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Columbia Neighborhood Watch

Annual Meeting

September , 2019

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The Annual Meeting of Columbia Neighborhood Watch will be held on **September 25, 2019 at 5:30pm in City Hall Conference room A.** The guest speaker will be Police Chief Geoff Jones.

Our President will start the meeting with our accomplishments for the past year in his "State of the Watch" presentation. We will then vote to confirm Board members for 2019-2020. The guest speaker Police Chief Geoff Jones will be next. At the end of the meeting we will have the **drawing for door prizes.** The meeting should last approximately 1.5 hours.



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There will be light refreshments.

PLEASE Note the Earlier Time.

Speaker is available:

Just a reminder if your organization would like a speaker. We can provide an informative talk on Neighborhood Watch from 20 minutes to as little as 5 minutes and will answer any questions your members may have. Please contact us at col.neighwatch@gmail.com to arrange.



Highlights from Officer McClintic

THEFT PREVENTION TIPS RELAYED FROM THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION:

#1 thing to protect yourself is to lock your car doors and close your garage doors.

Groups of people (mostly juveniles) walk around at night and check car doors and enter open garage doors. If the doors are locked, they usually keep moving until they find easier targets.

Scammers often trick their victims into sending gift cards, itunes cards, or Google play cards. They claim the funds can be used to pay for missed jury duty, taxes, bail, debt collections, or towards fees to pay for computer virus protection. Scammers also contact their victims via email, text, or facebook and pretend to be a friend and ask for gift cards.

The scammers express the need for quick action. They tell their victims not to tell anyone what they are doing, and that they will be arrested if they hang up or don't cooperate.

If a friend has asked you to buy them gift cards, please talk to that friend in person or over the phone before you purchase any.

Government agencies will not ask for gift cards as payment for fines or bail.

If you think someone is trying to steal your money with one of these scams, please call 311 to have an officer contact you for more potential report details.

If you have video of a crime or something suspicious you can email it to Sergeant Boyle at: CTBOYLE@como.gov. His card is below.



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National Night Out:

Again this year we partnered with the City in the National Night Out event. Several of your Board members along with our Police Liaison went around and visited with the people at the various events. Below are some photo's of the different events.



Columbia Neighborhood Watch

To participate in
the **GIVING Tuesday** campaign

Your Columbia Neighborhood Watch is a 501c3 nonprofit as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. This means that all donations, large or small, contributed to the organization are fully deductible on both personal and business tax returns.

Columbia Neighborhood Watch relies solely on individual and business gifts and public grants to exist and fulfill its mission to inform, train and encourage residents to work together to establish and maintain neighborhood watch programs with the goal of reducing crime.

These programs and resources are offered **without cost to the citizens of Columbia**; but they are not free to produce, deliver, and support. Several thousands of dollars are required annually to produce the printed training materials, handouts that are used at community and annual events, signs that are mounted and maintained at each Neighborhood Watch Community, not to mention the cost associated with maintaining a website, email services, Facebook presence, and many other electronic resources to assist our community, in fighting crime and making Columbia a safer place to live, work, and enjoy the fruit of our labors.

Please mark your calendars and seriously consider a generous gift to the only nonprofit organization in Columbia that is dedicated to the prevention of crime and the protection of life and property. Every dollar goes directly to our programs, not one penny is used for overhead or administrative costs, our board is 100% volunteer. Again, mark your calendars for November 27th with very a generous contribution..

DONATE Here at www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org/donations/

Neighborhood Safety: A Team Effort

While it's impossible to ward off crime 100%, it takes one to set a good example for the rest. By educating yourself on the measures you can take to encourage safety in your neighborhood, your neighbors will follow suit and work with you to make the community an enjoyable place to live. Many of these measures are simple, but may just require a reminder of every now and then.

Resources:

National Neighborhood Watch

The National Neighborhood Watch was created by the National Sheriffs' Association to encourage local communities to initiate their own neighborhood watches, which is one of the best crime prevention methods in history. Here you'll find help on creating an action plan for your neighborhood watch, how to best implement it, and how to best get in contact with local law enforcement agencies.

Polly Klaas Foundation

This is a national nonprofit that is dedicated to teaching children and their parents how to best stay safe. They also focus on missing children, and shaping public policies that keep children safe. You'll find safety kits and several articles on how to best stay out of trouble and to avoid kidnappers.

Life Hacker Guice to Increasing Your Home's Security

Here you'll find some great tips to improving the security of your home, based on the most common habits of burglars. There are how-to guides on how to make modifications to your webcam to become a security cam that alerts you of movement, along with several other 'hacks' to common devices in most households.

Focus: HOPE

Focus Hope has some great community and safety initiatives. You can go here to find help on starting a block club, neighborhood clean-ups, book clubs, and other activities that strengthen a local community. They also provide a community safety coordination strategy, where you can anonymously report crimes and circulate information effectively on crime trends in your area. On top of all this, they also have a youth safety focus, developing a 'safety station' in schools to bring students together around their safety issues.

Safety 1st

Safety1st is another great resource for learning how to build a healthy community through public safety, community engagement and outreach, and restoring community confidence. This is a great way to expand the network of your neighborhood watch into wider reaching initiatives in your town or city, to really create a safe and watchful community that stretches for miles.

JOKE:

Out of hunting season, a state trooper walked up to a man and his son and said.
"That's a nice buck you have on top of your car."

The surprised man couldn't say anything, so his son answered for him, "That's nothing!
You should see the one we have in the trunk!"