

# Newsletter *Special Edition*

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS

During the third week of August, several neighbors noted that there were cars with dark tinted windows parked on our streets for long periods. The neighbors and the Association followed the recommended Neighborhood Watch procedures that led to a successful conclusion.

**Neighbors observed suspicious behavior.** Occupied cars parked for long periods of time on our streets.

**Neighbors recorded important information.** License plates make and color of cars, where the cars were parked and what period of time.

**Neighbors called the police at their non emergency number 248-871-2700. (Crime in progress, call 911)** Relevant information given to police along with a request for a follow up call.

**Neighbors notified our Neighborhood Watch Chairperson and President of the situation.** Shelly Kritzman 248-787-4696 and Harold Larsen 248-737-3923 were notified which allowed them to answer questions and take proper action.

**Police investigated and followed up with neighbors.** The police determined that the people in the cars were performing a legitimate activity and that there was no reason to be alarmed. This information was forwarded to some of the neighbors that had called the police. The police said that if the activity was not legitimate, the cars would no longer have been in the neighborhood. (In this case it was determined that the people in the cars were private investigators who were investigating a case. The nature of the case is not known and could be just about anything including workers comp fraud, or domestic issues.)

**Neighborhood Watch and Association follow up.** Harold Larsen, Association President, contacted the police and was told that people have the right to park their cars on the street and do not have to tell a neighbor what they are doing. Some neighbors talked the people in the cars and they indicated they were PIs. They also said they have never had so many people call the police about them and ask them what they were doing. This is a very good sign because we want the word to get out that our neighbors are alert to suspicious activities and will take the appropriate action.



The Association notified the homeowners of the situation via this newsletter. Residents should feel free to call the Neighborhood Watch Chair Person or President if they have any questions in the future as it is not possible to have a newsletter covering every thing.

### **OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Our Association endorsed the formation of a Neighborhood Watch and Shelly Kritzman has volunteered to be the chairperson. Our neighborhood, in order to qualify to have a Neighborhood Watch program and be part of the 120 other Neighborhood Watch programs in Farmington Hills, must have at least 50% of our home owners watch a 10 minute DVD.

If we meet this qualification, the city will place Neighborhood Watch signs in appropriate places in our subdivision and keep us informed of relevant information.



We are encouraging you, if you have not seen the DVD, to contact Shelly 248 - 787 - 4646 so that a showing can be arranged.

Our neighborhood and city are safe and participation in the Neighborhood Watch will help keep them safe.

Thanks for your cooperation and continued interest.