

# Neighbourhood Watch



## *April 2020 Bulletin*



## COVID-19 and Crime

Though we may all be worried about the pandemic, that doesn't mean we can't still be vigilant in our crime prevention.

How can we continue to keep our neighbourhoods safe from crime?

- Keep doing what you're doing! Report suspicious activity and keep up your Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) practices.
- Pay particular attention to your vehicles! Ensure they are always locked and that valuables are hidden or removed entirely.
- Use CPTED practices to further protect your vehicle - ensure proper lighting and clear lines of sight around your vehicle at night. If possible, park your vehicle under security cameras as well.
- Don't let your emotions be taken advantage of! There are a lot of fraudsters out there looking to take advantage of the fear of COVID-19 to pitch "miracle products" or con you with false information.
- Be on extra alert for text message and email frauds! Fraudsters know that people will have more time to be on their phones and will be trying to capitalize on this.
- Keep in touch with people! Constant isolation may take a toll on one's mental and emotional wellbeing. Additionally, those in abusive relationships may now feel even more trapped with their abusers. Keep in contact and provide as much support as you can.



We may all be separated at the moment, but that doesn't mean we can't be doing our individual parts to protect our communities. Neighbourhood Watch is at its strongest when we are all doing our part!



# Neighbourhood Watch Victories



The news might be a little gloomy these days, so how about some good news?

The Old Pheasant Neighbourhood Watch reported thefts from vehicles back in March. They were able to provide physical descriptions and surveillance footage of the suspect. As of last week, the suspect was successfully arrested by Peel Regional Police!

Over the winter, the Garrowhill Trail, and Pickmere and Pagehurst Neighbourhood Watches reported vehicles vandalized with the graffiti tag "Nayer". The Neighbourhood Watches had contributed their reports to the ongoing investigation against the Nayer tagger. As of April 9th, Peel Regional Police were able to arrest a suspect!



Every little bit counts! Don't think that suspicious activity and smaller acts of crime aren't worth reporting. Every detail that you can report makes the cases that Peel Regional Police are building that much stronger - and it will pay off!

Keep your eyes open and let's keep making more Neighbourhood Watch success stories to celebrate!



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