



## Pleasant Ridge & Ramsgate Community Watch Meeting

November 17, 2008

Meeting began at 7:07 p.m.

The following items were discussed:

1. Tabitha welcomed all new neighbors and community watch visitors
  - She went over the police report with an emphasis on the 3 residential break-ins (where and how the break-ins occurred.)
  - From May 1-Nov. 12, there were 64 parking violations in the Trailwood / Lineberry / Lake Wheeler area. Most of these our at the Trailwood / Lineberry intersection.
2. Officer Upchurch spoke about this being the time of year for people to scope you out in parking lots or scope out your homes for possible robbery attempts.
  - If you feel uncomfortable about someone or a situation, please call the police
  - Stay off your cell phone / don't get caught-up in a conversation, it distracts you from checking out your surroundings
  - If your cell phone is stolen, DO NOT call and cancel it immediately; many times, thieves will use the phones and it can be a way to trace the phone
  - Burn exterior lights outside your home or make your home look well lit (or at least like someone is there)
  - Park in a well lit area
  - During the holidays, take out some of your credit cards (from your waller/purses); don't carry all of your cards with you
  - Don't carry a lot of cash around
  - If robbed, give up your property, then call 911; car tag numbers and descriptions are very helpful
  - Make eye contact with people to deter robbers
  - If you or a child walk in on a home break-in, go to a neighbors house and call 911; do not conduct your own search at home, call the police because robbers could still be there (and they will do a proper sweep of your home)
  - Contact Officer Upchurch if you want a security evaluation of your home
3. Financial report:
  - Food Lion MVP program contributions: \$76.62
  - Yearly donation amount is \$184.00
  - The current account balance is \$383.78
  - See Jason or Tabitha for more information on website sponsors
4. 2008 in Review
  - We met in February, May, August (National Night Out), and November
  - Neighborhood exchange in September had no participants
  - NBC-17 Shred-it event had 4 participants / volutneers
  - No Street sweep in 2008; moved to April in 2009



- Yard Sale was in June (on a really hot day) and will be moved to May in 2009
- Halloween 2008 had a lot of decorated houses especially the Pooles on Balboa, several on Lawrence - Ken & Nancy had over 300 with visitors.
- December 7, 2008 Christmas Lighting Ceremony (warm drinks and cookie will be served)
- E-mail list has grown to over 100 emails
- Still need Block Captains for Shenandoah, Mariner, Cavalier, Joanne 3300 block, Scattered Oaks, Anne Carol Court

5. Neighborhood Park @ corner of Sierra and Lineberry

- David Martin is still negotiating with the City of Raleigh for the right price
- Pro bono work offered for the land design
- Would like to make the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly with cross walks
- New houses are going up on Trailwood (near the daycare center and Avent Ferry)

6. Hot Topic

- Tabitha read the list of Burglary Prevention Tips

Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m. with the sound of us munchin' on COOKIES and Sippin' Cider!

NEXT MEETING IS IN FEB. 2009