

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

Neighborhood Watch Letter

November 2012

Wildwood Precinct

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What's Going on in Wildwood / Upcoming Events

City of Wildwood Events www.cityofwildwood.com

November 10 – 20, 2012 – Firearms Deer Season

December 7, 2012 – Wildwood Business Assoc. Balloon Glow

Holidays, Crime Prevention, Patience and Preparation

Halloween has past so, one down and a couple more to go. I like to think of Halloween as the gateway to the holiday season. Regardless of what you celebrate the season is still upon us. We are all going to have events to plan for, family, friends, travel and some additional expenses. Parking will be tight, stores will be packed, and people get in a rush. Throw cold weather into that mix and it seems to take the holiday right out of some people making us think were back at Halloween.

What can we do to get through the hustle and bustle and keep the good times rolling right up to the day(s) were working toward. Preparation and mindset, keep it organized and simple. Don't wait till last minute to make your plans, shop, and whatever else you have to do. Spread the work around so no one person has to take on the load. I like the idea of everyone bringing a dish. If expenses are tight, you're not alone. Step up and let your family know that this would be a good year to draw names for gift giving. If you're doing well but others in your family are having struggles with the economy right now, be the one to make that suggestion to take the pressure off. Make a decision to have that extra bit of patience with others before you leave your house to go to the mall, grocery or functions that put you around persons you would rather avoid.

When we rush or get flustered we tend to forget. Slow down when you leave your house and make sure doors and windows are locked and garage doors are closed. Set purchases out of sight so they are not visible from your windows. If you are going out of town have your mail stopped or ask a neighbor to pick it up. Timers for lights are cheap and give the appearance that someone is home. I like the idea of having a couple that change lighting in different rooms at different times as though someone is moving about the house. Close your blinds or curtains on ground level floors. Burglars are less interested in items they can't see. Ask neighbors, friends or us at the Police Department to keep an eye on your home so you can take that trip and not have worries.

The holidays can be a great time of year but they will be what you make them. So once again I can only encourage, preparation and mindset, keep it organized and simple.

Firearms Deer Season begins Saturday, November 10, 2012

With Firearms deer season approaching, I thought it may be helpful to highlight some of the more prevalent ordinances regarding Wildwood's Hunting and Firearms regulations:

- Hunting or discharging a firearm or bow requires a single 3 acre (or more) parcel of land. The 3 acre requirement cannot be met by combining several pieces of property.
- The discharge of a firearm or bow is required to be 450 feet (or more) from any home, garage, building, etc. The only exception to this is a bow discharged for practice at a fixed target must be 200 feet (or more) from a home, etc.
- A cartridge rifle or handgun cannot be discharged on any property east of Hwy 109. Shotguns or muzzle loading rifles are allowed east of Hwy 109.
- Hunting or discharging a firearm or bow on any property requires written permission from the property owner to be carried at all times.
- Any discharge of a firearm or a bow must be done in a safe direction. A discharge cannot be toward a house, garage, school, building, road, park, playground, etc. within a reasonable range of the firearm or bow.

There are obviously several other elements to the Hunting and Firearms Regulation ordinance, but these are the issues that we encounter most often.

Lock vehicles parked outside and make sure you close your garage doors when not in view of them. Most thefts in Wildwood occur from unlocked cars and open garage doors. Let's be proactive in deterring crime in our community.

Reminder- St. Louis County, Wildwood Police Department offers vacation checks for your home when you're out of town. Call the Wildwood Precinct at 458-9194 or go to the City of Wildwoods website, cityofwildwood.com to fill out the form to have your resident checked.

NUMBERS

Wildwood Precinct	636-458-9194	Crime Stoppers	866-371-8477
Non-Emergency 911	314-889-2341	Safe Schools Hotline	314-889-7233
Wildwood City Hall	636-458-0440	Drug Hotline	314-863-3673
Animal Control	314-726-6655	Neighborhood Preservation	314-615-4151

Please feel free to contact the Neighborhood Policing Officers Jamie Reiter and Brad Wood at 636-458-9194 in reference to neighborhood concerns or initiating a Neighborhood Watch Group for your subdivision