

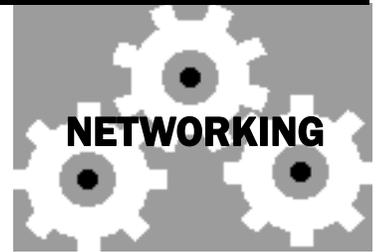


Summer 2013

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CIRCULAR

Creating a community network to provide a safer place to live!

Neighborhood Watch.....It's not just Crime Prevention any more!



Community Police Fire

Health & Human Services

REPORT A CRIME—ON LINE

The "Report a Crime" online system provides an option to complete a police report without calling into the police department. Some of the reasons you want to report online may be for an insurance claim or the desire to document an occurrence of a violation. This allows you to file a report at your convenience and eliminates the need to wait for an officer to respond either by phone or in person. These reports are reviewed regularly and handled in the same manner as if an officer took the information.

In order to utilize "Report a Crime" online, the reported crimes must have:

- occurred in the City and County of Broomfield
- no suspect information
- no current leads

Following is the list of crimes that may be reported online:

- Theft under \$1,000
- Theft from a car (property stolen off or out of a car)
- Theft from a locker or coin operated machine
- Theft from a shed
- Shoplifting
- Criminal Mischief (vandalism, damage to property or vehicle)
- Defacing property (including graffiti)
- Lost property
- Phone Harassment (repeated hang-ups, unidentifiable caller, solicitors)
- Gas Drive Off
- Tampering (toilet papering, egging, letting air out of tires)

To report a crime or lost property on-line go to: [City and County of Broomfield - Online Crime Report](#).

If you need to report a crime in progress call 9-1-1; For other non-emergency situations call 303-438-6400.

Block Captains and Interested Citizens,

This edition of the newsletter encompasses a variety of information that has been published at different times over the years, but seems to be good reminders for all of us.

Please take the time to share all of the information contained in this publication and encourage your neighbors to share as well.

In an effort to keep up with changing times and to cut down on waste, the newsletter will be sent to each of you electronically. I will continue to have a small amount of hard copies available so please let me know if you need them and I will make them available for you at the police department headquarters building at 7 DesCombes Drive. Since the beat officers will no longer be dropping these off at your door step feel free to wave them down as they are patrolling your neighborhood and ask questions at anytime.

We are gearing up for National Night Out-Picnic in the Park on Tuesday, August 6th from 5:30—8:30 PM. I hope that many of you will take the time to stop by and enjoy all of the activities that are being planned and to meet with many of the officers.

Thanks again for your involvement in the Neighborhood Watch program, it's always great working with you!

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Criminal Mischief—Vandalism and Pranks

By Joleen Reefer, Public Education Coordinator

What types of crime are we seeing in Broomfield? This is a frequent question asked by residents of the City and County of Broomfield.

Each week I review the reports taken by the officers and recently noticed a number of criminal mischief occurrences. These include:

- Eggs thrown at vehicles
- Scratched doors of vehicles
- Damage to potted plants
- Houses being toilet papered

Summer time is upon us which brings an increase in pranks that are actually criminal mischief offenses. These are most often caused by juveniles out and about during evening hours. The police department encourages you to report suspicious activity. This may include kids congregating in areas that they aren't normally seen or have no legitimate reason to be at various hours of the day or night. A quick phone call to the police department can provide information and direction for a beat officer to cruise down your street which may help curb a potential prank or criminal mischief that is ultimately a crime in your neighborhood. Each of you are the eyes and ears of the community. **Help us help you—If you see or hear anything suspicious call the police!**

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-emergency 303-438-6400

Solicitors—What are the basics surrounding people selling stuff in my neighborhood?

By Detective Mike Sveta, Investigations Unit

A solicitor must obtain a "Solicitor's License" from the City Clerk's office. A badge is issued and shall be worn in plain site while they are conducting business. Door-to-door solicitation can be conducted from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and is not permitted on Sundays and holidays. If you wish to keep solicitors from knocking on your door you may post a sign which reads "No Solicitors".



If you observe solicitors in your neighborhood that do not display the required badge, contact the police department at 303-438-6400.

FRAUD ALERT! CHARITABLE GIVING GUIDELINES FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Provided by the Denver DA's Office

The recent wildfires in Colorado are generating a great desire to help those that have been affected by this local disaster. Unfortunately, this also poses an opportunity for scams and fraud to surface in the wake of the situation. To avoid becoming a victim of charity fraud, consider the following guidelines before making a contribution.

Verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations that appeal for funds. This can be done through the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org and Charity Navigator at www.charitynavigator.org. Contribute only to charities that have a track record of providing efficient and expedient disaster relief. Several fraudulent charities often use names similar to well-known non-profit organizations in an effort to deceive the public into believing the charity is legitimate. Colorado charities who intend on raising \$25,000 or more a year must be registered with the Secretary of State Licensing Division before participating in any fundraising activities with the state. You can verify this by contacting them at sos.licensing@sos.state.co.us or at 303-894-2200. We encourage you to participate only in fundraising efforts undertaken by individuals you know and trust. Do not respond to unsolicited incoming emails, and never click on links contained within those email messages. Also, be cautious of emails or networking sites that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files. These files may contain viruses. Never give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions. Doing so puts you at risk of identity theft.

