



OAK HIGHLANDS AND DEER VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

"Working together, for the good of us all"

CHARTER

Although we have police protection, police officers are a limited resource and we cannot reasonably expect them to police our neighborhoods 24/7. However, concerned residents of the Oak Highlands and Deer Valley subdivisions are a full-time resource that can and should be utilized as an extension of the police department.

With safety, security and protection of property paramount, the Oak Highlands/Deer Valley Homeowners Association Board has initiated a Neighborhood Watch Program that is both sanctioned by the Association's Board of Directors and registered with the Nashville Metro Police.

Goals of this program:

- Fostering good relations among neighbors
- Observing and reporting criminal, dangerous or suspicious activity
- Helping residents to feel safer
- Working in tandem with other neighborhood associations and community agencies on common concerns that impact our society
- Strengthening our community's relationship with police.

Please note: It is neither the intent nor purpose of The Neighborhood Watch Program to enforce the law or apprehend criminals. Rather, it is to look out for our neighbors, be on the alert for criminal, suspicious or dangerous behavior and notify the police when necessary.



Program Mission:

1. To get to know our neighbors.
2. Create a forum to share concerns about crime and other issues in our neighborhood.
3. To make residents in the Oak Valley and Deer Valley subdivisions aware of this program, encourage participation through free memberships.
4. Promote and strengthen relationships with the Metro Nashville Police Department and to obtain advice and direction on how to keep our neighborhoods safe.
5. Maintain open lines of communication within the community to keep all our neighbors informed as to what is going on in the area.

Neighborhood Watch Group (Block Captains) Objectives:

1. To address community issues.
2. To sponsor community events such as the National Night Out Against Crime, block parties, etc.
3. To conduct regular quarterly meetings. *Note: any Neighborhood Watch member may call a meeting by coordinating with the Neighborhood Watch Director.*
4. Meetings should include time for discussions regarding neighborhood conditions as well as socializing.
5. Meetings may also be educational. Local police representatives are welcome to speak at all meetings or assist in finding speakers to address areas of concern. Topics include, but are not limited to:
 - Personal safety
 - Safety strategies for seniors
 - How to detect and report suspicious activity
 - Graffiti and vandalism protection
 - Home security surveys
 - Home and neighborhood cleanup
 - Child safety and security



Neighborhood Watch (Block Captains) Objectives (Cont'd):

- Rights of landlords and tenants
- Property identification
- Conflict resolution/mediation
- Fire safety and prevention
- Schools/truancy
- Consumer fraud and scams
- Eliminating drug traffic
- Gang activity
- Internet access and security