

Maple Ridge

C MMUNITY WATCH

Reasons for Community Watch

Basic Crime Prevention Disaster Preparedness Build a Stronger Community

Be proactive!

Our Community Watch group is the "eyes and ears" of law enforcement.

Community Watch is a crime prevention and disaster preparedness program that enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime and victimization in the community. It involves:

- Residents using common sense to protect themselves and their property
- Neighbors getting together in programs of mutual assistance
- Residents being trained to recognize and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.

Objective: To keep the Maple Ridge community safe and secure through the **Community Watch** program by establishing Street Captains and developing a strategic way of communicating with each resident of any criminal activity in our community.

Street Captains (someone from each street), will stay in contact with each resident on their street via email and/or telephone. These Street Captains will alert each resident when there has been anything regarding safety and/or security in our community. They may also divide the contacts among a few other residents on the street creating a phone tree.

Process for reporting anything suspicious or criminal:

- Immediately call **9-1-1** even if it is not an emergency. DO NOT approach or confront the individual(s).
- After reporting the suspicious activity to the police, contact Allen Broach either via email at jabinnc@gmail.com or by telephone 336-210-5094.
- Allen will then contact the Association President, and Street Captains, who will contact the residents on their street.

- A formal notice will be written and after approval by the Association President, the notice will be sent to all residents who have their email addresses registered with the Association. The president will then send the notice to Marsha Bunt who will post the information on the Maple Ridge Next Door website.
- Maple Ridge residents will be kept up to date, whenever possible, of the status of each suspicious activity.

A few simple precautions

- Lock your cars and don't leave anything of value visible
- Install solar powered flood lights. If you need help installing them let Allen Broach know
- Consider a video doorbell such as Ring, SimpliSafe, Nest, etc.
- Let your neighbors know when you will be away from home
- If you are away from home either stop newspaper delivery or have a neighbor pick them up
- Do not post on social media that you are away from home