

# SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

## Neighborhood Watch Letter

June 2013

### *Wildwood Precinct*

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### What's Going on in Wildwood / Upcoming Events

#### City of Wildwood Events [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com)

Saturday – June 8<sup>th</sup> – Transforming Cyclist into Experts Course (Go to city website for sign up)

Saturday – June 15<sup>th</sup> – Green Rock Trail Challenge (Go to city website for sign up)

Friday – June 21<sup>st</sup> – Concert Night (Town Center 6:45pm)

#### What Happens When the School Year Ends and Summer Begins

You don't have to have children to know what happens when the school year ends and summer begins as we too were once in the position of starting our summer break. They are inside, outside, here and there and sometimes we don't seem to know where they are. Bikes, balls, loud, quiet, early in the morning and late at night, but regardless of where they are or what they are doing, there is more of it in the summer as they are looking for something, anything to do. Something to do is the key to getting in trouble or staying out of it. So where does the something come from that fills their time. If you want them to stay out of trouble it's a good idea for you to provide them with something to do. Fill their time with chores, responsibilities, activities or a job. Giving them task is teaching them responsibility. Allow them to be good helpers, which should help you and help them.

#### Burglaries

On May 6, 2013 the Wildwood precinct arrested three subjects on Cherry Hills Meadows for burglary and attempted burglary. A call came in to dispatch where a homeowner found an open door to his/her residence, suspecting a possible burglary. As cars came into the subdivision other residents were calling in suspicious persons on foot in the area. Due to good reporting and residents being vigilant in their neighborhood the officers were able to get descriptions and last seen locations which led to locating two subjects in a residence and the third at a separate location on foot.

As fortunate as this community is for having a very low incident of crime, crime still does find its way on occasion. Vigilant reporting of suspicious persons or activity can alert the police to potential incidents, deter crime and assist in effecting quick arrest. As occurred in this incident the Wildwood Precinct was able to prevent further incidents of burglary and effect three arrests due to residents being proactive in their neighborhood and good police response.

## **Unauthorized Use of Vehicles on Roadway**

Recently we have been seeing and receiving complaints of unlicensed motorized vehicles on the roadways. Motorized scooters, golf cart, atv's, etc..... The roads are for licensed vehicles, mopeds (under 50cc) with valid driver's license and bicycles. Everything else is subject to citation.

## **Observing the Speed Limit**

Did you know that the most common concern we hear from our residents is drivers not observing the speed limit in subdivisions. These calls describe the cars as speeding, flying, racing and many other creative ways of letting us know that drivers are in excess of the 25 mph speed limit in subdivisions. I don't know of a home in Wildwood that doesn't have a driveway, meaning that cars are pulling in or backing out onto the roadway. Then we have vehicles parked on the roadway that can cause a visual obstruction of these driveways, cyclist, walkers, animals, and or **children at play**. It takes no time at all for someone or something to jut into the roadway as a set up for an accident when vehicles are driving too fast. The 25 mph speed limit allows for an attentive driver, in a congested area to observe their surroundings while allowing for quick stopping if a potential danger arises. Most of our violators reside in the area where they are stopped for speeding. While familiarity with subdivision streets tends to increase the comfort level, resulting in speed at which an operator drives it does not reduce the risk of a hazard presenting itself. It's the 25 mph speed limit that prepares the driver for the hazard by allowing a reaction time that keeps the accidents from occurring. As you drive we ask that you be mindful of the speed limit for the safety of all of our residents.

### **IMPORTANT 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. We can also be reached at [jreiter@stlouisco.com](mailto:jreiter@stlouisco.com) or [bwood@stlouisco.com](mailto:bwood@stlouisco.com)