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Columbia Neighborhood Watch

December, 2022

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FROM YOUR
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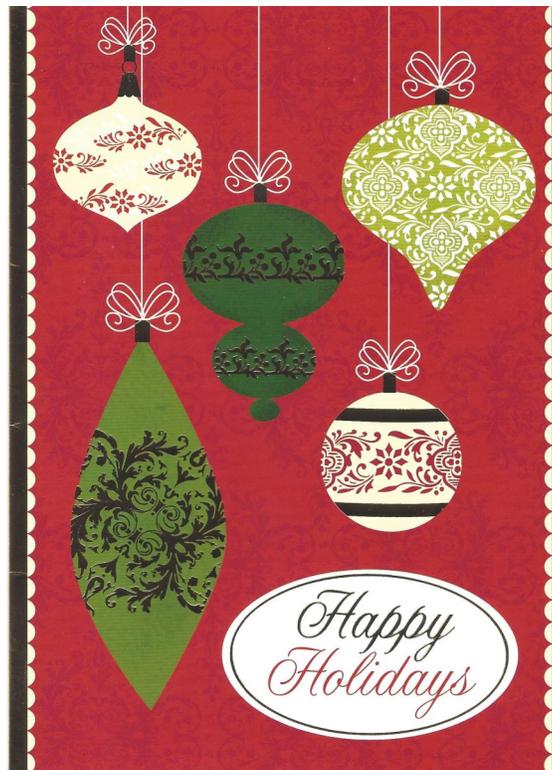
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Officer Brad Anderson, Police Liaison

May you all have a
wonderful and safe
Holiday.



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A special thanks to our members who serve
as Captains and Co-Captains.
It is your dedication that makes Neighborhood
Watch work.



Ways to Protect Your Car During the Holidays

Columbia has seen an increase of motor vehicle thefts and well as reported thefts from motor vehicles. Columbia Police reminds everyone to lock up all of your valuables at night including your car. Try to park in well lit areas and preferably in your driveway if possible. Do not leave any items of value in plain view as this will increase the desire of those willing to cause damage to the vehicle to get inside.

CPD asks that if you have any home security footage of persons checking your car doors, please contact 311 to help them identify, investigate and prosecute these criminal acts.

Stolen firearms from motor vehicles has become and is continuing to be a major problem throughout our entire country and specifically in Columbia Missouri. Crime is usually the intended outcome from guns that are stolen.

After all, they're stolen by criminals. Meaning that your gun could be used to hurt an innocent person.. Think about that next time you want to leave your gun in your car.

In fact, everything you can do to make a criminal's job harder, the better off you'll be. **Studies have shown that the harder a target is, the easier it is for the criminal to walk away and look for an easier target.**

This means never leaving a firearm in either a locked or unlocked car. Every single thing you can do to make their lives harder, the better off you'll be in the long run because you won't be one of those statistics. Anything is better than leaving your gun in an unsecured car. Even if you think you live in a safe neighborhood, nothing is guaranteed.

You can't know who is coming through your town, looking for cars to burglarize. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

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.

Package theft is high this time of year. It is reported that about 30% of customers have reported that their packages were stolen. To prevent this UPS and FedEx have programs that allow you to re-route packages to your office or another site for pickup. You can even have packages delivered to nearby stores. Another alternative is to have the package delivered to a trusted neighbor who is usually home.

UPS:

Package theft prevention

Luckily, there are ways of keeping packages safe from theft. Including: [UPS My Choice](#)[®] and [UPS Access Point](#)[®] programs.

<https://www.ups.com/us/en/services/knowledge-center/article.page?name=how-to-keep-packages-safe-from-porch-pirates&kid=art16a45bd35dd>

FedEx:

FedEx Delivery Manager services help make sure your packages don't go missing.: <https://www.fedex.com/en-us/delivery-manager.html>

How to prevent stolen or missing packages:

<https://www.fedex.com/en-us/delivery-manager/how-to-prevent-stolen-missing-packages.html> - 2020-10-01

Community Policing & Neighborhood Watch

Police and citizens often come into contact with each other for reasons other than criminal investigation. In addition to enforcing criminal law, police officers often engage in community service. Community service may include providing information and/or assistance to people in need, as well as offering youth education and coordinating community outreach efforts.



A Project of the Community Foundation of Central Missouri

Columbia Neighborhood Watch will be participating again this year in the CoMoGives campaign and will kick off on “Giving Tuesday”. Please consider helping us and giving a donation.

The CPD is short handed and needs the community’s help and Columbia Neighborhood Watch is here to assist. Let’s organize more neighborhoods to help the police, make them safer and more cooperative.

A sample comment from a local citizen:

“I had never heard about Columbia Neighborhood Watch until a friend suggested I follow them on FB. I am able to see that they are active in the community and care about the safety in our communities. I hope to join a training soon and get the NW started in my neighborhood to make it a safer place to live!”

But it **cost money** to operate our program. **Please consider a donation** to help us continue our mission. Columbia Neighborhood Watch has no paid staff, so all funds are used to support our mission, especially to train new neighborhoods.

Where will the money raised will go?

Crime Prevention and neighborhood safety. Every dollar raised, 100% goes into our program as there are no paid employees, only volunteers.

