

COMMUNITY WATCH BROCHURE THE VILLAGE AT PILOT MILL



KEEPING A NEIGHBORHOOD
SPECIAL

This brochure reviews Community Watch efforts at the Village at Pilot Mill (VAPM)

Read on to find out how YOU can make a difference in Pilot Mill's Community Watch program!

What we ALL do as Community Watch Participants

Be a "Nosey" Neighbor and be willing to take these actions:

- Get to know your neighbors. Watch out for their house when they are away. Offer to get their mail, newspapers, and packages. Become familiar with who belongs, who does not belong, and know your neighbor's vehicles.
- Tell a trusted neighbor when you're going to be away so they can watch your house and collect your mail. Do NOT, however, put this information on the VAPM Google ListServ or Facebook.
- If you see suspicious and threatening situations or persons, or a suspected crime or an actual crime being committed, immediately call 9-1-1.

Our Mission Statement

We serve as a catalyst to promote neighbors actively watching out for each other, to address community safety and concerns, and to engage our VAPM community to prevent and solve problems.

Community Watch
Committee

Chair: Stephan Kiefer

Molly Lyons, Karen Salamon, and Robert Winchester (***Blount Street***); Hope Ethington and Dave Hesselberth (***Harp Street***) and Stephan Kiefer (***Haynes Street***)

9-1-1 is not your Pick 3 number. It's where to get help and to report suspicious activities. Use it as necessary!

Police non-emergency phone: 919-831-6311



What We Do NOT Do as Community Watch Participants:

We do NOT act as vigilantes

We do not patrol the streets

Do NOT call CW members when seeing something or someone who appears suspicious. Rather, call 9-1-1

Ask yourself these questions

- If you saw a neighbor's garage door left open for several days, would you know who to contact and how to do so?

- If a neighbor saw your garage door left open for several days, would they know who to contact and how to do so?

Resources

Your first resource is yourself

1. Park your car in your garage. If you do park on the street, remove valuables and lock your car at all times.

2. Install lighting with motion sensors at door entrances and in courtyards, especially where someone can remain hidden.

3. Use timer switches on interior lighting when you are away from home for extended periods.

4. Leave your front porch light on at all times in the evening and overnight

5. Do not leave your garage door open, even if you are in your home

6. Trim tall bushes around windows and doors to eliminate hiding places

Your neighbors are your second resource

There are two electronic ListServes that are your third resource

1. pilotmill@googlegroups.com is VAPM's email-based ListServ email -- a great communication method to get to know each other, exchange information, and to alert others about suspicious events

You must be an approved member of the google groups to post - enroll on the Communication & Feedback page of VAPM's website.

2. nextdoor.com is another web- and email-based ListServ for NextDoor Mordecai, an electronic service for a much larger neighborhood area. You have to be approved to join. To begin, use a web browser to visit nextdoor.com, enter your email address, street address, and zip code, and click GET STARTED.

The Raleigh Police Department uses Nextdoor to facilitate a virtual neighborhood watch and to help foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications BUT Nextdoor is **NOT** the appropriate way to request emergency services, police services, report criminal or suspicious activity, file a report, etc. If you require emergency services, please call 911. RPD does NOT monitor Nextdoor 24/7.

Try both electronic services as an additional resource!