

Westbury Police & Community Meeting Together
Meeting Notes 8/10/09

- 23 lots in attendance represented from Westbury.

Horrible turnout!

We flyer'd each mailbox with neon colored paper, we sent two emails, we published the meeting on the website, and we posted the meeting notice on the exit board all 3+ weeks prior to the meeting. These kinds of programs are very difficult to implement without community participation.

- Officer Meberg, Officer TJ, Sergeant Smith and Major Clifton were in attendance from the City of Johns Creek.

Johns Creek Police Officers went over a variety of services available to us including:

- Rad Kids Children's Safety Program
 - Vacation Watch Services
 - STOP Teen Safe Driving Program
- go to johnscreekga.gov for further information

IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT to use 911

- Call 911 for ALL emergency and NON emergency calls (no matter how trivial it may seem). They stressed the importance of using this service for any safety concerns that may arise. Officers explained a lot of times for them are IDLE and that residents are used to NOT calling because of past service issues related to Fulton County. You must UNLEARN what you have learned and remember to ALWAYS CALL 911 no matter how trivial. If something seems out of place or suspicious, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY and get a license plate of suspicious vehicles when possible.

- Smart 911 is a new service that allows you to register your cell number so when you dial 911 from your cell phone, the proper personal information is displayed to the emergency operator. Go to info.smart911.com
- P.A.C.T. Program

-“PACT functions as a Neighborhood Watch, in that residents, with cooperation of the JCPD, participate in the prevention and detection of criminal activity within their neighborhood”

-Subdivisions with an active Neighborhood Watch program are 43% less likely to be victimized.

-A police officer is assigned to our subdivision to act as liaison between the community and the police department. Officer Scott Rose will be our liaison.

-Residents may contact this officer directly with any safety and/or quality of life concerns that may arise.

-P.A.C.T. sign is placed at the entrance of the subdivision

-COPS Connect monthly newsletter.

-The program allows the community to be in a proactive state when it comes to our safety.

-PACT membership involves 2 subdivision meetings or functions per year with 50% resident participation required to remain active.

-PACT doesn't promise 100% crime prevention, is not a program to take unnecessary risks and does not encourage a Vigilante attitude from neighbors

Please teach your children:

- Always keep your garage doors closed.
- Keep your doors and windows locked, especially when someone is home alone.
- Use your exterior lighting throughout the night. If a nearby street light is not functioning normally, contact Sawnee EMC to report it. Thieves do not want to be seen!
- ALWAYS call 911 at the first sign of suspicious behavior. With your help we can make Johns Creek an un-inviting place for criminal activity and criminals.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicles, or at least from view, when parked in driveways or public places.
- When hiding items such as GPS and MP3 devices, also remove the holders from the windshield and cords used to plug them in. Otherwise, thieves know the devices are probably in the glove compartment.
- Keep cars in the driveway and off the street.

Criminal activity increases during tough economic times. These are tough economic times. We must all be more vigilant to keep our neighborhoods safe.

For more information visit

<http://www.johnscreekgga.gov/police/pact.asp>