

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin

March 2019



Introducing our New Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming Valerie Briffa as Safe City Mississauga's newest Interim Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Valerie is an accredited International Crime Prevention Practitioner (2018) and a former coordinator of Crossroads & Counter-Act In-School Programming. She brings with her a combination of practical and academic experiences that will be well-served in this role. Thank you for your patience as Valerie transitions into the role, April 2019.



We look forward to working with you!

5 Tips for Connecting With Your Neighbours

Happy Spring!



Knowing people in our local area, even if it is just to say Hello, can have a big impact on how secure and happy we feel about where we live!



Our lives are often so busy, we forget to reach out to the people who live close to us! This is especially true after we've been escaping the cold and locking ourselves indoors over the winter months! Use these tips below to (re-)establish those relationships:

1. Find an opportunity to introduce yourself. Don't forget to start by smiling and saying hello.
2. Baking cookies? Bring a few to your neighbours next door! (who doesn't love cookies?)
3. Look out for ways you can help your neighbours and don't be afraid to ask if you need support too.
4. If you have new neighbours, offer to help with any questions about the local area.
5. Seek opportunities to connect with people in your local community (ie. dog park, fitness facility, community or volunteer events, etc.)



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Numbers to Know

- 9-1-1** ----- In an Emergency for Police / Ambulance / Fire Services
For example: you witness criminal activity occurring
- 905-453-3311** ----- Non-Emergency for reporting a crime after the fact when not in danger
Twitter: @PeelPoliceMedia This number will reach specific units & divisions for general inquiries
- 905-453-2121 x 4021** ----- If you want to speak to an officer who specializes in crime prevention, or sign
Twitter: @PeelCrimePrev up for academies/seminars offered by PRP, call Crime Prevention Services
- 1-800-222-8477** ----- You can report crime completely anonymously through Peel Crime Stoppers
(TIPS)



Observing & Reporting



If you report something to Peel Regional Police, do not forget to also report it to your NW Team Lead afterwards! The Team Lead will keep the NW Coordinator updated and communicate the information to residents in your Watch so they are aware and on the look out for the future. They might have information to contribute as well!