

Safety and Security

Susan Escobar, Chair for Security and Safety of the Lake Barcroft Board, spoke about neighborhood security at the Lake Barcroft Village Quarterly Meeting on June 19, 2017, along with Rick Kercz, organizer of Neighborhood Watch, and Officer Gary Moore, Fairfax County Police Department, Coordinator of overtime patrols in Lake Barcroft.

Susan emphasized that if one sees something that seems abnormal for the neighborhood, one should call the Fairfax County non-emergency number, 703 691 2131. She said that some circumstances that might prompt a call would be illegal parking or fishing at the Community Garden. Callers may remain anonymous. She suggested: "Know your neighbors."

Rick Kercz noted that the Neighborhood Watch, now to be called "Eye Watch," is being modeled on the Section 2 Neighborhood Watch. Rick said that one should be aware but not confrontational. Currently, there are twelve people in Lake Barcroft who are part of the Community Emergency Response Team, trained by Fairfax County through FEMA.

Officer Moore stated that Lake Barcroft is the largest community within Mason District and the lowest crime area. He pointed out that the recent instances of graffiti were not gang-related. Saying "We don't like solicitors," he asked residents who see solicitors to call the non-emergency number; in the past some solicitors have fleeced residents.

Officer Moore mentioned that running stop signs and speeding are a problem here, particularly near Beach 3. Concerning water safety, he mentioned that even those who live in Lake Barcroft should not be swimming after midnight.