

June 2017

Special points of interest:

- **New Police Chief**
- **K9 Competition**
- **Annual Meeting**

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Eyes & Ears of Springfield

The Newsletter of Springfield Neighborhood Watch

Newsletter Revamped

The Springfield Neighborhood Watch newsletter is back.

We've had a name change and a design make-over. We are ready to keep you current as to what is happening with Neighborhood Watch and the Springfield Police Department.

Every newsletter will have a message from the police department and one from the Neighborhood Watch Board. There will be a section on crime prevention.

Information about upcoming meetings and events will be

posted. Volunteer opportunities for events, Neighborhood Watch, and the police department will also be reported.

Newsletter chairperson, MaryLou Waggoner, wants to know what you would like to read in your newsletter.

Perhaps you would like to know about the board members, the coordinators, or your block captains.

Maybe an advice column on how other groups have handled neighborhood problems.

The newsletter committee is asking the membership for help with ideas and articles for future newsletters.

Contact chairperson Mary Lou Waggoner, marylouwaggoner73@hotmail.com or Sheryl Grimes sgrimes@springfield-or.gov with your suggestions.

Revitalizing Neighborhood Watch

Over the past year the Neighborhood Watch Board has been working on recruiting new members, establishing new watch groups, and reestablishing inactive watch groups.

Membership chairperson April Johnson, together with the Springfield Police Department, has hosted several informational

meetings for citizens interested in learning about Neighborhood Watch.

As a result of these meetings new groups have been formed, some inactive groups have been restarted and individuals have been added to the membership of existing groups.

Neighborhood Watch is grow-

ing in Springfield. Neighbors are looking out for each other and helping the Springfield Police Department by being the "eyes & ears" of the neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Watch is a great organization to help promote safety and build a friendly neighborhood environment.



Chief Rick Lewis

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Message from Police Department

Rick Lewis has been selected to serve as Springfield's New Police Chief. Lewis was selected after an intensive recruitment process that began in January 2017.

Lewis has lived in the Springfield area for more than 30 years. He graduated from Sherwood High School and attended both Lane Community College and George Fox College, receiving an associate's degree in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's degree in Human

Resource Management. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2008.

He has been a member of Springfield Police Department since 1982 when he started as a reserve police officer before gaining fulltime employment in 1983. During his career Lewis worked in patrol, detectives, narcotics, SWAT and various other assignments. He was promoted to sergeant in 1999 and to captain in

2000. Lewis has been the AIC Chief of Police since July of 2016.

"I fully recognize the responsibility and trust that has been given to me and I can assure everyone that I take it very seriously," said Chief Lewis. "I am honored to be the Chief for the City of Springfield. I am also fortunate in the fact that SPD has the best employees in the state plus the community support is second to none."

K9 Competiton



The Springfield Police & KVAL proudly present the **22nd Annual K9 Competition**



**Saturday, June 17th, 2017
12 PM - 3 PM**

800 10th St., Springfield, Oregon
Springfield High School Silke Field

Fun for the entire family!

Events include: Area Search, Agility Course, Suspect Apprehension, Fastest Dog & Handler Protection



Food & Beverages, Springfield K9 shirts, hats, mugs & **RAFFLE** tickets available for purchase!

Support your Police Department K9 Team.

Come and cheer for them on Saturday, June 17th as they compete with other teams from around the state.

The event is free.

Message from the Board

My name is Penny Hales and I am your Neighborhood Watch President. I became your president last year after being a coordinator for about 20 years. I have lived in Springfield all of my life. You may know me by Penny Gilbert, or Penny McGinnis. I live in the home I was raised in on 16th Street. I raised my 4 children here and will continue to be an active member in our community as

long as I live in Springfield. I have worked in the field of education for 20+ years and now work to support students with special needs in the school system.

As many of you know, NW has been around for many years, but hasn't always seemed to be very active. It is the board of directors hope, that this will continue to change over the next few

years. We have many new things in the works as far as reorganizing our groups, education on topics of interest, replacing old signage, and coming out to your groups to speak if you need a boost in support. It is with great honor I serve as a volunteer for our city and community. I hope to work with each of you to continue making Springfield the best place to live for all of our residents.

Upgrading Signs

Does your group have a Neighborhood Watch sign? Is your sign old and faded? Do you have a sign on your fence?

