

## Neighborhood Watch

According to information provided by the Neighborhood Watch volunteer chairperson, our Green Mountain area had very little crime this past quarter. Because we have a number of active Neighborhood Watch blocks, Lakewood police are convinced that the Neighborhood Watch program is very effective in reducing crime. We want to add more blocks. Accordingly, the **GMCA board of directors is asking for one or two persons to become a Block Captain on each block.** Long blocks can be sub-divided so working as a team can reduce the task of **distributing a 4-page police newsletter three times a year... that's the total annual work load!!!**

Board members **Carl and Charlotte Worster are serving as Block Captain Coordinators** for blocks within the GMCA boundaries. **Please volunteer and contact them.** They will train you, help you get started and answer questions you may have.

The Neighborhood Watch program is sponsored by the Lakewood Police department. The core of the program is based on encouraging neighbors to meet and watch out for each other and each other's properties. **Be watchful and immediately report suspicious activities to the police.** Do not attempt any intervention --- **just report the problem to the police.** If an activity is in progress or an emergency, **call 911.** If the problem is not an emergency, call the **Non-emergency Police Number 303 987-7111.** *Both calls go to the same police dispatch center and are responded to in priority order.*

Depending on severity and other urgent priorities, every call will be responded to. Emergency responses will be by two officers and generally within 5 to 12 minutes or sooner. Ask for a call back to report what the police found or did about the problem you reported. If you are afraid of reprisals from a neighbor, ask the dispatcher to mark this call as an "Anonymous Caller" tip.

## Summer Block Parties: A Good Way to Meet Neighbors, Reduce Crime

Summer is a great time to have a block party! Meet your neighbors and have some fun together. Have name tags, pot-luck snacks or a pot-luck meal, some games or activities for the kids and play ice-breaker games. Share names and information and get to know one another.

Safeway has frequently provided paper goods and ice cream in support of neighborhood parties. In addition, your homeowner's association, **GMCA, will reimburse you \$2.00 for each guest who signs in at your block party.** Plan your block party, send Carl and Charlotte information about the date and party information ahead of time. After the party, for reimbursement, mail a copy of the guest sign in sheet to GMCA, P.O. Box 280482, Lakewood, CO 80228. A check will be sent to you.

**Carl and Charlotte Worster**, long-time block captains and GMCA Board members, are serving as **GMCA Block Party Coordinators.** They are planning to have a **Block Party and Neighborhood Watch Organizational and Training Session** during the **second week of June.** They will **answer your questions, provide flyer handouts, copies of neighborhood "ice-breaker" trivia games, and a guidance manual** on the topics of **Block Parties and Neighborhood Watch Blocks.** They will actually **help you get started.** They are very committed to these two programs and want to get them moving!!

## Block Parties and Neighborhood Watch Sign-up

You may volunteer to help with these two programs on your block in one of three ways:

1. **Call** the Worsters at **303 986-3605** and **leave a phone number** and a message if they don't answer. (They may be watching grandkids).
  2. **E-mail** them at [ccworster@comcast.net](mailto:cworster@comcast.net) and provide your name, phone number and email address.
  3. **Sign-up** on the GMCA website at [www.greenmountainstates.org](http://www.greenmountainstates.org). They will get back to you.
- The purpose of the sign-up is to *provide additional information* to you. They want you to feel totally comfortable in helping.

**We hope you will want to help** the GMCA area continue to be a safe, enjoyable area to live by **working and playing together as a vibrant community.** Sign-up please.