



Southwest Precinct Public Safety Newsletter

August 14, 2008

Dear Community Friends,

Picnic At The Precinct

Come and bring your families and friends to the **Southwest Precinct Picnic!**
2300 SW Webster St
Saturday, August 16th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Precinct Picnics are sponsored by the Seattle Police Foundation, and provide an opportunity for neighbors to come together and enjoy a day of celebration with their local police. The Southwest Precinct Picnic is this Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The picnic will include a variety of activities, information, and entertainment for people and families of all ages, including live music by **Officer Dan Benz**, and live tap dance by **Melba Ayco's Northwest Tap Connection!**
Come and enjoy the fun!

Dear West Seattle residents,

Many residents utilize alarm systems to protect their homes, unfortunately, almost 50% of all the false alarms Seattle Police Officers respond to are at residential locations.

In an effort to prevent future false alarms, the Seattle Police Department holds an Alarm User's class to educate the public regarding causes of false alarms, the burden of false alarms on the Department and financial impact of false alarms. This class is free of charge and primarily attended by people that have already had a false alarm, as this class provides a waiver of one false alarm fee for attending. The class is open to anyone that wants to attend and can also be used to obtain a "pre-waiver," a waiver of a false alarm fee (currently \$90.00) that is valid for two years from the date of attendance.

The class is approximately 90 minutes long and covers additional crime prevention topics such as fencing, window laminates, locks, best practices and crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED).

The False Alarm Unit would like to invite you to attend the class in hopes of preventing any false alarms in the future. If you have any questions about the class, or would like to schedule attendance at a class, please contact the False Alarm Unit at 684-7713.

Thank you,
Detective Yanal (Mark) Vwich
Detective Christopher Hall

Night Out 2008 was a BIG SUCCESS. We want to congratulate all the blocks that participated in this year's Night Out, on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. This year's participation was the largest with over 217 events in the Southwest Precinct. This is the best turn-out in my five year memory. On behalf of the Southwest Precinct and its staff, thank you for inviting us to share your good food and festivities. Even though we were not able to come to all the events, we enjoyed the ones we were able to attend.

Many Block Watch groups enjoy renewing their friendships with their neighbors and meeting new neighbors. It is a great time to update the block map and discuss a neighborhood problem.

There is still time left to do a Block Party for your Block Watch. If your block missed out on the fun, do not worry. Call to get Block Party Permit from SDOT or go online to http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/transportation/stuse_blockparty.htm

Police Blotter, Megan Sheppard, West Seattle Herald

<http://www.westseattleherald.com/news/police%20blotter/>
This web page is updated every week on Wednesday.

West Seattle Blog, Tracy Record, Editor

http://westseattleblog.com/blog/?page_id=4988
This web page is updated multi-times a week.

Seattle Police Department main web page

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/>

Southwest Precinct Web-page

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/Precincts/Southwest/default.htm>

Seattle Police Crime Statistics

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/police/crime/stats.htm>

Customer Service Bureau 206-684-2489 (CITY)

<http://www.seattle.gov/customerservice/>

For **More Information** Call: **Benjamin Kinlow**, Crime Prevention Coordinator, (206) 684-7724 or email benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov. Check out www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/southwest/prevention.htm