For additional information on Fraud & Identity Theft go to www.broomfield.org/index.aspx?nid=1492.

SUMMERTIME TRAFFIC REMINDERS

By Officer Robert Shephard, Traffic Unit

Summertime brings more children, families, pedestrians, bicycles, and yes, even an occasional stray animal outside. As a motorist driving in and around the City & County of Broomfield, use caution and drive defensively as outdoor activities increase. Here are some reminders for driving in Broomfield:

General

- Drive the posted speed limit in residential areas.
- Watch for and expect almost anything to occur. There could be a toy, child, or animal coming out from between or behind a parked vehicle.
- Be aware of the doors of vehicles parked along the street which may be quickly opened as you are driving by.
- Remember that conditions or circumstances can change quickly, such as weather and roadway conditions, pedestrians near the roadway, or visibility problems caused by the sun, curves, corners, parked cars, fences, or landscaping. Visibility obstructions may require you to drive slower than the posted speed limit.

Stop Signs

- Come to a complete stop.
- Look both ways to check for any vehicles, bicycles, or pedestrians that may be approaching from either direction before proceeding past the stop sign and/or designated stop bar that is painted on the street.

Crosswalks / Motorist's

- Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Do not drive through the crosswalk when a pedestrian is crossing. Many times the pedestrian is not watching for the vehicles as they approach.
- Expect a vehicle in front of you to slow and/or stop as they approach a crosswalk when a pedestrian is waiting to cross.

Crosswalks / Pedestrians

- Never assume that an approaching driver sees you.
- Always watch for the driver's face and eyes to acknowledge that they are looking at you.
- Watch for the vehicle to slow and stop before stepping in front of the vehicle.

Children playing in roadway

- Do not allow your children to play in the street.
- Do not place devices in the roadway, such as cones, signs, or any obstructions in an attempt to slow traffic.

Expect the unexpected!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING— How can I determine a safe distance to stop behind the vehicle in front of me at stop signs and traffic signals?

By Officer Robert Shephard, Traffic Unit

To determine a safe stopping distance behind another vehicle at a stop light, stop sign, or in stopped traffic, look over the hood of your vehicle. When stopped, if you can still see the tires of the vehicle in front of you touching the roadway then you are a safe distance for two reasons:

- If the vehicle in front of you is broken down you can turn your wheels left or right and usually be able to drive around the vehicle without having to first back up.
- If you are struck from behind by another vehicle, it is less likely that your vehicle will be pushed into the vehicle in front of yours.





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Emergency Preparedness

Smart911 is a free service brought to you by your Broomfield Police Department and North Metro Fire Rescue District. It is 100% Private and Secure. It could save your life, or the life of someone you love. Go to: www.smart911.com to learn more about it and register today!

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION REGISTRATION!

Cell phone and VoIP system subscribers—go to your911.net to register to ensure that you receive emergency information that may affect your neighborhood. You will receive evacuation or shelter-in-place notices or other relevant police and fire activities. This notification system will allow you to receive email, cell phone and text messages, but **you must register** this information on your own!



Broomfield Animal Services....

By Animal Services Officer Donna Shimic

A new name to our unit, Animal Services and new look to our vehicles enhances our effort to provide services that meet the community policing philosophy of the Broomfield Police Department.



Our mission is to promote responsible pet ownership. We do this through education and enforcement.

We accomplish this by:

- Registering dogs, cats, and ferrets residing in Broomfield
- Reuniting lost pets to their owners
- Investigating bite incidents involving domesticated animals and wildlife
- Helping neighbors resolve animal-related issues such as, noisy dogs, unsupervised pets and dogs running loose, and investigating concerns about animals
- Assisting with injured pets
- Providing resources for wildlife concerns
- Providing pet safety, bite prevention and humane education classes

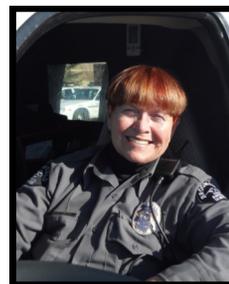
We work in partnership with organizations like the Humane Society of Boulder Valley and Dumb Friends League to provide low cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinics for low income individuals.

Broomfield Animal Services Unit consists of three Animal Services Officers, Donna Shimic, Pam Owens, Amy Voltin and one Supervisor, Sergeant Steve Griebel. All three officers have completed Level 1 and Level 2 Certification from the National Animal Control Association (NACA). Additionally, Officer Voltin is an Agent for the Colorado Bureau of Animal Protection.

To report an animal related violation call 303-438-6400.



Officer Donna Shimic



Officer Pam Owens



Officer Amy Voltin

We're on the Web!
 Access the City and County of Broomfield website at:
<http://www.broomfield.org>