



HOLLY GLEN

Community Watch

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Community Watch Continues Strategic Growth

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needs your help. As our watch group has expanded over the last three years we recognize the need for a streamlined Communications Network, demographic leaders, training, and a revived reporting process.

We are seeking Section Leader volunteers to join our Improvement team.

*E-mail:
Sara Kempin or Bill Mullins
to learn more about becoming
an active leader.*

Although Summer is our busy season activity-wise, we are moving forward with our efforts to become larger and more effective. We have held two meetings with our Leadership Team and police contact, Lieutenant Anthony Revels. Their input has been invaluable as we restructure and expand. We are also using them to build a more effective response when an event happens in our neighborhood, and to improve communications with our HOA Board.

As we review our response to incidents, it is a good time to remind everyone that suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Police, providing as much detail as possible. You should then follow-up as soon as you can with an e-mail to the Watch, so the information can be shared anonymously with all members.

We want to thank Greg Tarpley, Linda Zazzeri, Laura Minyard, and Pete Gutschneider for becoming leaders in the Community Watch. Our Leadership Team is made up of our Section Leaders and Co-Chairs. We do need a few more people to join this team. If you are interested, please contact us.

Summit Oaks Town Homes near the pool has joined the Community Watch and we are coordinating with them through Pete Gutschneider, who is our liaison, and the newest member of our Leadership Team. We have also added a number of new members in strategic areas throughout the neighborhood. That brings our total membership to more than sixty households, plus the 30 + units in Summit Oaks Town Homes. Good work to everyone who helped with recruiting and welcome to all our new members!

Current Events and Future Opportunities!

You all have been doing a fantastic job of reporting suspicious activity, and as a result, we have had a fairly quiet start to our summer. Here are some ways to get involved and make the Watch even more successful:

- ✓ **National Night Out! Let's Participate!** We have an exciting opportunity to support the Holly Springs Police Department and join our community for the National Night Out Against Crime. The Holly Springs Celebration will be held Tuesday, August 4 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Womble Park. We are looking for people to help man our booth and join in the celebration to show support for crime fighting efforts throughout town. If you would like to help or have a special talent, (for example, face painting) please contact Bill or Sara.
- ✓ **Fall Workshops and Tours!** We are exploring holding periodic workshops on a variety of public safety topics. We want to hear what interests you! Possible topics include: self defense, fraud protection, tour of the police station and town hall, K-9 demonstration, etc. We are also considering taking a tour of Shearon Harris. If you are interested, please contact Sara or Bill.
- ✓ **Your Input Needed:** The Leadership Team is seeking your thoughts and input on current pool usage, particularly by non-residents. We are exploring the possibilities of additional security/access measure for the new pool, although the final decision rests with the HOA Board, and would like any thoughts you might wish to share with us.

Keep your Eyes Open *Here are a few of the ongoing issues the Watch needs your help with:*

- 1) **The "Highlands" Road and dead end road by Covenant Rock:** The Highlands connector from our roundabout to Braxton remains a hot spot. Cars have been seen back there at night, and trash has been found along the side of the road. There are also people partying on a dead end road off of Covenant Rock Rd. Please pay special attention to these areas.
- 2) **Pool and Park:** So far, this area remains quiet, and the few people seen hanging around after hours have been reported right away. Just a reminder, after the pool closes, there should be nobody near the pool, park, etc., except perhaps a dog walker. If you see people hanging out or anything suspicious, please report to police immediately. Also, if you notice peculiar or threatening behavior at the pool, tell the attendant, and call police if necessary.

Police Tip: *The Holly Spring Police Department reminds us to keep our cars and garages locked at all times. The Police are working hard to clear the recent cases where items were stolen out of cars. The easiest way to prevent thefts like this is to lock-up and not leave anything attractive in plain sight. They also suggest leaving an outside light on as an extra precaution at night.*

Recruitment: Each member can be a recruiter. Please notify your neighbors of events happening in the neighborhood and invite them to join. If they are interested, please forward their name and we will contact them directly. Thanks for your help!