

Woods of Brushy Creek  
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## **Neighborhood Watch Agreements**

### **Purpose**

The Woods of Brushy Creek Neighborhood Watch will exist to work in proactive partnerships with law abiding citizens and the Williamson County Sheriff's Department to address issues of crime and fear of crime in order to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood while improving and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

### **Objectives**

- Assist WilCo in any lawful manner in regard to the abatement, alleviation, or prevention of crime in the WBC
- Foster awareness within WBC regarding safety, crime prevention, and the protection of families and their property

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Neighborhood Watch Committee**

The purpose of our Neighborhood Watch Committee is to help maintain the safety and security of our neighbors. The Watch Committee will work in partnership with the WilCo Sheriff's Dept. by having a visible presence, being observant, and reporting suspicious activities. The Watch Committee will keep residents informed and work to develop strategies for keeping our neighborhood safe.

### **Committee Chair and Co-Chair**

- Expand the program and maintain a current database of participants, including names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, and vehicle descriptions
- Act as liason between WilCo Sheriff's Dept., Watch Members, and surrounding neighborhood watch groups
- Arrange neighborhood crime prevention training programs
- Obtain/distribute crime prevention materials, such as stickers/signs
- Involve others to develop specific crime prevention projects or activities
- Encourage participation in "Operation Identification", a nationwide program in which personal property is marked indelibly with a unique identifying number to permit positive identification if valuables are lost or stolen
- Keep a watchful eye on the neighborhood by being observant and immediately reporting crime/suspicious activities to WilCo

## **Committee Member**

- Attend Neighborhood Watch meetings, trainings, and activities
- Solicit, identify, and assign Block Captains for all homes in the WBC
- Recruit Watch Members in order to expand the program to include as many residents as possible
- Assist the Committee Chair with committee responsibilities
- Keep a watchful eye on the neighborhood by being observant and immediately reporting crime/suspicious activities to WilCo, and later to the Watch Committee Chair or Co-Chair

## **Block Captains**

(includes Chair, Co-Chair, Committee Members)

Block Captains should be designated for every 10-15 houses.

- Act as liaison between block residents and the Committee Chair; sharing possible crime problems, needs for assistance, suggestions for program improvement, establishing "Operation Identification", a nationwide program in which personal property is marked indelibly with a unique identifying number to permit positive identification if valuables are lost or stolen
- Visit and invite new residents to join the Neighborhood Watch Program
- Help distribute crime prevention literature
- Keep a watchful eye on the neighborhood by being observant and immediately reporting crime/suspicious activities to WilCo, and later to the Watch Committee Chair or Co-Chair

## **Watch Member**

(includes Chair, Co-Chair, Committee Members, and Block Captains)

Membership is open for those who wish to support and participate in the purpose and objectives of the WBC Neighborhood Watch Program and will be registered on the Neighborhood Watch Database. Membership is open to any person (age 18+) living, renting, or owning property in the Woods of Brushy Creek.

- Know your neighbors and develop a sense of what is "typical" for your area (ie. what cars belong there)
- Join Nextdoor.com in order to receive important updates from the Watch Committee
- Attend Neighborhood Watch activities, as member is available
- Recruit new Watch Members
- Keep a watchful eye on the neighborhood by being observant and immediately reporting crime/suspicious activities to WilCo, and later to the Watch Committee Chair or Co-Chair

## **Privacy of Neighborhood Contact Information**

The Woods of Brushy Creek Neighborhood Watch Contact Database will be secured by the Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair and Co-Chair, and share on a need-to-know basis with WilCo, HOA Board, Watch Committee Members, and assigned Block Captain. Contact information will not be used for any purpose other than defined in this document and to inform residents of important community issues. Any other use will require the written approval of the resident. **The WBC Neighborhood Watch Program will use Nextdoor.com as the primary mode of distributing information. The Watch Program will use "blind copy" when communicating through email to protect privacy and eliminate the release of residents' email addresses to the public.**

## Woods of Brushy Creek Neighborhood Watch Program

### **We Pledge...**

- To recognize and embrace the diversity of our community, the Woods of Brushy Creek
- To work as partners with neighbors and the Williamson County Sheriff's Department
- To be observant and immediately report crime and suspicious activities
- To have a positive attitude and look to accomplishments rather than obstacles