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“Roll Call”

The St Louis County Police Departments West County Precinct's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Important Numbers

Crime Tip/Traffic Violation
Hotline-636-256-7075
Safe Schools Hotline
314-889-SAFE (7233)

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Captain's Corner

In our community underage drinking and drug use are a concern. The Rockwood Drug Free Coalition has been instrumental in informing parents and students of the potential problems associated with this type of behavior. The coalition employs off duty police officers from throughout the school district to enforce laws addressing the serving of alcoholic drinks to minors and social hosting issues. One concern is the hosting of underage drinking parties by parents. I would like to stress, it is not acceptable for an adult to have a party and serve minors alcohol. This prom and graduation season, officers will be patrolling and will address all calls received for large parties. We will be paying particular attention to underage drinking. If you would like more information about the Rockwood Drug Free Coalition and their programs, this can be obtained at www.rockwoodcoalition.org.

“Citizen of the Month”

The citizen of the month for March is Ms. Sue Gross. Sue is the Trustee Administrator for Tree Court Industrial Park. Sue has been working with The Neighborhood Policing Officers in the West County Precinct addressing safety issues and deterring crime in the Tree Court Industrial Park. Thanks to Sue, crime is down in that area. Way to go Sue!

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on May 19, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be our yearly barbeque. It will be held in the City of Winchester's Reber Park located at the intersection of Lindy and Hillcrest. As usual, we will discuss crime trends, law enforcement activities or organizing a neighborhood watch program, in addition to enjoying some great food. If you would like to attend, please notify your Neighborhood Policing Officer at 636-256-7075. We request you make reservations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

The West County Precinct sponsors neighborhood watch meetings that focus on crime prevention and other matters that affect the quality of life in our community. The meetings are open to everyone, not just those directly involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program. Most of the meetings will have guest speakers from specialized units within the St. Louis County Police Department or St. Louis County Government. At the end of each meeting, there will be an opportunity to discuss any specific issues with a Neighborhood Policing Officer. We hope to meet you at our next meeting in May.

BENTLEY MANOR SUBDIVISION CLEANUP MAY 15TH/VOLUNTEERS & TRUCKS NEEDED

It's cleanup time in Bentley Manor, St. Bernard Hills and Bentley Farms subdivisions. Volunteers from your community in conjunction with St. Louis County Police and St. Louis County Public Works Problem Properties Unit are having a free, one-time special bulk waste pick up on Saturday, May 15th, from 8:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M.

We need volunteers and trucks to make this a success. If you or your civic organization would like to volunteer, or if you need more information, please contact Officer Lou Major at 636-256-7075 or email lmajor@stlouisco.com

PRESCRIPTION TAKEBACK PROGRAM

A Prescription Takeback Program is scheduled for April 17, 2010, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 5 St. Louis County locations.

- Ballwin police Department-300 Park Dr. Ballwin, MO 63011
- Clarkson Valley and Wildwood-Fru-Con Center-15933 Clayton Rd. Ballwin, MO 63011
- Ellisville Police Department-37 Weis Ave. Ellisville, MO 63011
- Eureka Police Department-120 City Hall Dr. Eureka, MO 63025
- Fenton City Hall-625 New Smizer Mill Rd. Fenton, MO 63026
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Only medications from individuals can be accepted for this program and it is not a requirement to be a St. Louis County resident. No medications from businesses such as pharmacies and/or doctors' offices will be accepted. Illicit drugs, sharp objects including needles, radioactive medicines, bio-hazardous materials, glass thermometers or other medical devices will not be accepted.

- Bring identification to verify that you are at least 18 years of age.
- You may bring in medication from anyone living within your household.
- Bring medications in their original packaging from the pharmacy to expedite processing.
- Medications not in their original packaging or from different addresses may take longer to process and may be subject to further inspection.
- You may bring in any medications from a license pharmacist, including controlled substances, liquids containing medications, prescription inhalers, and medicated ointments or patches.

For more information contact: Rockwood Drug Free Coalition at 636-938-2363 or www.rockwoodcoalition.org

NORTH SECTOR

- On 3/1/10, a residence in the 13000 block of Big Bend Road was reported burglarized.
- A resident in the 500 block of Treetop Village Drive was bilked out of a large sum of money by a scam that originated in Africa.
- On 3/4/10, it was reported that several cars in the vicinity of 13300 Spindle were entered into and rummaged through but nothing was taken.
- On 3/6/10, a resident of an apartment in the 1200 block of Mesa Verde reported the theft of a credit card. The follow up investigation identified a suspect who was subsequently arrested.
- On 3/10/10, the tires of a vehicle parked near 400 Rosedale Terrace were slashed and the hood scratched. A suspect was identified and the investigation in this case continues.
- On 3/12/10, a threatening message was posted on Facebook. The victim identified a suspect and the investigation of this case continues.
- On 3/19/10, officers investigated a suicide from a self-inflicted gunshot that occurred at a residential facility on Sulphur Spring Road at Vance Road.

