

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

Neighborhood Watch Letter

June 2011



Wildwood Precinct

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What's Going on in Wildwood / Upcoming Events

City of Wildwood Events www.cityofwildwood.com

Friday, June 24 – Wildwood Movie Night – Town Center

Summer

Kids are out of school, summer heat has come early and traffic is less. Some folks think all of these things are great while others are only happy about the lack of traffic. The one thing I can say is all of this brings change.

Every day since school has been out I am noticing kids of all ages walking, driving, and hanging out throughout Wildwood. During the evening hours we see more teenagers on the go since they don't have school the following day. Curfew violations go up, accident numbers increase, as well as petty larcenies and trespass. It's a good idea to remind our teenage drivers to take it easy on the pedal and to not overload their vehicles with passengers. Curfew needs to be enforced by the parents or our officers will be calling after hours for the parents to pick up their children at the station. Curfew for persons under the age of 17 is 11:00pm, Sunday through Thursday and 12:00am on Friday and Saturday nights. Remind our youth that parks and trails are off limits at dusk. If you are concerned about teenage drinking, keep the alcohol locked up. Easy access can lead to temptation. Most of our parents don't have to worry about much of the above topics, but kids will be kids. Young people are easily influenced by others, they can get caught up in the moment and I would rather see these hazards headed off by a preemptive family discussion than a ticket, summons, or arrest by your police department.

The heat can be a factor in managing our health and that of our pets. With the temperatures we've been enduring lately it does not take long before one can get overheated, leading to heat exhaustion and or heat stroke. Take caution in overdoing those outdoor activities and or get them done in the morning hours before the heat of the day sets in. If you have animals that are kept outdoors and or left outside for any real length of time they need plenty of water and an area of

protection from the direct sun. All of our residents to include the animals will be safeguarded by the police if we think heat is a factor.

As for the reduced traffic due to summer breaks and vacations, I get to leave ten minutes later to come to work than during the school year and I get home about ten minutes earlier than usual. I hope the same is for all of you.

Scams

I have touched on this topic before but it can't hurt to reiterate to our residents that phone, internet and mail scams of every nature are out there looking to prey on anyone with a dime to their name. This is literal in the fact that these scam artist do not care if it is your last dime, they will take it if you provide them information. If you receive literature that you are unsure about through the mail, contact the postal service. If you receive it by phone or internet, you can call the FBI, Attorney General's office and or your local police. Many of these scams cross state and or international borders making them difficult to track down. If you would like to donate to a cause, I would advise that you look it up yourself to make sure it is reputable before providing any information or donating any money. If the organization is reputable they will not mind waiting a day or a week for you to call them verses them soliciting you. Find a phone number for the organization yourself, not necessarily the one they provide you as many of these operations are elaborate enough that they will answer the number they provided as the business or organization name they gave you. A little work on your part can save you a lot of money as well as reduce the incidents of identity theft.

Reminder- St. Louis County, Wildwood Police Department offers vacation checks for your home when you're out of town. Call the Wildwood Precinct at 458-9194 or go to the City of Wildwoods website, cityofwildwood.com to fill out the form to have your resident checked.

Reminder- St. Louis County, Wildwood Precinct Neighborhood Policing Officers will assist you in properly installing your child safety seats. Call P.O. Jamie Reiter or P.O. Brad Wood at 636-458-9194 to schedule an appointment.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Wildwood Precinct	636-458-9194	Crime Stoppers	866-371-8477
Non-Emergency 911	314-889-2341	Safe Schools Hotline	314-889-7233
Wildwood City Hall	636-458-0440	Drug Hotline	314-863-3673
Animal Control	314-726-6655	Neighborhood Preservation	314-615-4151

Please feel free to contact the Neighborhood Policing Officers Jamie Reiter and Brad Wood at 636-458-9194 in reference to neighborhood concerns or initiating a Neighborhood Watch Group for your subdivision.