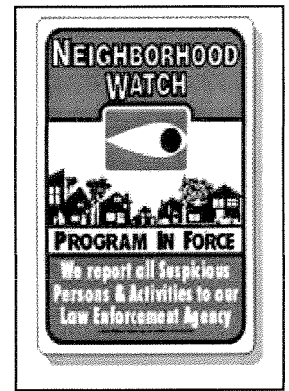




# Neighborhood Watch

**Neighborhood Watch is a community program in which citizens work together with the police department to detect and prevent criminal activity. The focus is on reporting suspicious people/vehicles and securing homes and personal property. In addition, officers from the police department provide basic crime prevention tips.**



Neighborhood Watch remains the most successful crime prevention program worldwide. By encouraging Union Mills Residents to become actively involved with Fairfax County Police Department through practicing crime prevention techniques and reporting crime or suspicious activity, we are taking control back from the criminals. Through the dedicated commitment of the Sully District Police and the concerned citizens of Union Mills, we all can make a significant impact on reducing neighborhood crime. **Fairfax County Non-Emergency #703-691-2131**

## Philosophy and Goals

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Participants in a Neighborhood Watch learn:

- To be familiar with neighbors and activities on their block.
- To recognize and report suspicious activity.
- To increase home security.
- To engrave personal property.
- To communicate with neighbors on a regular basis using block maps, newsletters, gatherings, etc.

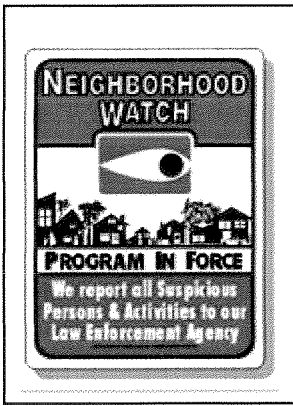
The goals of the Neighborhood Watch are two-fold:

- To reduce the level of fear of crime in our neighborhoods.
- To encourage citizens to accept the responsibility to improve neighborhood living conditions and reduce crime in our neighborhoods.

## Good Neighbors Can Cut Crime

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- Get to know your neighbors. Areas of low crime are areas where neighbors interact frequently.
- Keep an eye on your neighbors' children and ask them to keep an eye on yours.
- Join the neighborhood watch program.
- If your neighbor is on vacation, make arrangements with your neighbor to have their mail and newspaper picked up.
- Keep each other alert and informed. A neighbor's garage door left open, keys left in a car, someone snooping around homes with no apparent reason, a stranger stopping to talk to a child or senior citizen are all opportunities for a crime to happen.
- Visit a neighbor who has been a victim, be supportive, offer help with babysitting, getting to court and locating victim assistance services.
- Make sure neighborhood teens have something constructive to do and some place to go.
- Make sure your neighborhood is as "crime proof" as your home. Notify police of any vandalism, suspicious activity or strangers lurking in alleys or on street corners. Organize a campaign to clear debris and brush; large bushes can hide predators in parks and wooded areas. Enlist teens and kids to help. Report abandoned vehicles and broken street lights, and repair broken windows. Crime-attractive areas should be cleared of litter as well as mattresses, appliances and other large discarded items. Vacant and deteriorating houses and outbuildings attract vandals, gangs and street people. Turn a vacant lot into a community garden or play area for kids.



# Union Mills Neighborhood Watch

**Yes, I want to be on the Email Alert list for information only and or emergencies.**

**Yes, I'm also interested in becoming a block captain for Neighborhood Watch**

Any information submitted herein will be held in strict confidence and will not be distributed to any other resident with the Neighborhood watch group without the resident's permission. At the very least, please submit your name, address and email address so that we can keep you up to date on events that are occurring in our community and surrounding area.

We are especially interested in folks that are either home during the day or residents that frequently work from home so that we can network more effective and or assist with emergencies during the day.

## Contact Information - Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone (emergency Only)	
Work Phone (emergency Only)	
E-Mail Address For Alerts only	
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Disclosure – The Neighborhood Watch Program is not part of the Union Mills Homeowner's Association and they do NOT accept any funding from association. HOA funds did not pay for the production of this document.

*Return this to either Mike, Jessica, or Shannon.*