

Redford Township Police

Neighborhood Watch: Communications

April 2013

Hello Neighbors!

Could it be that Spring is finally here? I know that I, personally, am done with the cold! Now is a great time to take the dog for a walk and chat with your neighbors as everyone rises from hibernation. It's also the time to get out and spruce up your home and yard. A few colorful flowers make all homes appear bright and inviting.

I would like to pass on a couple of Watch success stories. Our first resident looked out her window one evening, and observed a pick up truck drive slowly down her street and park a few doors down. The resident didn't recognize this truck, so she kept an eye on it. Two males got out of the truck and went into the back yard of a vacant house. The neighbor immediately called police to report the activity, and most importantly, remained on the phone with dispatchers. This neighbor was able to tell the dispatcher that the 2 suspects left the yard and turned the corner to walk down the street. Responding officers stopped the suspects down the street. After the investigation, burglary tools were found in the yard of the vacant house and an extremely large amount of cut copper was located in the bed of the suspect's pick up truck! The suspects later admitted to several burglaries. Another neighbor woke up to loud noises outside his window late one night. The neighbor called police and directed officers to the vacant house nearby. Officers heard banging noises inside the house. Before officers could enter the house, the suspect walked out the side door, holding burglary tools. The ensuing investigation led to evidence that the suspect was cutting copper in the vacant house and his vehicle held stolen property from another home close by. Fantastic job by both of our Watchful neighbors! Keep up the great work!

As you may have read, we had a homicide in Redford this past weekend. The victim is a resident from the area of Joy Road and Dale St, and has connections to the east side of Detroit. The Detective Bureau is asking neighbors to call with any information regarding this crime. The shooting occurred on Friday, April 19th at approximately 11:30pm, and detectives are interested in any suspicious activity or vehicles that may have been seen that night. Please contact Redford Police at 313-387-2551 with any information.

The Redford Police Department is participating in the national Drug Take Back program this Saturday, April 28th. Bring any prescription pills to the police department between 10am – 2pm, to safely discard old medications. Due to safety issues, we will only be accepting pills, no sharps or liquids. Safely disposing of medications may help prevent a possible overdose!

Redford Township and the DIA are joining forces to bring replica works of art to our community with the DIA Inside/Out project! There are 6 replica paintings throughout Redford that are available for viewing through June 22nd. The Neighborhood Watch is sponsoring an event to showcase one of these beautiful paintings. A Night at the Marquee is being held on May 15th at 7:00pm at the Redford Marquee, located next to the police station. Local students will be providing music as residents come to see the "Annunciatory Angel" by Fra Angelico. Neighborhood Watch T-Shirts will be available for purchase as well. Grab your neighbor and come enjoy the evening! The Watch will also be walking in the Redford Township Memorial Day parade on June 2nd. Please contact me by email if you are interested in walking with us and letting everyone know that we are Watching Out for each other!

I would also like to extend my congratulations and thanks to the Residents for Police and Fire group who were awarded the Fire Chief's Award last week at the Police and Fire Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Redford Chamber of Commerce. This energetic and enthusiastic group worked tirelessly to educate the residents on the Special Assessment District to support public safety in Redford Township. Accepting the award for the group was Dinah Oude-Reimerink, Stacy Purkiss, and Kim Taylor. Thank you for all of your hard work!

I hope to see you all at the Parade and A Night at the Marquee! Until then, enjoy the sunshine and Watch Out for each other!

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