Examples of what donations will buy:

\$10 = 10 Neighborhood Watch booklets

\$20 = 1 Complete Training Folder

\$40 = 1 Neighborhood Watch street sign

Donations can be made at: <https://comogives.com/product/columbia-neighborhood-watch-5/>

or by mail to: Columbia Neighborhood Watch
503 East Nifong #183
Columbia, MO 65201

CNW is well known for the safety that it provides to our community by way of our neighborhoods. There is no way that our board alone can do this. The most important components of Neighborhood Watch are the Captains and Co-Captain's in each neighborhood. These folks with their training and ability provide safety by helping their own neighbors to learn the same principles about safety in their homes and surroundings that the captains and captains have learned. Therefore it is vital that we have adequate programs to train our captains and co-captains. Their job is not to act as police but to coordinate their neighbors about how to contact police, and other safety officers, about issues in their neighborhoods. They also work with their neighbors to keep a record of vital information about their neighborhood, making their homes more safe and working together to provide a safety net work in the neighborhood.

Because of the recent Covid problems over the past two years, isolation has been a major issue in protecting us from Covid infection. Therefore, it is vital that we reestablish our Captains and Co-Captains in each neighborhood. Being a Captain or Co-Captain does not require a lot of time, but it does ask for your willingness to talk to your neighbors and occasionally have small meetings with them about your neighborhood safety. When you do this, a member of the Board is always willing to attend one of these meetings.

We also want to start having four Captain and Co-Captain meetings per year or further training, and for dialogue between all of us, about better ways to protect our neighborhoods. Those who become captains and co-captains are a true blessing to this community and are greatly appreciated. Also, the Captains and Co-Captains have always been willing to assist Columbia neighborhood Watch by way of the Como Gives event which begins November 29th through the end of December. The details of how to do that are also provided in this newsletter.

Please give consideration to the possibility of becoming a Captain or Co-Captain in Columbia Neighborhood Watch. I am Al Barrier, liaison to the Captains and Co-Captains. Please contact me for more information. My phone # is 573 823 8343.



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!

Check out charities at www.give.org or www.charitynavigator.org before giving any money. Make donations directly to the organizations you know .

Columbia Neighborhood Watch's ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Mission Statement:

The mission of Columbia Neighborhood Watch is to inform, train and encourage residents to work together to establish neighborhood watch programs with the goal of reducing crime."

The past year was filled with challenges, both financial and logistical.

The Coronavirus had a large negative effect on our organization again this year. Our "Purchase of Service Contract" with the City which was our main funding, but we have had some positive conversations with the City. Our trainings continue to be the webinar stile training over Zoom.

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- **Update Captains list** - Completed, but is an ongoing task
- **Continue to improve the Training Power Point** - We have updated the Power Point and will continue to update as needed.
- **5 Training sessions** - Our zoom trainings have been well received. We have completed 5 trainings, which resulted in 63 new members.
- **Attend at least one public event.**
- We have attended Three public events this past year. The Largest event was the Office of Emergency Managements event on September 1, 2022.
- **"Speakers Group" to talk to Clubs and Organizations** - Due to the COVID-19 virus no events were held.
- **Apply for grants** - Being done. We currently have 3 in-kind grants. We have applied for 19 additional monetary grants. We won 2 for a total of \$750. We are waiting for answers back on 4 grant requests.
- **Send Thank You to new Captains/ Co-Captains** - Being done, in addition we thank all Captains and Co-Captains each year through our Newsletter.
- **Send Newsletter Quarterly** - Being Done

In addition to these goals the Board addressed several other items.

Our Budget.

- The City of Columbia still has not renewed our \$5000 “Purchase of Service Contract”. As everyone knows we rely on donations. We participated in the GoMoGive Campaign which was very successful as a result of Board Member, Herb Watchinski’s leadership and Area Coordinator Marc Lammy.
- We earned **Better Business Bureau accreditation** and have been awarded the **Torch Award** by the Better Business Bureau. In addition, we have the **Gold Seal of Transparency from Guide Star** and have earned **accreditation by Charity Navigator**.
- Board member donated their time to the tune of over 1459 hours which calculates out to \$36022.71 of in-kind service to Columbia Neighborhood Watch.
- We are continuing with the Email Service
 - A: Has allowed us to contact All of our members.
 - B: Helped us to keep our membership Roster up to date. (We have found the residents are very mobile and a number of members have moved out of Columbia.)

We will have several new officers for the 2022-2023 Term. They will be:

Herb Watchinski - President

Jeffrey Hempstead - VP

Susan Dickerson - Secretary

Herb Watchinski – Temp – Treasurer

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Budget Report

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Revenues	
Corporate Contributions	\$ 500.00
Amazon Smile	\$ 82.00
CoMoGives Fundraiser	\$ 2,850.00
Public donations	\$ 83.79
Misc - interest, etc	\$ 1.82
Gerbes	\$ 77.25
Total revenues and support	\$ 3709.86
Expenses	
Signs & Brackets	\$ 53.20
Registration Fee	\$ 11.25
Postage & other expenses	\$ 199.79
Email services	\$ 693.00
Website & Social Media	\$ 879.81
Public Relations	\$ 450.00
Insurance & general expense	\$ 861.93
Fundraising expenses	\$ 350.00
Total expenses	\$ 4,206.85
Net assets at end of year	\$ (496.99)
Beginning balance	\$ 908.71
Ending balance	\$ 483.72