



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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Neighborhood Watch block party kicked off ninth group of residents to join program

Pinecrest, Fla. – The latest in a series of Neighborhood Watch Block Parties was held on Saturday, February 15th. The block party was from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and extended from 72nd Avenue to 74th Avenue on Southwest 109th Terrace.

The block party kicked off the group's participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program. The Village provided hamburgers, hotdogs, tables and canopies, and the neighbors contributed drinks, desserts and side dishes. One neighbor even provided a bounce house for children to play in.

To download photos go to: <http://ge.tt/1W5ZKPK1>

Jennifer Solomon is the Neighborhood Watch chairperson in her block and encourages other Pinecrest residents to join because "it is a great opportunity to see how the crime watch program is getting neighbors to connect and bring a small town feeling to our community".

Pinecrest Neighborhood Watch groups are booming in the Village of Pinecrest. Nine Crime Watch groups have formed in the last six months in the eight-square-mile Village to deter crime in their blocks.

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Pinecrest Police Crime prevention Specialist Michael Gorsline heads the program and schedules an initial meeting with neighbors interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program in their block. Neighbors share information, such as, emails, phone numbers and landscaper and pool servicer information. This information is placed in a spreadsheet and shared with the members of the group to help neighbors be more vigilant of each other's houses.

"If something looks suspicious or sounds suspicious call the police department. We are here to help keep you safe," said Sergeant Gorsline, who said thieves many times use power tools to break through impact resistant glass. "The more eyes and ears we have working together the less chance there is of falling victim to a crime."

Getting started is easy. The first step is to get organized by calling Sergeant Gorsline at 305-234-2100.

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