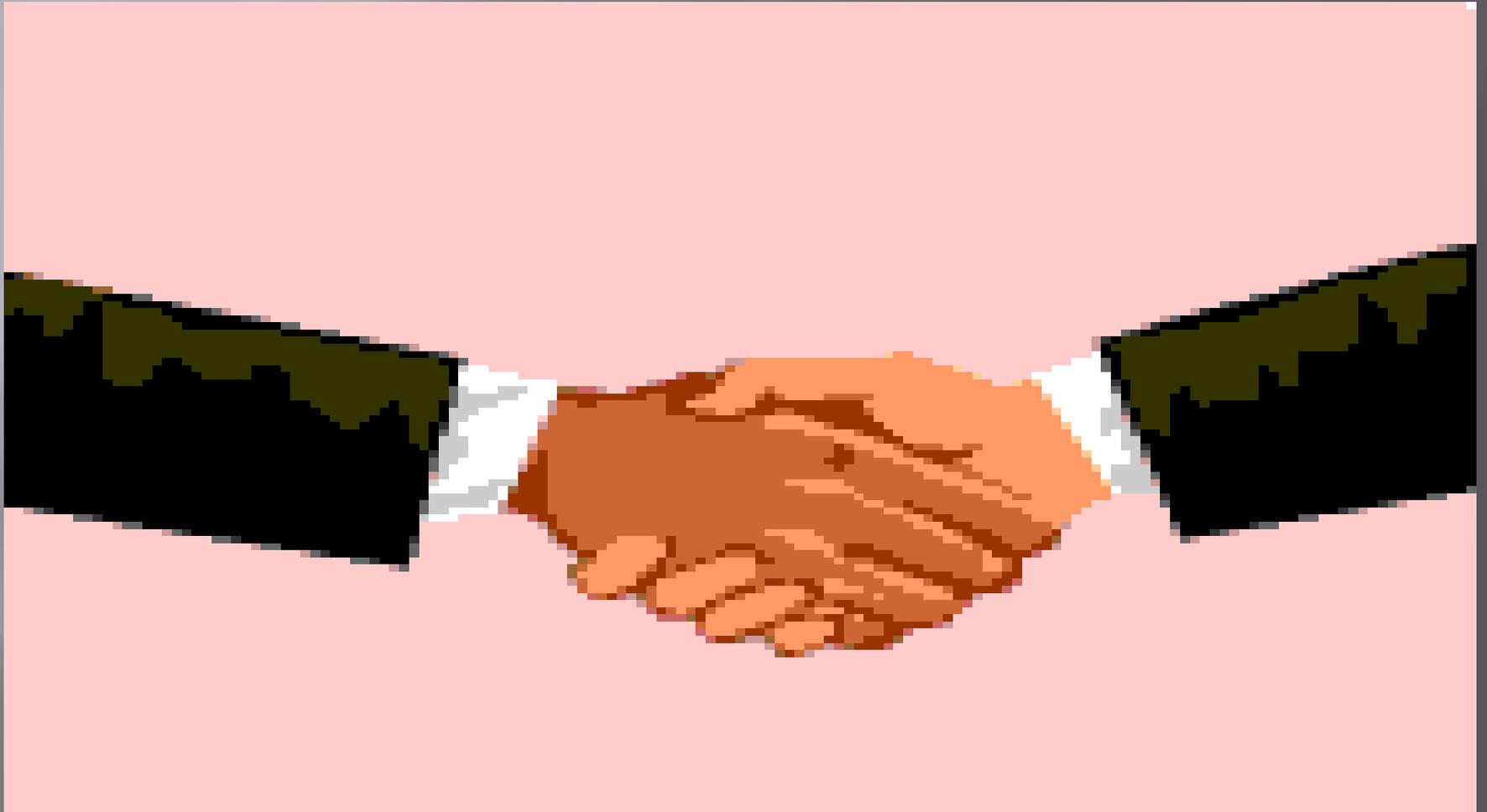
Collaboration



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

“Neighbors helping neighbors”

Introductions



Officer Preston James

- Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
- 10+ years Law Enforcement experience
- 3 years with Wichita, Kansas PD
- 7+ years with Urbana PD