The Board is interested in maintaining these warning signs to deter criminal activity.

Signs are free to members and active watch groups as part of

the organization's outreach program.

For information about signage email info@nwspringfield-or.org.



Cookbook Update

Recipes have been collected, sorted and grouped into sections. The format of the book itself has been pretty much decided on.

The students in Springfield High School's graphic arts class are now designing the graphics that will illustrate the cookbook.

When the graphics have been finalized, the final editing completed, and the last proof done; the book will go to printing.

April Johnson, the person in charge of this project, is anticipating the cookbooks will be available late summer.

Information about purchasing a cookbook will be in a future newsletter.

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Neighborhood Watch

*Annual General
Membership
Meeting
Wednesday
June 21*

Annual General Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars - Wednesday, June 21 - the 2017 Annual General Membership Meeting. The meeting is being held at the Springfield Justice Center, 230 4th Street, 2nd floor- EOC. Refreshments will be provided.

Springfield Neighborhood Watch



General Membership Meeting
and
Annual Board Elections

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

6 p.m.—7 p.m.

At the Springfield Justice Center,
230 Fourth St., 2nd Floor (E.O.C)

PURPOSE

- * Information on SUMMER SAFETY with guest speakers covering: Stranger Danger, Pedestrian Safety, and Water Safety.
- * Elect new boardmembers and socialize with fellow Neighborhood Watch members.

Please RSVP to Wendy Polen at 541-726-3729 or wpolen@springfield-or.gov

(Refreshments will be provided)

Crime Reports

Have you been wondering why the monthly crime report that you had been receiving via email has not been in your inbox these past several months?

The problem involves programming and data. The police department and the Neighborhood Watch Board are

working on trying to resolve the issues.

The Board and the police department know that the monthly crime report is information watch group members are interested in.

Until the issues are resolved and the reports can again be

sent to the individual watch groups via email, crime reports are available at www.crimereports.com/agency/SPDOregon.

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Crime Prevention Tips

Summer Safety Tips - Don't Be a Victim of Summertime Crime

As summertime reaches its peak so does household property crime. The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), and McGruff the Crime Dog® are here to provide you and your loved ones with important safety tips to make your summer safe and enjoyable.

“Summer is the perfect time for a family break, but criminals don’t take a summer break,” said NCPC’s CEO, Ann M. Harkins. “You can avoid becoming a victim to lurking property predators by staying alert and following a few basic prevention measures.”

Home Safety Tips

- * Be aware of what’s happening in the neighborhood
- * Lock your doors, including the garage door. Unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- * Ask a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor to keep a watchful eye on your home or have your mail held at the local post office until your return.
- * Put lights on timers to give the impression that someone is home.
- * Don’t post on social media that you are leaving town, and wait to post photos after you return from your trip.

Tips for Parents

- * Be proactive – make a backup plan in case the group gets separated during a family outing and have a scheduled meeting place and time.
- * If your child or teen will be alone for a significant amount of time, have him/her check in with you if they plan to leave the house and when they arrive back home.
- * Monitor Internet and social media activity to establish children and teens are visiting appropriate sites and following guidelines.

Vacation Tips

- * Lock your room and remember not to give out your room number or invite strangers into your hotel room.
- * Be friendly but be vigilant. Watch for and report any suspicious behavior.
- * Plan your route – stay within well-traveled routes and walk in groups. There’s safety in numbers.
- * Keep your belongings secure - Purses should be securely closed, backpacks zipped, and wallets kept in your front pocket. When dining in restaurants do not hang your purse or backpack on the back of your chair.

Car Safety Tips

- * Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car.
- * Do not leave valuables in the car. If you must leave prized possessions in your vehicle keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.
- * Before you get into your car, check the backseat and around the car. Lock your doors once inside the car.



The National Crime Prevention Council's mission is to be the nation's leader in helping people keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe from crime.

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Mission Statement:

Springfield Neighborhood Watch helps educate the community by providing free information on how to prevent and report crime; deters crime by putting out new/replacing old Neighborhood Watch signage; and most importantly, facilitates friendships between neighbors so they watch out for each other and the neighborhood.

Board Meeting Schedule:

Board Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm in the Springfield Justice Center 230 Fourth St. 2nd flr. (E.O.C.)

Upcoming Events