

Neighbourhood Watch

April 2021 Bulletin

Organization Updates

As you know, Safe City Mississauga has been on a steady track to evolve the organization and its many programs. This way, Safe City Mississauga will be able to adapt to the challenges of the future. As such, this month's Bulletin will focus on some of the biggest updates to keep you informed on how things may be changing in the next few months:

- **The Crime Prevention Management System (CPMS)** - Our biggest update! The CPMS will provide a new online hub to help deliver programs, provide dynamic virtual crime prevention education, a communications hub, and more! Team Leads can begin registering in May. All Watch members are highly encouraged to register to join the CPMS in order to optimally engage in the Neighbourhood Watch program!
- **New Watch Programs** - Thanks to the success of Neighbourhood Watch, Safe City Mississauga has begun the launch of two new Watch programs. The first, Business Watch, has launched this month and will be discussed further below! The second, School Watch, is currently in the planning stages. It will adapt the NW model and bring it into the schools to provide crime prevention to youth! Stay tuned for more details!
- **Monthly Bulletins** - With the introduction of two new Watch programs, the Neighbourhood Watch Bulletins will be revamped into Crime Prevention Bulletins to be sent out to all Watch programs and their respective clients. As such, the Bulletins will begin to cover a more wide range of topics in order to begin providing all our clients a more holistic breadth of crime prevention knowledge. Feel free to provide any suggestions for topics!
- **Social Events** - SCM has created guide material to help organize social events like Operation Clean Sweep and Neighbours Night Out. We are hoping NWs will get to organize such events this year, but this will be pending as per the pandemic.



We're so glad to have each and every Neighbourhood Watch member with us on this journey, and we look forward to continuing this journey into the future of Safe City Mississauga!

Business Watch has Launched!

The Safe City Mississauga Business Watch program has now launched in Streetsville! It is a new program at Safe City Mississauga that adapts the Neighbourhood Watch program. Business Watch focuses on community transparency among businesses and encourages crime prevention education for owners to be aware of criminal activity that may be happening around them.

This program promotes businesses to look out for one another and report any incidents of crime and suspicious activity. With planning and strategy input from members of Peel Regional Police and city council, business watch has been designed to help the business community to maintain safety and prevent acts of crime.

What included for local businesses looking to join this program:

- Access to the new Crime Prevention Management System
- Access to crime prevention education and resources
- Access to Business Watch virtual communication methods
- Business Watch signage to be placed around the business community
- Stickers and other crime prevention materials



In 2021, Port Credit BIA and Malton BIA will also be launching Business Watches. In 2022, Safe City Mississauga aims to collaborate with other Mississauga BIAs to activate more Business Watches. The next step will then be to activate Business Watches in all other business communities in the city. As part of Neighbourhood Watch, please encourage any business owners you know to join our program.

And yes, for all Neighbourhood Watch members who are also business owners - you can definitely participate in both programs!



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