

# Appleblossom

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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### Survey Update

Thank you to all who returned their surveys! When I was walking the neighborhood I was overwhelmed with how friendly and open our neighbors are. It makes me want to protect our neighborhood even more.

During my walks I also found out about crime that I was not aware of before I decided to start this program. Cars stolen, homes invaded, speeding down every street, etc. Needless to say, this program is needed.

With that said, I received only **33** surveys back. I know when I was speaking with our neighbors there was more verbal promises to participate

Our next step, get **80%** of the neighborhood to participate! We have a total of **277** homes in Appleblossom, which means we need a total of **221** homes involved in this program. Please help me, get out-speak to your neighbors-get them excited like we are about this program. It doesn't take much to get this program rolling. We are only required to meet twice a year!

My other alternative solution is to take it street by street. If we get 80% on each street the program can be implemented one street at a time. Although I would like to see the

whole neighborhood participate, maybe the street by street approach will catch on and bring more into our folds. I will be contacting those individuals who said they are interested in being on the committee to see what we can do as a team to get this job done!

I have walked our neighborhood twice in the past two weeks. To walk this area takes about 6 ½ hours. It gave me a better appreciation for our mail carrier! Now that I have more people who are willing to help we can do it in a timely and effective manner! I am excited about this whole project and I hope you are too!

Wave at me when you see me walking Chewbacca and Fizgig. I'll be happy to stop and talk to everyone!

### What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is simply a program of neighbors watching other neighbors' property. It is thousands of eyes and ears whose owners have organized together in groups to report suspicious activities or crimes to the Sheriff.

Citizen participation is one of the most effective tools against crime because the job of stopping burglary, robbery or sexual assault is impossible for

the Sheriff to accomplish alone. Crime watchers are networks of neighbors trained by Crime Prevention deputies in home and self-protection, suspect identification and how to serve effectively as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement agencies in their communities.

Neighborhood Watch groups provide a way for neighbors to help one another by keeping an eye on each other's homes and property. A telephone chain is set up to enable neighbors to keep one another informed of any criminal activity and to receive information from the Sheriff concerning descriptions of suspected criminals and other pertinent information.

## Items of concern

Here is the list of items that our community is concerned about.

Barking dogs, theft and break-in's, child safety, children playing in the streets, code violations, crime in general, drugs, fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, gang activity, graffiti, a need for more police activity, neighborhood littering, neighbors living conditions, noise pollution, parking, renters, roaming pets, speeding/traffic, vandalism, wild life, and a need for more street lights.

## Crime Report

I thought I would share with you the last six months worth of crime that has occurred in our community. For those who thought crime was not an issue, this should be an eye opener. This report is from **April 2006** through mid **October 2006**.

**Apple Blossom Lane = 40 incidents.** (disturbance, hit & run, traffic accidents, auto theft, domestic issues, suspicious vehicles, criminal mischief, duress alarm, structure fire, burglary, reckless endangerment, prowlers, and juvenile complaints.

**King Street = 2 incidents** (suspicious party and threats)

**Hooker Street = 27 incidents** (criminal mischief, injured party, reckless driver, warrant arrest, threats, restraining order violation, criminal trespass, phone harassment, theft, auto theft, traffic accident and burglary

**Knox Court = 13 incidents** (theft, domestic issue, injured party, felony menacing, noise disturbance, criminal trespass and fraud.

**Irving Street = 18 incidents** (criminal mischief, fraud, warrant arrest, domestic issues, disturbances, and traffic stops

**79<sup>th</sup> Avenue = 12 incidents** (theft, suspicious vehicle, noise disturbance, barking dog complaints, fire hazards and smoke investigation

**TOTAL CRIME  
REPORTS  
141**

## How can I reach you?

Most of our returned surveys had email addresses, however for those of you who do not have email I will be mailing,

calling and knocking on doors to keep you updated.

If you have received this newsletter by mail or it was posted on your door and you provided an email address, it means the email was returned to me as undeliverable. So just zip me an email and I will add you to the email list. My info is listed at the end of this newsletter

## A Call for Spanish Speakers!

We have several Spanish speaking only households in our neighborhood. I would like everyone to participate in this program. SO...I need someone who can translate for us! Please call me for more details! It's important that every voice be heard!

## Last Notes:

I know we can do this. Won't you help me keep our neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place to live! You will be hearing from me soon! Please call me with any questions or concerns. I am open to suggestions. If we all work together we can accomplish great things!

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*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!*