SOUTH SECTOR

- On 3/2/10, a Dodge truck was reported stolen from a parking lot in the vicinity of 681 Green Earth Dr.
- On 3/14/10, a homeowner in the 1100 block of Hawkins Meadows Court reported the theft of items. A suspect was identified and the Burglary Unit will do the follow up investigation.
- On 3/16/10, a business in the 1600 block of Smizer Station Road was burglarized and a flat screen TV was reported stolen.
- On 3/21/10, officers investigated a motor vehicle accident in the 1200 block of Newport Landing Drive. It was reported that a car collided with a parked truck and left the scene. A suspect was identified and the investigation of this case continues.
- On 3/21/10, several mailboxes in the vicinity of Kings Trail, Trails Drive and Fenton Hills Drive were smashed.

CLARKSON VALLEY---VALLEY PARK---WINCHESTER ---TWIN OAKS

- On 3/3/10, a motor vehicle parked in a parking lot in the 300 block of Solley Avenue was “keyed”.
- A subject pumped \$32.00 worth of fuel into a vehicle at a business in the 1200 block of Dougherty Ferry Road and failed to make payment. A suspect was identified and a warrant will be applied for.
- Officers investigated a fraud that occurred at a business in the Meramec Valley Plaza. A suspect was identified and was arrested for Misappropriation of Goods.
- On 3/4/10, a female motorist was stopped on Highway 141 and arrested for drunk driving. Because of previous arrests for drunk driving, a search warrant was obtained and blood was seized after the motorist refused to submit to a breath test. A warrant was issued with a \$6,000 cash only bond.
- On 3/12/10, officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Highway 141 near I-44. The driver was found to be in possession of marijuana and was issued an Arrest Notification.
- On 3/21/10, an attempted robbery occurred at a business in the 1200 block of Dougherty Ferry Road. A white male suspect entered the business and displayed a knife. The suspect left the business without taking anything when the clerk did not move fast enough. A detective from the Bureau of Crimes Against Persons is conducting the follow up investigation.
- On 3/21/10, two mailboxes in the Highland Village subdivision were damaged overnight.
- On 3/18/10, a 2006 Load Master 16-foot utility trailer was reported stolen from a business parking lot in the 200 block of Benton Street.

GOOD JOB DETECTIVE FAASEN

On 3/3/10, customers inside two different business establishments near Big Bend and Dougherty Ferry reported the theft of wallets and credit cards from unattended purses. Within minutes of the thefts, the stolen credit cards were used to make numerous purchases from local merchants. Detective Faasen was able to identify two suspects who lived in St. Louis City. When sufficient evidence was obtained, these suspects were arrested. In these two cases, the victim was not even aware of the theft because the purse did not appear to have been disturbed. Never leave purses unattended in busy establishments.

PEDESTRIAN INJURED BY THERMOS BOTTLE

On 3/9/10, a pedestrian was walking on Kiefer Creek Road near Castlewood Road when he found a thermos bottle on the side of the road. When he picked up the thermos, it exploded in his face. The victim was admitted to the hospital and was treated for burns to his eyes, face and mouth. A detective from the Drug Unit seized the remains of the thermos.

THEIVES TARGET CHURCH PARKING LOTS

There have been several cases of thieves breaking into vehicles that were parked on area church parking lots. Churches located in Valley Park, Fenton, and the City of Winchester and in areas along Manchester Road were targeted. The thefts have been occurring on Sundays while services were in progress. Forced entry was made into some of the vehicles and items stolen. Please report all suspicious persons immediately to the police. Do not leave valuable items in plain sight. Consider securing these items in the trunk prior to arrival.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The St. Louis County Police Department provides a uniform patrol presence spanning 371 square miles across unincorporated St. Louis County. We are also the largest provider of contracted law enforcement services in the State of Missouri, contracting with over 71 agencies for a variety of services.

If you are considering a career in law enforcement, please check out the opportunities available as a commissioned officer or civilian employee with the St. Louis County Police Department.

Please visit us on the web at: www.stlouisco.com/police

STATISTICS ANYONE?

For the month of February 2010, officers of the West County Precinct issued 445 radar citations, 393 citations for various moving violations, 445 citations for non-moving violations and 49 parking tickets. Officers completed 384 reports, arrested 18 subjects for felony crimes and 68 subjects for misdemeanor crimes. Officers arrested 25 intoxicated motorists.

POLICE PHONE NUMBERS

Non-Emergency Dispatch	314-889-2341
West County Precinct	636-256-2602
Neighborhood Policing	636-256-7075
Crime Tip/Traffic Hotline	636-256-7075
Safe Schools Hotline	314-889-7233
Drug Hotline	314-863-3673
CrimeStoppers	866-371-8477

PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control	314-726-6655
Child Abuse Hotline	800-392-3738
KUTO Teen Helpline	314-644-5886
Neighborhood Preservation	314-615-4151
Highways and Traffic	314-615-8504