

June 9, 2007

Licton Springs Community Council Report for June

North Precinct Advisory Council Report for June 6, 2007

Well let's see.....the big event this nice June evening was a presentation by Officer James Ritter of the Seattle Police Museum.

The Seattle Police Museum is a privately run, nonprofit organization. It is located in the Pioneer Square District of Seattle and is open to the public from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday. The address is: 317 - 3rd Avenue South, Seattle, Washington. There are numerous historical artifacts, educational exhibits, and likenesses of infamous characters. There is also an area for kids to interact with police equipment (old and new). Seniors get a discount also. The Seattle Police Department has a long and colorful history. The museum is also supported by the King County Sherriff's Department. It is widely used by the "media," Crime Stoppers, the Discovery channel, and others.

Officer Ritter's current pride and joy is a restored 1970 Plymouth Fury. (Remember those?) We were invited out to the parking lot to recall those days and get a closer look at the car from somewhere other than the back seat! (Not me, back seat that is.) Now mind you I'm not about to be putting this car down, after all it was STATE OF THE ART in 1970. The phrase "plain jane" really comes to mind. NO electronics, NO cage in the back seat, NO seat belts, the engine compartment looks positively EMPTY, except for the big V-eight, a couple of lights on top, and it would go like hell in a STRAIGHT line! (VW's would eat them up in a neighborhood getaway.)

The Museum's volunteers take this car (the King County Sheriff's Office has one also) to public outings and events. (It will be at the Greenwood Festival.) One of the things that the officers driving this car have to remember is that they are still obliged to perform their duties as police even when driving this car. That gets some..... odd responses from people pulled over.

The King County car was retrieved from a Nebraska cornfield and through 18 months of effort and generosity, it was fully restored to its original service condition.

Some other issues of note were the announcement by the Precinct Commander that the City is actively looking for a new location for North Precinct. The current location is just too small and the up-coming addition of more officers is the writing on the wall! So.....you heard it here first.

Don't forget the picnic on June 30th, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Precinct. (I think I got it slightly wrong last month.....old timers syndrome?)

It's getting near that time of year again. Time to plan ahead, eh.

"Night Out" is a national Crime Prevention event. It is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, increase neighborhood support in anti-crime efforts, and unite our communities. It is a great chance to learn about crime prevention, while also celebrating your community and spending time with your neighbors.

How to Register:

Registration deadline is July 27, 2007.

Choose Your Precinct: | Which Precinct am I in?

North Precinct

East Precinct

West Precinct

South Precinct

Southwest Precinct

Frequently Asked Questions:

Will I be notified when you receive my registration?

Because of the volume of registrations received, no official notification will be sent out. Unless you receive your registration back, assume that it has been received and that your block is ready to go.

How do I close my street for Night Out?

If you do not live on an arterial street and you do not close your intersection, you are welcome to close the street to traffic for your Night Out Celebration. Indicate on the registration form that you plan to close the street. Individual blocks are responsible for providing barricades, but a street closure sign can be downloaded from this website. On the registration form please mark not only the street name but also the hundred block of the street.

Is there a fee to close my street?

The City waives the fee for Night Out participants.

What if an emergency vehicle needs to get through during our Night Out Celebration?

When setting up for your event, make sure to keep tables to one side of the street and assign two individuals to respond to the end of the street to remove the barricades for the vehicle.

How do I request Police or Fire participation in my Night Out Celebration?

All of the registered Night Out Events are shared with the individual precincts as well as the Fire Department. As time allows, personnel who work in your neighborhood will drop by. We ask that you not call the individual Fire Stations, as the number of calls could overwhelm them.

To get the full report, go to www.seattle.gov/police/nightout.

You can download forms and requests at this site as well.

Another Timely Topic:

Graffiti Prevention & Removal

Taking prompt, proactive steps to report and remove graffiti is the best way to prevent it from occurring in your community. Follow these steps to get rid of graffiti:

Report graffiti:

Call the City's Graffiti Report Line at (206) 684-7587 or use the Online Report Form to report graffiti on public property, or on private property that has persisted for a period of time. Make a police report to (206) 625-5011 when graffiti appears on your property. If you see an act of graffiti vandalism in progress, call 911 immediately.

Remove graffiti.

After the police document the vandalism, remove or paint over the graffiti immediately. For free paint call the ReUse Store (206) 386-4093. Volunteer to paint out graffiti in your community. Get written permission from property owners to paint out graffiti on their property, and get a group together to paint it out!

The City assumes no liability for work related to volunteer paint-outs. Call (206) 386-9746 for more information.

Get a Litter & Graffiti Matching Fund Grant.

If you have an idea to clean up or prevent litter and graffiti in your community, the City may have up to \$1,000 in grant support to help make it a reality! Call (206) 386-9746 for information about this program.

Make your property graffiti-resistant.

Quick fixes that are known to work include:

- Installing improved lighting and motion sensitive lighting.
- Growing vines or appropriate vegetation to cover unpainted retaining walls.
- Installing a graffiti resistant coating on your walls.
- Keeping matching paint on hand to quickly paint out graffiti.

Additional Resources

Graffiti Prevention Program

Paint it Out Brochure

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