



Shoreline Police

BLOCK WATCH NEWS

Eastside and Westside Shoreline Police Neighborhood Centers
Citizens and Police, Working Together for A Safer Community

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BLOCK WATCH WORKS

*Reprinted with permission of Jeanne Monger,
Echo Lake Neighborhood Block Watch Captain*

I have some amazing news on how our Block Watch works. I am so excited that I wanted to let you know!!! One of our blockwatchers saw three younger people walking up the street and watched to see what they were up to. They ducked in between two neighbors' houses.

Our alert blockwatcher saw a light go on in one of the houses and knew that nobody was home. She called to her husband to continue watching the house while she got on the phone to the police.

The suspects eventually got into a car parked on the street with some stolen items. Several police cars converged on that car from the north and south and blocked them in and caught them in the act. (The report shows 2 Detectives, 1 Sergeant, and at least 5 patrol officers!) Apparently these burglars were known to the police and may have committed other crimes in the area.

Our blockwatchers were asked by the police if they knew their neighbors, and they were able to tell them what a great blockwatch we have. I am so proud of them!! They thought these people may be suspicious and followed their instincts, possibly taking repeat criminals off of the street. This is a perfect example of how a Block Watch works. Crime?! Not in our Block Watch!!

A night like this warms my heart to know that the effort put into organizing a Block Watch pays off. The message is not to wait until something happens to get to know your neighbors!

One very pleased Block Watch Captain,

Jeanne Monger

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Alternate formats available upon request

Annual Block Watch & Preparedness Training

Shoreline Police Department Shoreline, WA

“Pass It On”, “Ready Neighborhood”, “Block Watch”. What do these three programs have in common?

On January 26th, Shoreline Police Block Watch organizers teamed up with Shoreline’s Emergency Management Coordinator, Gail Marsh, and held an Annual Block Watch Preparedness Training. This training was offered not only for Block Watch Captains and members but for any citizen who was interested.

Well attended by over fifty citizens, the program offered information and presentations about three programs: *Pass it On*, *Ready Neighborhood*, and *Block Watch*.

Pass it On – Presented by trainer Pat Hamman, the *Pass It On* program is designed to prepare neighborhoods for an emergency. The training allows you not only to sustain and protect yourself and your family, but also gives you information and materials to take to your neighborhood *Block Watch* programs and/or community group to teach them how to prepare for an emergency or disaster. It was presented so that each person can go forward and teach another group, extended family, faith group, civic club, and,...

Pass it On!

For more information contact Pat Hamman e-mail Pat@CityChaplain.org, or call 425-895-2429

Ready Neighborhood - Discussed by Gail Marsh, City of Shoreline Emergency Management Coordinator, Shoreline Neighborhood Block Watches can also become a *Ready Neighborhood*. Just as there are certain criteria to become a recognized *Block Watch*, established Block Watches can take a few extra steps to become a Ready Neighborhood too. Some of the main criteria:

- Be ready and able to sustain yourself and family for three days.
- Learn to create a kit, a plan, and identify neighbors with specific skills needed in an emergency.
- Recognize neighborhood hazards.

Block Watch - Storefront Officers Leona Obstler and Deneese Elfenson encouraged the audience to get involved and stay involved in Block Watch. Audience members suggested ideas to keep their *Block Watch* active and strong, such as National Night Out. Emphasis was placed on communication. Since Block Watches are often the “eyes and ears” of your neighborhood, there was a demonstration to learn techniques to help you describe and report possible criminal activity you see out there.

For more information on Shoreline’s Block Watch Program, contact one of your neighborhood storefronts.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to your community Block Watch Program. Each of you has worked very hard to ensure your home and neighborhood is a safe place to live and you are to be complimented for your efforts! Block Watch has proven over time that it reduces the number of crimes committed in a neighborhood and it increases the quality of life for the community. I am proud to say we now have over 125 active Block Watch Programs in Shoreline.

Having a low crime rate is important but feeling safe and secure in your home and community is much more important. Block Watch helps us achieve that goal. Block Watch is a perfect forum for you to become acquainted with your neighbors so you will feel comfortable reporting if any thing looks suspicious. We must continue to work together to prevent crime in this great community.

We encourage neighbors to call and report suspicious activity so problems can be prevented. By keeping an eye out for your neighbors you can rest assured they will do the same for you. You are the experts on what is happening in your neighborhood and we rely on you to be our eyes and ears. We need you and your neighbors to be our partners so we can collectively solve problems and prevent crime. Your Shoreline Police Department will continue to provide support and ongoing communication with your Block Watch association.

Again, thank you for your involvement in the Block Watch Program and for helping make Shoreline a safer place to live. Please call upon your Community Storefront Police Officers or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tony Burt

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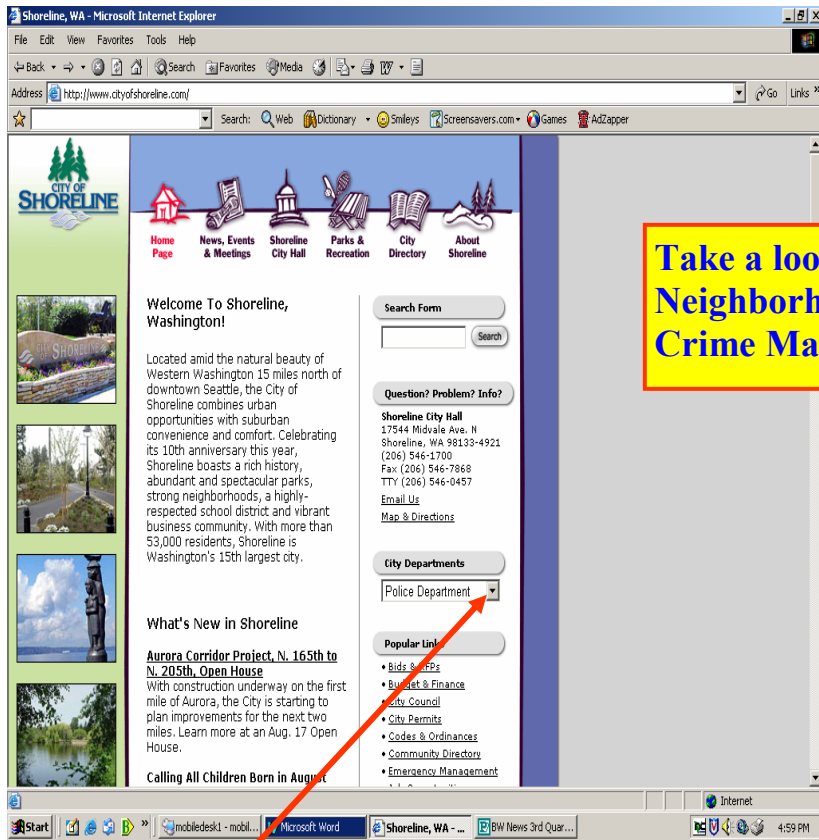
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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Block Watch News is on the city website www.cityofshoreline.com along with other Crime Prevention Information:



Take a look at the
**Neighborhood
Crime Maps**

Scroll down to Police Department
to open Police home page

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