

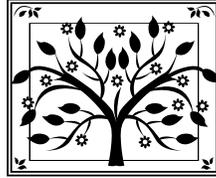


Fleetwood Focus

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



As many of our residents are now unfortunately aware, there has been an increase in vehicle break-ins and vandalism in our area. January saw a serious rash of incidents throughout Fleetwood. As a result, many residents have expressed interest in our setting up a Neighborhood Watch Program. (Those of you on our community email list received information on this in mid-March.)

In order for a Watch Program to be instituted, and be successful, we need serious involvement from everyone. A half dozen or so residents scattered throughout our development just isn't going to work. It needs to be more in the area of ten or so people for *each street*.

Involvement does not mean walking the streets at night in groups like vigilantes, looking for problems. Rather, its purpose is to create a structure in which information can flow between the residents of the neighborhood and the police department. The Program allows the police department to train residents on how to be proactive in preventing crime, what to look for, and how to report suspected criminal activity. It encourages neighbors to get to know each other, and be able to watch out for each other.

You may remember that there was discussion of a Watch Program a couple of years ago. It fell flat because virtually no one actually wanted to be involved - apparently, it was easier to talk about it rather than really do it. We are hoping that the recent rash of car break-ins will impress upon everyone that talking just isn't enough.

New Board member Jennifer Castro has graciously agreed to spearhead getting a Watch program instituted here in Fleetwood. There will be a meeting on April 25th at 7PM at the Hermitage Police Precinct where Sgt. White will speak to all those attending about setting up the program. *Everyone* in Fleetwood has a stake in this and should seriously consider coming to the meeting and getting involved!

Please email Jennifer at jcastro103@yahoo.com if you have any questions prior to the meeting.



YARD OF THE MONTH



It's Spring and our 2013 Yard of the Month competition will begin in May. Once again, the YOM committee will be cruising the development, looking for one home each month (from April through October) to name the Fleetwood Yard of the Month. Winners will have a picture of their home posted on our website (FleetwoodHOA.com) and get to have our coveted YOM sign posted in their front yard for that month.

And we will once again have our December Yard of the Month award for holiday decorations.

SPRING YARD SALE

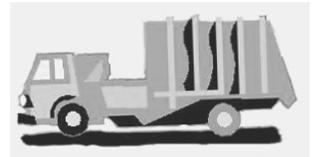
Just in time for spring cleaning is our annual Spring Fleetwood Yard Sale. This year, the sale will be held on Saturday, April 27st, beginning at 8AM. Rain date is the following Saturday, May 4th. Ads will be placed in several local publications.

It's the perfect opportunity to make room in your garage or attic by recycling items you no longer want or use - and make a couple of extra dollars in the process!



BRUSH AND LEAF COLLECTIONS

Metro Nashville Public Works will begin brush and leaf collections in our area on May 14th. Hopefully, this will give you enough time to get most of your spring yard clean up work done. Metro reminds us that to ensure that your brush will be collected, you should have limbs and all other yard waste out and ready for pick-up on the specified beginning dates. Place only limbs, branches and true yard waste by the curb for brush crews. (Note that the pick-up for our area begins on May 14th; it can take several days before they actually get to Fleetwood.)

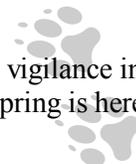


Metro will not pick up your brush if lumber, household trash or other types of debris are found in your brush pile. *Brush piles should not be placed close to mailboxes, utility poles, fences, trees or other stationary objects.* The mechanical arm of the knuckle boom truck needs enough room to lift the brush pile up and into the trailer pulled behind the truck. Only the driver travels with each truck; no other crew members are there to move piles or separate items that don't belong in a brush pile.

Place leaves in biodegradable paper bags only. *Plastic bags will not be picked up!* Paper biodegradable bags can be purchased at most hardware stores, Wal-Mart's, Target, Home Depot, etc. Public Works also has a supply of these bags available for purchase at the Omohundro Convenience Center: 5 bags for \$3.00 and 10 bags for \$6.00.

PET TRACKS

On behalf of all of Fleetwood, we want to thank our dog-walking neighbors for their increased vigilance in picking up after their pets. Our common areas are much "safer" for all to walk through and play in. Now that spring is here and we all are getting out more, please be sure to keep up the good work and pick up after Fido!



SMART 911 PROGRAM

There is a program available that you may want to take advantage of - SMART 911. This is a free service that allows citizens across the U.S. to create a Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 to have in the event of an emergency. To participate, go to the website www.Smart911.com and create a profile. You can enter the number of children/adults/pets living in the home, special issues (elderly, handicapped, those on oxygen, etc.), emergency contact numbers....any number of things that can enable emergency responders to more quickly assess a situation on site and act accordingly. This could be vital in a household with small children or disabled residents unable to make their needs known.

All residents are urged to at least visit and review the website and its service. And let your friends and family know about it, too. It could save someone's life.

NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT & COMMUNITY E-MAIL LIST

As previously mentioned, there was a series of vehicle break-ins around Fleetwood earlier this year. It now seems they have sporadically continued. PLEASE....for your own security.....**LOCK YOUR VEHICLES** when they are parked outside your home! And, do NOT leave valuables in sight - preferably, don't leave valuables in your vehicle at all. This is an unfortunate turn of events, but don't make your property an easy target.

If you did not receive recent emails regarding the car break-ins and Neighborhood Watch, it is because we do not have your email on our list. Please email Vickilynne (beeper7@hotmail.com) so you can be added to our neighborhood list. Of course, participation is strictly voluntary, but you may find it very helpful to keep abreast of current neighborhood events/conditions - like the construction development taking place behind Parkwood Court.

This list is only for our use, and only used to alert/advise Fleetwood to situations that concern our residents. In addition to safety alerts, it is used to get information to you from the Donelson-Hermitage Neighborhood Association regarding issues that affect Fleetwood. It has also been helpful in more mundane circumstances, like locating lost items (keys, pets, etc.).

And rest assured, we will not bombard you with spam; generally there are only one or two mailings a month, unless something really critical is happening that warrants increased communications.



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Should you need to email a Board member, please be sure to put "FLEETWOOD" in the subject line so even if we don't recognize the sender, we will know that the email isn't spam and just delete it. And unless the email is of a personal nature, it's also a good idea to copy at least one other Board member and/or the management company, just in case your main email gets lost in cyberspace instead of getting to the intended recipient.
