

Neighborhood Watch Update

November 2017 – April 2018 Season

April 7, 2018 SBPOA Meeting

Summary

1. 800 houses are included in the watch. Most of the SBPOA members have asked for their house to be walked around and not just viewed from the street.
2. There are 43 Routes of 10 to 30 houses each.
3. Many of the routes are covered as a couple.
4. Most of our Walkers have performed these duties for years. They know the houses and are quick to identify changes.

Findings

1. Walkers were the first to spot approximately 10 leaks. As an experienced group I heard several state that they make a special effort to execute their route shortly after the extreme cold snaps.
2. Unlocked doors, open windows and at least one open door were spotted.
3. Owners were informed of fallen trees and branches.
4. Frozen heat pumps were reported.

The people

1. Certainly assisted each other with coverage for out of town or illness.
2. Take pride in minimizing if not preventing damage to your property.

Recruitment

1. Additional walkers are needed every year. People move out of town or take on other responsibilities that prevent them from continuing.
2. The goal is to have your watch route be convenient for you. If your original assignment is not optimal we can work to improve it.
3. We have several people doing part of the season. This is very helpful in distributing the signs on the first half or taking over for those heading south in the late season.
4. For me, picking up routes as a substitute, it was nice to meet people along the way. If I had a consistent route it would be nice to know more of my neighbors.

New Goal for 2018 – 2019

1. Deliver door signs before Labor Day!