Urbana Police Neighborhood Watch

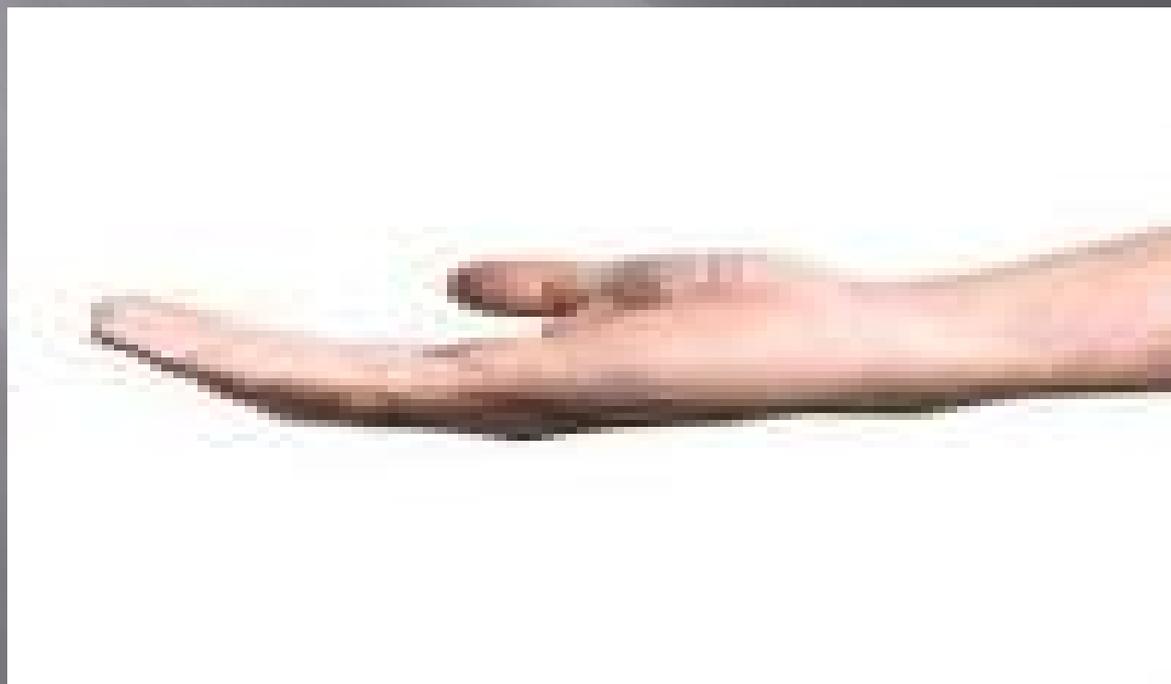


“Our nation is built on the strength of our citizens. Every day, we encounter situations calling upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement.”

Not only does neighborhood watch allow citizens to help fight crime, it is also an opportunity for communities to bond through service.



The Neighborhood Watch Program draws upon the compassion of average citizens, asking them to lend their neighbors a hand.



Officers are available to provide advice on security, such as the best methods to secure homes and automobiles, how to be alert to danger on the street, and how to respond to a variety of law enforcement situations.

The neighborhood develops
their Neighborhood Watch
program with assistance
from the Urbana Police
Department.

Each neighborhood watch is assigned an officer who actually works in that beat that neighborhood watch encompasses.

This is a vital tool to become acquainted with an officer who is readily available to work with the Neighborhood Watch.

Residents are encouraged to meet regularly to share information about neighborhood problems with each other and with the police. Police need the citizen's help to do their jobs successfully.



Thom

Nancy

Mike

Phil

Bernie

John

Sharon

Joe

Helen

Neighborhood Watches are also an excellent way to meet your neighbors, solve other problems not related to law enforcement, work with other city services and come up with plans for neighborhood improvements.

Watches can meet monthly, quarterly or bi-yearly to discuss a wide range issues involving their community.

Watches have sponsored barbeques,
neighborhood block parties and
holiday events to get their
communities more involved.







You can become a leader and help to
make your neighborhood a better
place to live.

***PHASE ONE: GETTING STARTED
- MEETING, BLOCK CAPTAINS
AND MAPS***

Form a small planning committee of neighbors to discuss needs, the level of interest, possible challenges, and the Watch concept.

Contact the Urbana Police
Department to discuss
Neighborhood Watch and local
crime problems.

Website – urbanaininois.us
Facebook – Urbana Police
Department

Invite a law enforcement officer to attend your meeting.

Publicize your meeting at least one week in advance with door-to-door fliers, emails and follow up with phone calls the day before.

Select a meeting place
that is accessible to
people with disabilities.

Hold an initial meeting to gauge neighbors' interest; establish purpose of program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed.



Stress that a Watch group is an association of neighbors who look out for each other's families and property, alert the police to any suspicious activities or crime in progress, and work together to make their community a safer and better place to live.



PHASE TWO: ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IDEA

Ask for block captain volunteers who are responsible for relaying information to members on their block, keeping up-to-date information on residents, and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people.

