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Dear Forest Park Resident:

A neighborhood watch is in the process of being established for our community. It has been proven that observant neighbors have successfully foiled crimes. We are joining the Derby Park Community Watch meetings to strengthen both communities in safety and protection.

Crime is increasing and this is a formidable way to deter its progress. Community Watch Programs work with the police department to keep our neighborhoods safe. The police depend on our ears and eyes to inform them of suspicious happenings.

Forest Park's Community Watch Program needs individuals who are willing to participate in observing and reporting suspicious activities in and near their home. Ideally, we need one person per block. If you are interested, please contact Fredda Tyndall at 637-4815 who has agreed to spearhead this committee or Jeanne Crockett at 635-2655.

A community watch program is strengthened by neighbors who contact the police and provide feedback to the community watch leader. Meetings are held once every six weeks on a Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. at West New Bern Parks and Recreation Department. In attendance may be police, alderman, special guests and concerned citizens.

Join us in our efforts to keep Forest Park a crime-free community. We are our own best advocates for the future. Together we can make our neighborhood one of the most desirable places in New Bern to live.

Best Regards,

Fredda Tyndall

Jeanne Crockett

Forest Park Community Watch Safety Tips

Make Your Home Always Look Occupied:

Leave some lights and a radio or TV on when you're not home.

Always Keep Your Outside Doors Locked:

Never leave your house open, if you are home or when you are not there.

Use Deadbolt Locks:

A deadbolt lock is a good deterrent to burglars.

Do Not Hide Your Key Outside:

Burglars know all the secret hiding places.

Drill and Pin Your Windows:

Window locks can be jimmied open; pins cannot.

Brace Sliding Glass Doors:

Lock sliding doors, and place a wooden or metal bar in the track of the doors.

Have Good Exterior Lighting:

Motion sensor lights and other good lights don't let a burglar hide in the dark.

Keep Bushes and Shrubbery Trimmed:

If your bushes are too high, someone hiding near your windows or doors can't be seen.

Stop Mail and Paper Deliveries:

If you're out of town for a week or two.....stop deliveries or have one of your neighbors collect your mail and papers.

Get a Dog:

Yes, even a small dog may be a deterrent to a burglar.

Install An Alarm System:

Homes with alarms are avoided by burglars.

Watch For Suspicious Behavior:

1. Vehicles moving slowly with no apparent destination, or without lights.
2. Strangers looking into house windows or windows of parked cars.
3. Strangers walking through community, including common areas, checking to see who is home.
4. Sounds of breaking glass or other loud noises.
5. If you are aware that your neighbors are out of town, be aware of any unusual activity around their home.

General Safety Suggestions:

1. Be aware of your surroundings. Many crimes occur right under the nose of people who just did not notice anything suspicious.
2. Safety and security are everyone's responsibility. **You** can reduce the possibility of becoming a victim of a crime by being alert to your environment.
3. Our safety and security ultimately depend on **US**. **WE** must take responsibility for our own safety.
4. Report all crime and any suspicious activity to the New Bern Police Dept.

911 For Emergencies

633-2020 For Non-Emergencies

How To Report An Incident to the Police:

1. Briefly describe the event: what happened, when, where, and who was involved.
2. Give characteristics of the suspect including: sex, age, height, race, weight, hair color, clothing, and distinctive characteristics such as: facial hair, scars, tattoos, or accent. (You may not know all of these, but give all that you can).
3. Describe the vehicle, if there was one involved: color, make, model, year, license plate number, and any other features such as stickers, dents, or decals.
4. If you choose, you can give your name and address.

