

## Twin Oaks Neighborhood Watch May 2009

### **Captain's Corner**

On May 14, 2009, a student at the Rockwood South Middle School reported being struck by a BB pellet and identified the shooter. Officer Tara Edsall, West County Precinct, was assigned as a school resource officer for the Rockwood School District and while working with the administration staff, conducted the investigation. A juvenile suspect was identified and the BB gun was later found in a trashcan. The suspect admitted bringing it to school and shooting three students, but none was injured. The suspect was taken into custody and remanded into the custody of Family Court. This incident received media attention. This was an isolated incident that was quickly resolved because of prompt reporting by the victim, and cooperation with the school administration.

### **Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Meeting**

Our next Neighborhood Watch Coordinators meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in the clubhouse of the Tree Top Condos located at 701 Sandy Summit. Anyone interested in organizing a watch program is also invited to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Watch Coordinators; please have a Block Captain attend if you are unable.

### **Citizen Police Academy**

The West County and Fenton Precincts will be hosting a Citizen Police Academy that will begin on September 17, 2009, at the Rockwood Bank Meeting Room located at 1037 Majestic Drive. The academy will run for eight consecutive Thursdays with graduation on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. To register for this class or for more information, please contact Officer Lou Major at 636-256-7075, [lmajor@stlouisco.com](mailto:lmajor@stlouisco.com) or Officer Aaron Dilks at 636-349-8120, [adilks@stlouisco.com](mailto:adilks@stlouisco.com)

### **Free Household Chemical Collection Event**

If you are a St. Louis County resident, you can dispose of your leftover household chemicals such as paint, pesticides, gasoline, pool chemicals, oil and other items on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Bring the waste products to the South County Center (formerly Westfield Shoppingtown-South County). The event, sponsored by the St. Louis County Department of Health, will be held south of Dillard's and Sears. Enter from Lemay Ferry Road just south of Lindbergh Boulevard. For maps, directions, and additional information, visit [www.RecycleSaintLouis.com](http://www.RecycleSaintLouis.com).

### **Crime Prevention Tip**

Beware of the "Gypsy Burglars". Gypsy burglars target many of our senior residents in the spring. These thieves may attempt to contact residents who are engaged in yard work. They will engage or distract the resident with conversation while an accomplice enters the residence and looks for items to steal. These criminals are very skilled in the art of deception. They do not present a suspicious appearance and may initiate a conversation to say they are trying to locate a family member in the neighborhood. Please report all suspicious persons immediately to the police.

### **Curfew Hours**

Persons under age 17 may not be in an unsupervised place between 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M., except Friday and Saturday when the hours are 12:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M.

Sincerely,

Karen Dresner