Block captains also can serve as liaisons between the neighborhood and the police and communicate information about meetings and crime incidents to all residents.



Establish a means of communicating with Watch members (i.e. newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, telephone tree, e-mail, fax, etc.)

www.i-neighbors.org

Prepare a neighborhood map showing names, addresses, and phone numbers of participating households and distribute to members.

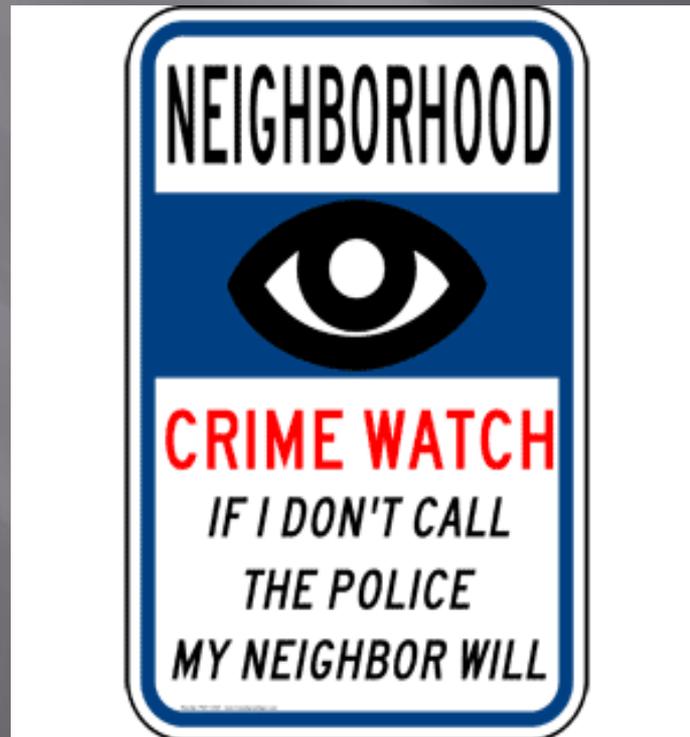


Block captains keep this map up to date, contacting newcomers to the neighborhood and rechecking occasionally with ongoing participants.



With guidance from the Urbana Police Department, the Watch trains its members in home security techniques, observation skills, and crime reporting. Residents also learn about the types of crime that affect the area.

- If you are ready to post Neighborhood Watch signs, contact your Urbana Police Department representative to help.



- Organizers and block captains must emphasize that Watch groups are not vigilantes and do not assume the role of the police. They only ask neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring - and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police.





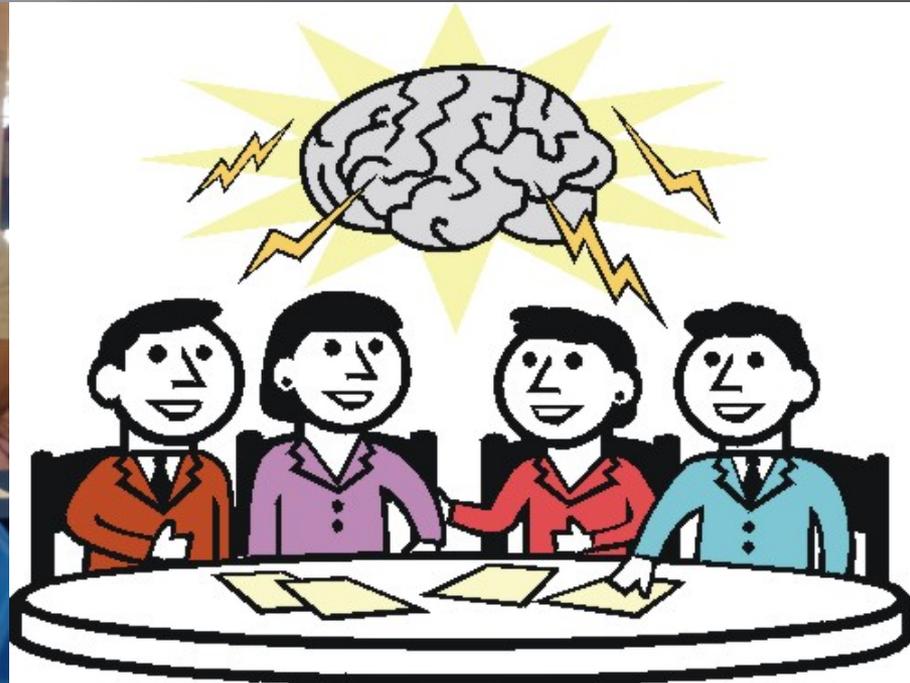
I DUNNO.
A BRANDON
SOMEBODY. NEVER
SAID HIS LAST
NAME.

