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**NON-EMERGENCY  
POLICE PHONE  
303.430.2400 x.4360**

**EMERGENCY  
911**

*Without a sense of caring,  
there can be no sense of  
community*

*--(Anthony D'Angelo)*



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### Monthly Update!

We have been a busy neighborhood in the past few weeks. I have had several reports of graffiti, auto theft and loud music. I assure you that this information is passed along to the police department. Keep up the good work by watching our neighborhood. Once we are known as a neighborhood that cares, the crime should slow down to a minimum. A no-nonsense approach should serve us the best.

Street leaders are currently being assigned. If you are interested in becoming street leaders please call Laura Key @ 720.939.1401. Leaders will be responsible for 10-12 homes each. They will hand out monthly newsletters, keep track of neighborhood activity and be the main contact should anything occur within their cluster. Being a street leader does not take much time, but it is an important job and dedication is needed for the position.

### Warm Weather Frenzy

As we approach summer, we face a time when crime hits an all time high. There are a few things you can do to help prevent theft and vandalism.

Be a nosey neighbor. Check out your surroundings. Know the cars that frequent your street and report any suspicious vehicles.

### Who do you call?

You have heard the stories of people calling 911 when it is not an emergency. Like the lady who called 911 when Burger King did not make her hamburger right.

There is a time to call 911 and a time not to call 911, but when is the right time? General rule of thumb, if the crime is in progress at the time call 911. If the crime is something that can't be caught in the act or is non-threatening, please call the non-emergency line. The numbers are listed in this newsletter. Please post them accordingly.

### Sex Offender's List

You may obtain a current sex offenders list from the Westminster City Police Department. The cost is \$5.00 and lists current offenders with addresses. Please be aware that the list changes daily and information that you obtain cannot be copied or distributed. Obtaining this list is just another way to know what's going on in the community. At the time of this printing, there were no offenders listed in our neighborhood.

### Graffiti...

Graffiti has become an increasing problem in our neighborhood. Private fences and property have been tagged and it is very unpleasant to find out that the owner is responsible for the clean up.

The city is getting aggressive with this problem. The first step was to pass a city ordinance which defined graffiti and set a time limit for clean up. The second step will be to set up a department dealing with this issue. Janice Kraft has been assigned to develop the Graffiti committee in Westminster. .

While this new department is being created, you may report any problems to Janice Kraft at 303.430.2400 ext. 4431. As your neighborhood coordinator, I have been added to the list for updates on this new area of crime fighting.

FYI: There is only one person who is assigned to clean up graffiti at this time; he also drives a city snowplow!

## Neighborhood Homes

### For Sale

**7980 Hooker Street**  
(\$205,700)

**7860 Hooker Street**  
(\$194,900)

**7840 Irving Street**  
(\$150,500)

**7920 Irving Street**  
(\$214,900)

**7931 Julian Street**  
(\$179,900)

*\*prices subject to change since this printing.*

**Please call Laura Key to schedule an appointment to view any of these homes.**

## National Night Out

The Neighborhood Watch program requires us to have two meetings per year and one of those is National Night Out. On Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 we will have a neighborhood event. BBQ, games, visits from City Council and music are being planned. But we need your support. I need a committee of 12-15 people to help me with this event. We don't have much time to plan. Let's show other neighborhoods just how serious we are!

## P.U. University

For a few years now some of our neighbors have had problems

with a family of skunks who have chosen to live in the area with us. I have called several departments on this matter and there isn't anything we can do. Westminster Animal Control does not handle the situation and the Department of Wildlife only gives tips as to how to reduce the odor. If anyone has other information that would help rid us of this problem, please feel free to call Laura Key @ 720.939.1401

## Neighborhood Issues

- Pick up any trash, bottles and newspapers around your property
- Do not keep used appliances or tires in the front yard.
- If you walk pets in the neighborhood, please make sure you clean up after them. **Also, please keep them away from other pets.** Safety for our neighbors and their pets is extremely important.

## Community Notes

- Welcome to Chris who is our new mail carrier. Janet has taken another assignment.
- Call before you dig in your yard. It's the law! Before you plan your garden or plant flowers, please call 811. 811 is a new service number for the state of Colorado!
- When you drive through the neighborhood, please watch your speed and music levels.

## Crime Prevention Tips

- Keep your bike and sports equipment inside the house when they are not in use
- Make sure you have sturdy metal or solid wood doors at all entries into your home and that sliding glass and similar doors are properly secured.

- Trim shrubbery around your windows and doors so crooks don't have a place to hide.

## What Do You Do?

Everyone knows that in addition to being Appleblossom's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator that I am a Realtor, but do you own a business that you would like our neighbors to know about? I would love to list your name and business on our Neighborhood Watch Website. Please email or call me for details.

## Neighborhood Website

To view the website go to...  
**WWW.LKEYREALTOR.COM**

Click the "Neighborhood Watch" link listed on the left. There you will find more detailed crime reports and a copy of our newsletters.

## March 2007 Crime Reports

**Appleblossom Ln = 0 incidents**

**Green Ct = 4 incidents**  
*(traffic stop, seizure, domestic)*

**Grove St = 3 incidents**  
*(traffic stop, suspicious other)*

**King St = 0 incidents**

**Hooker St = 0 incidents**

**Knox Ct = 1 incident**  
*(vehicle theft)*

**Irving St = 0 incidents**

**Julian St = 0 incidents**

**79<sup>th</sup> Ave = 0 incidents**

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**Do you have info to share with the neighborhood? Give me a call and we will include it in the newsletter!**

***Oh by the way...If you or any of your friends or relatives are thinking about buying or selling a home, I'd love to be of service! Just give me a call with their name and number. Customer service is my #1 priority!***