**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**BLOCK ALERT**

**The following activity has occurred on our block:**

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**If you see a crime in progress, call 911**

**If you see suspicious activity, call 311**

If you have info or tips that can assist us in

dealing with these issues, send them and your

street address to [mnaboard@milwoodna.com](mailto:neighborhoodconcerns@gracywoods.org?subject=Neighborhood%20Concerns)

**WARNING!**



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**PROGRAM IN FORCE**

**WE IMMEDIATELY REPORT**

**ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS**

**AND ACTIVITIES TO OUR**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

This block is a Neighborhood Watch block. That means neighbors look out for neighbors.

**Neighborhood Watch is** a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with local police to prevent and reduce crime in a neighborhood.

* **Neighborhood Watch is** residents not only knowing each other, but taking the time to care about each other and keep an eye out for each other.
* **Neighborhood Watch is** about crime prevention education and the implementation of important home and personal security strategies.

Community involvement is essential to combat crime. By cooperating with each other and the police, we can take a stand. We need you to be our eyes and ears!

**Remember - Safety First!**

**Neighborhood Safety Tips**

**Stay “ALERT” and “Do the Five”**

**Be A.L.E.R.T. –**

**ALERT – I know who my neighbors and their kids are and I know which cars belong on my street.**

**LIGHTS – My house is well-lit at night. I have installed motion detectors or dusk-to-dawn lights in areas where people may walk.**

**EMERGENCY – I am ready for a crisis and keep neighbors’ phone numbers handy, just in case. I know neighbors’ children would come to my house for help. I could tell firefighters how many pets and people in my neighbor's house if there was a fire on my street.**

**RESPONSIBLE – I call 311 and 911 when I see a potential issue or crime. I ask for an incident number and report it to the Neighborhood Assoc so it can be tracked and the community can be made aware of it.**

**TIDY – I keep my home, yard, and street neat. I trim my bushes and trees so windows and doors can be seen. I keep my driveway and porch free of clutter. I pick up trash on my street, handle graffiti, and pitch in to help other neighbors who need a hand. I want criminals to see that my home and street are cared for and their activities will not be tolerated.**

**Do the “Five” --**

**By keeping an eye out for your neighbors on either side of your house & the three houses across the street:**

* **Pick up newspapers, trash, and flyers**
* **Mow grass, remove dead brush, keep things tidy**
* **Offer to park your car in a neighbor’s driveway if they are on vacation**
* **Be creative and send criminals a clear message: I live here and I care about my neighborhood.**

### Watch For…

* **Suspicious persons or activities.**
* **Vehicles passing by numerous times, suspiciously parked, or appear to be aimlessly cruising.**
* **Strangers in your neighborhood, especially if they are loitering with cell phones or backpacks.**
* **Teenagers who are hanging out in the neighborhood while school is in session.**
* **People with flyers or handouts. They may be casing the neighborhood, looking for easy targets**
* **The person “taking a short-cut” through a yard**
* **Strange vehicles parked at your neighbor’s house**

**If you see something suspicious don’t assume someone else has called the police. It is your neighborhood – Take *Action* and do something about it. Note the description of the suspicious person and/or vehicle and call the police immediately at 911 if it is in progress or call 311 if it is no longer happening.**

**If you see an actual crime in progress, immediately call 911 and report this incident to the police.**

**And always contact your neighborhood association and let them know, so they can pass along the info.**

**Remember criminals want:**

**easy targets, easy access, lack of enforcement, lack of concerned citizens**