LEMME
GO, PLEASE.
I DIDN'T DO
NOTHING.

NOT
THIS
WEEK.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Hold regular meetings, so residents can get to know each other and can collectively decide the program strategies and activities.



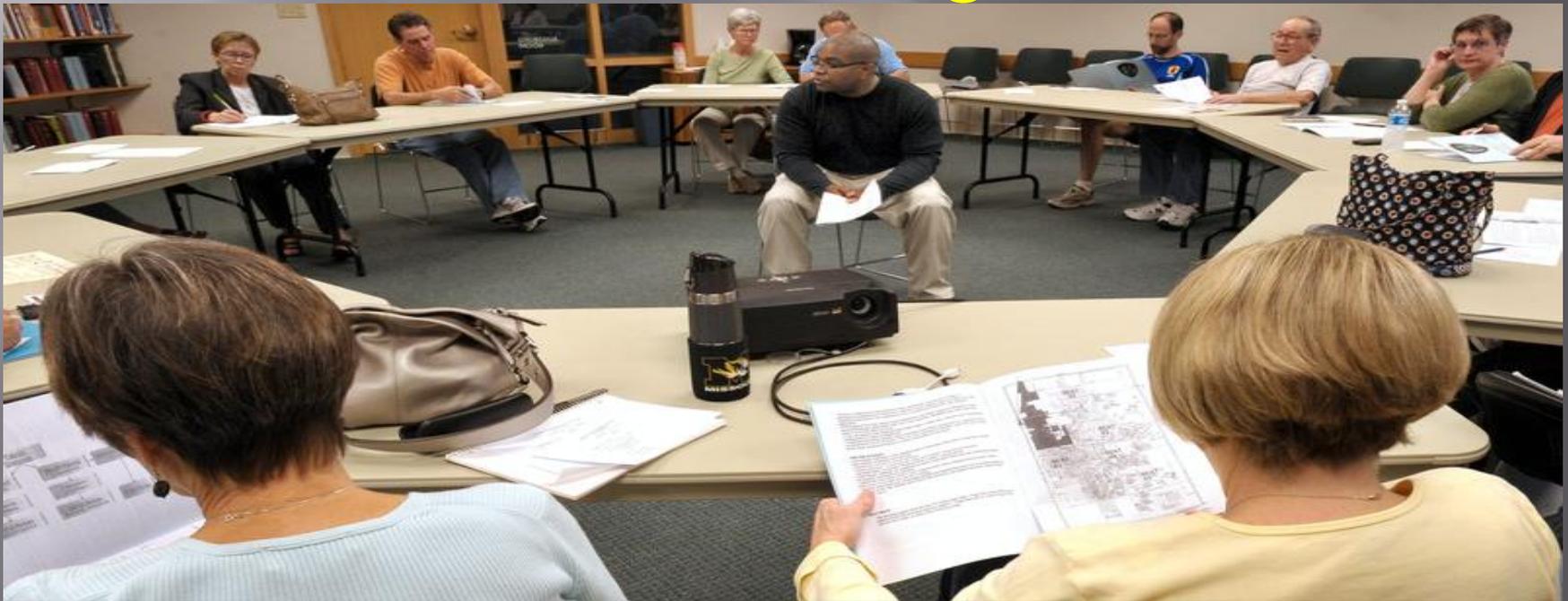
- Canvas door-to-door to recruit members.



- Involve everyone - young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner.
- Get information out quickly. Share all kinds of news - quash rumors.



Gather the facts about crime in your neighborhood, have a Neighborhood Watch Officer share local crime stats with you at a meeting.



Sponsor area clean-ups, encourage residents to beautify the area.





Turn on outdoor lights at night, cut down high hedges which block their windows.



Always
lock their
vehicle
doors
and front
doors.



UPD **15** Neighborhood Watch Groups

Active Neighborhood Watch Groups

Fairway Estates Homeowners Association (BT 64)

Ourtown Group (BT 65)

Savannah Green Group (BT 64)

The Ridge at Stone Creek Group (BT 65)

Cureton Drive Group (BT 65)

Meadowbrook Park Association (BT 63)

Harmon/Cottage Grove/Lynn St Group (BT 65)

Vawter street N. Watch (BT 65)

McHenry street N. Watch (BT 65)

Larch Place N. Watch (BT 65)

Vawter/Condo Neighborhood (BT 65)

North Romine N. Watch (BT 61)

Rainbow View N. Watch (BT 64)

AMVets II Urbana Neighborhood Association (BT 64)

Linview Lookers N. Watch (BT 61)

QUESTIONS???