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## North Beach Neighborhood Watch (NBNW) Monthly Email August 2016

**If you see something say something!**

Today, we have good news and not so good news. As previously stated, our theft rates have really come down from where they were a couple of years ago, due to your diligence in securing your home and vehicles. The not so good news is the drug use and arrests continue to rise. You may ask, what can I do? I don't abuse drugs, and as far as I know my neighbors don't either. What does suspicious drug activity look like? Below are some situations where you may be witnessing illegal drug activity and what to do about it.

- You see individuals standing on the corner or on the street, **repeatedly**, who appear to be waiting for someone.
- You see individuals who **repeatedly** get into vehicles, only to exit the vehicles a few moments later, or who come walking back down the street a moment or two later.
- You see individuals who constantly appear to be leaning in and talking to persons in cars, where multiple cars are pulling up throughout the day or evening.
- You see many visitors in and out of a neighboring property throughout the day and evening, where the visitors are in and out in a matter of minutes.
- You see a person who does not have a job or has a minimum paying job, suddenly have lots of cash in hand.

If you see any of these things occurring near your home, and you are still not sure, keep notes on the activity you see. Document the description of the person(s) in question. Including approximate age, hair color, clothing, distinguishing marks such as tattoos, piercings, arm in cast, and other notes such as always carrying a red back pack. Note the vehicles in question to the best of your ability, including make, model, and tag number. If you are not sure about make and model, write down the best description you can, such as tan color, four door car, with cracked windshield. Any details you note can help in an investigation.

Never confront these individuals. If you believe you are witnessing drug activity in progress, call 911. Do not hesitate, make the call. If you are not sure, gather your information as noted above, and contact the non-emergency number at the sheriff's office 410-535-2800. If you do not want a deputy coming to your home, be sure tell the dispatcher you talk to, or, we invite you to bring the information gathered to our next meeting, Thursday, October 6, Town Hall, 7 pm. You can speak to the council during the public comments portion of the meeting, or, you can speak with the officers in attendance one on one. If you prefer, you can share the information with the NBNW committee members in attendance and they will share the information for you with the proper authorities. Emailing the information to us is always an option as well. Remember, never email us in an emergency situation or if you need immediate assistance, call 911. Together, we can keep this nationally rising epidemic from becoming the norm in North Beach, rather than the exception.

Another summer has come and gone, we enjoyed meeting members and growing our membership throughout the summer at the farmer's market and North Beach resident's beach party. All the children had a wonderful time at our sponsored treasure hunt in the sand game.

This month's sheriff's report is attached for your convenience.

Please help keep North Beach a great, safe town by making the call. Remember, if you see something, say something. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing our program.

**Emergency Call 911** *Something doesn't seem right? Don't Hesitate! Please Call Now!*

**Sheriff's Office non-emergency 410-535-2800**

**Calvert County Crime Solvers Call 410-535-2880** or on line at <http://www.co.cal.md.us/index.aspx?NID=453>

Check these sites for information updates/alerts: **Twin Beaches Patrol**  **Calvert County Sheriff's Office** 

**Nixle.com** / Calvert Alliance against Substance Abuse [www.co.cal.md.us/caasa](http://www.co.cal.md.us/caasa)

**North Beach Neighborhood Watch 2016 Calendar:** We look forward to seeing you!

Boo Bash 10/29, Trick or Treat 10/31

Join us at the Town Hall meetings: 10/6, 11/10, 12/08