

First steps in establishing a Neighborhood Watch

- 1) Establish who is going to be the block captain. If it is you, then pick a date for a meeting or a block party. Block parties are more convenient and fun for the neighborhood, have people bring out the grills and have fun. Include as much of the neighborhood as you can. Once you have a date, call officer P.C. at 303-376-2305 and let him know. He can help with a permit to block off the street and bring out sign-up cards, stickers and more info to distribute.
- 2) Create a simple invitation detailing the time and place, as well as things that will be discussed. Even if someone doesn't want to join, they may want to attend just to see what the neighborhood will be looking for and doing. Hand deliver all the invitations as see how many people will attend.
- 3) After the block captain has been established, all the residents signed up, if you get at least 85% participation, signs will be provided for the neighborhood. That's all that has to be done to get one started; the rest is up to your neighborhood.

Additional subjects to discuss with your block

- Phone tree and email list for updates. Block Captains will get email updates about the District 5 DPD CAB meetings, GVR CAB updates and updated crime news. Also any community events.
- Sex Offender List. www.familywatchdog.us . Be informed about who is living near you.
- Metro Districts Covenants, Limitations and Restrictions within the community. Also the HOA covenants. Northside web site for the Metro District www.msihoa.com , report complaints 720-974-4138. Southside Master Homeowners Assoc. Report complaints to 303-307-3245. Everyone should have a copy of their covenants.
- Block Parties and get-togethers.
- Graffiti hotline. 24hr removal. Contact 303-307-3247.
- Vacant homes. Keeping an eye on these and keeping the area clean.
- Speed Patrol. The Denver PD has a training class to give residents a radar gun to catch speeders. There is a current volunteer in Montbello who could come out to any problem areas.
- Group discount may be possible for sprinkler blowout or yard aeration or any other services if you can coordinate the whole neighborhood.
- Everyone should have a purple recycle tub. Sign up for free tub at www.denvergov.org/recycle you can also get info on hazardous waste and large item pick up.
- You can call 311 for any problems, questions or concerns about barking dogs, violations, pot holes, anything city related. If you are going to dig in the yard, call 811 before you dig.

