

Citizen Participation Organization 15

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

6:30 p.m. Opportunity to sign up for Neighborhood Watch Program

Forest Hills Golf Course
36260 SW Tongue Lane, Cornelius

AGENDA

7:00 PM

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Peggy Harris
- **Sheriff's Deputy Report** (if available)
- **CPO Elections.** Call Phyllis Bass with any nomination ideas, 503 357-0542.
- **Program #1—Pat Willis, 4-H Club Youth Development Faculty, Washington County,** will speak on
 - Youth Development Programs
 - Project Ideas
 - 4-H in Schools
 - Outlook for the Washington County Fair
 - **Chuck Colgrove**, who started Blooming Livestock 4-H, will give a short history of the 4-H Club.
 - **Katie, Kathleen and Natalie**, Blooming Livestock 4-H members will talk about their 4-H projects as well as some of their exhibits at the Washington County and Oregon State Fairs.
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Please come and bring your children, questions, and neighbors so you can learn more about 4-H. Those of you who have been touched by 4-H, come tell your stories!

Break for cookies and conversation

- **Program #2: Linda Gray, brief update on Urban and Rural Reserves**
- **Johnson School traffic safety issues.** Do the residents of Johnson School Road want our CPO to request a traffic safety study? Come give your views. This was an issue raised at our America's Night Out CPO 15 Potluck.
- **America's Night Out CPO 15 Potluck**—do we want to make this an Annual event? Come give your views.
- **Summer CPO 15 Meeting?** Do we have a July meeting?
- **CPO Reports and Updates if time.**
- **Update on Neighborhood Watch Program for our area**—Come find out about it!

Please put the following dates on your calendars

Our CPO meets every other month

We are organizing interesting speakers of vital interest to our CPO 15 and we need your support, ideas and attendance. Our meetings are the third Wednesdays of every other month. Circle these dates for CPO 15 meetings and let all your neighbors know!

Wednesday, November 18th, 2009
Wednesday, January 20th, 2010
Wednesday, March 17th, 2010
Wednesday, May 19th, 2010



CPO 15's Neighborhood Watch Program

CPO 15 is beginning a **Neighborhood Watch Program** for our area. In these difficult, economic times, it is in our best interest to watch out for each other and to be good neighbors to each other. Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime. Neighborhood Watch helps create a partnership between citizens and the Sheriff's Office to address criminal activity and livability issues within neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime creates, helps neighbors get to know each other, helps recognize and report suspicious behavior, and helps neighbors learn safety strategies to protect themselves from harm. A great deal of interest has been shown in having our own Neighborhood Watch Program adapted a bit to our rural area. Darlene Schnoor, Crime Prevention Specialist for the Washington County Sheriff's Office has been helping us to help us set up our program. There is not a big time commitment, so please contact us to learn more about how you can help keep your area safe.

An active Neighborhood Watch Program can help reduce drug dealing, discourage gangs and improve safety for young and old alike. Our rural CPO 15 area is quite special, but is not immune to problems. Because of the internet, updates and alerts can be sent out to all of us quickly and efficiently, once we are organized. We are able to post Neighborhood Watch signs strategically around our area that let out the word that we care and that we are organized. We received a grant to post Neighborhood/Farm Watch signs at the entrances to our CPO 15 area. Watch out for them. We need everyone to sign up to be a part of the Neighborhood Watch, so together we can be a safe, CPO 15 area. To sign up:

- Come at 6:30 before our CPO meeting on September 16th at the Forest Hills Golf Course
- Call Kay Nakao at (503) 357-2936 or (503) 348-6951
- Contact any of your CPO 15 officers (contact information on front cover of this CPO 15 Newsletter)

Please join us in our Neighborhood Watch Program