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Columbia Neighborhood Watch

September , 2016



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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Columbia Neighborhood Watch will be held on September 27, 2016 at 7 pm at the Boone Electric Community Room, 1413 Rangeline St. There will be two guest speakers. Assistant Chief John Gordon from the Columbia Police Department and Bill Cantin, Neighborhood Communications Coordinator, with the City's Neighborhood Services Department. Bill will give an update on what is happening in his department and the Neighborhoods of Columbia.

Our President will start the meeting with our accomplishments for the past year in his State of the Watch presentation to the members in attendance. We will then vote to confirm the new Board members. The guest speakers will be next. At the end of the meet-

ing we will have the **drawing for door prizes**. The meeting should last approximately 1 1/2 hours. Note: There might be a surprise guest who is unconfirmed at this time.

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Columbia's National Night Out

The National Night Out event was held with the cooperation of the Columbia Police Department, Neighborhood Services Department and ,of course, Neighborhood Watch. Citizens held 17 individual events around Columbia. Comments from groups that usually participated said that the

weather was too warm. We acknowledge this, but this is when the National event is set. They were visited by members of the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and members of the Neighborhood Watch Board.

We thank all those that helped and participated.



Highlights from Officer Bishop

Due to additional duties being assigned to Officer Bishop the task of the Newsletter has fallen to the Members of the Board. The Board thanks her for doing the Newsletters for a little over a year now. Officer Bishop will continue to have input to the Newsletters.

Assault On The MKT Trail, Near The Forum Boulevard Entrance

Columbia Police Officers responded to an assault on the MKT trail, near the Forum Boulevard entrance on 08/11/16. The Columbia Police Department is still looking for the suspect in this case who was described as a white male between 30-40 years of age, with an average build, dark eyebrows and dark hair that was approximately three inches in length. He was described as being approximately 6'00"-6'02" tall and having a long, pointed nose. Please contact the Columbia Police Department immediately, by either dialing 911 or calling (573)442-6131, if you see any suspicious activity on the trail. .

Running and Walking tips



Crime Tips

Safety Tips For Walking Or Running Outdoors

Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

Carry identification and emergency contact information.

Consider carefully if music is a good choice. Music is great and definitely makes the time go by faster, but you need to be able to hear if someone is approaching you.

Don't be a predictable target. Decide that day what route you are going to take.

Bring your phone. You never know when you will need it for an emergency for yourself or someone else.

Run with friends or dogs when possible.

Last but not least, listen to your **INTUITION**. If your gut tells you something is wrong, listen!

Crime Stoppers provides a means of communication for members of the public to anonymously provide law enforcement agencies with information on crimes or suspects. Tipster can give information without revealing their identity and may be eligible for a financial reward for the information they provide. For Columbia and Boone County call: (573) 875-8977.

Up Coming Training events

September 27, 2016 - Annual Meeting 7 pm at Boone Electric's Community Room 1413 Rangeline St

October 25, 2016 - Open FREE training at Christian Fellowship School, 4600 Christian Fellowship Rd starting at 7 pm

New Resource for Captains

CNW now offer assistance to Captains in a more structured fashion. Our President and Vice-President will head up this effort. If any Captain has a question or needs any assistance, they can contact us by email at

col.neighwatch.gmail.com. Leave your phone number and someone will contact you.

Onsite Training Offering

The Neighborhood Watch Board may entertain request for "**neighborhood specific training sessions**" if the following requirements are met and then the Board votes to approve the training request.

A) **The Requesting person must have already been trained by the Columbia Neighborhood Watch Board.**

B) That at least Two Board members and the Police advisor, if available, are required for the proposed training date.

C) That the requester has a proper place to conduct the training.

ie: A place out of the weather

- **Two tables, Electricity and a spot for a data projector and projection screen are required.**

D) That the requesting party has at least fifteen individuals for the training session.

E) The request is made before the monthly Neighborhood Watch Board meeting and the training date is at least one week after said meeting.

F) The future captain information is included.

ie: Name, Address, Email, etc:

We have already done three of these trainings and had a good response to them.

Facebook: Columbia Neighborhood Watch

internet: www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org



Neighborhood Watch is all about getting neighbors to work together. As a result this cooperation leads to reducing crime. When we work together we can achieve things for the betterment of the neighborhood and the community.

Did you know that you can shop on Amazon and they will donate to Columbia Neighborhood Watch and it won't cost you a dime?

1. Visit smile.amazon.com. (same products as Amazon)
2. Sign in with your Amazon username & password and Choose Your Charity- Columbia Neighborhood Watch
3. Begin shopping!

Once you've selected your charity everything else functions the same as with Amazon. Shop for your favorite products or the perfect gift. Most products are eligible on Amazon Smile—if not, you'll be notified. You can checkout normally as well. **No extra cost is passed onto you**—Amazon **will donate 0.5%** of your purchase to Columbia Neighborhood Watch!

We will be joining  **CoMoGives.com** This December!

Help us build a stronger Columbia!

Giving through CoMoGives allows you to help strengthen our community. The campaign collected donations on behalf of 71 Columbia area nonprofits from **December 1st – December 31st, 2015**. The 2016 campaign will again run December 1st—December 31st. More on how this works and how to donate in our next Newsletter.

This year we will join 92 other Columbia area nonprofits in this funding drive. We will be asking your help in meeting our drive goals:

1. Increase our public recognition.
2. Increase our funding so we can do more.
3. Chance to win a \$1000 challenge grant.

This drive is put on by the **Community Foundation of Central Missouri** which is an independent, nonprofit organization created by and for the people of our community. They are part of a rapidly growing field of over 700 community foundations nationwide, each acting as community grant-makers and savings accounts for communities around the country