



## Spring Creek Parkway Estates Neighborhood Meeting Notes (11/6/08)

### City Staff in attendance

<p><b>Crime Prevention Unit</b> Mark Dawson or Christopher Biane Plano Police Officers <a href="mailto:markd@plano.gov">markd@plano.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:christopherb@plano.gov">christopherb@plano.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Neighborhood Planning Program</b> Monique Coleman Neighborhood Planner <a href="mailto:moniquec@plano.gov">moniquec@plano.gov</a> (972) 941-5397</p>
<p><b>Neighborhood Police Officers Unit</b> Brad Ewell or Richard Glenn Plano Police Officers <a href="mailto:brade@plano.gov">brade@plano.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:richardg@plano.gov">richardg@plano.gov</a></p> <p>Number for both (972) 941-7401 Brad ext: 6168      Richard ext: 6108</p>	<p><b>Plano City Council</b> Council Member Sally Magnuson Place 4 <a href="mailto:smagnuson@plano.gov">smagnuson@plano.gov</a></p>

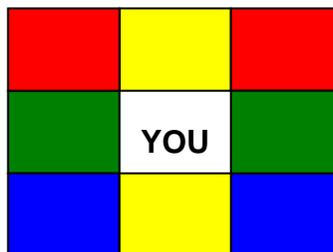
The meeting started at 7:05 pm

Monique Coleman, Neighborhood Planner, introduced Council Member Sally Magnuson, Officer Christopher Biane, Officer Brad Ewell, and Officer Richard Glenn.

### Crime Prevention

Officer Biane spoke on the following topics with residents:

- The most important elements of Crime Preventions are:
  1. Know your neighbors
  2. Report suspicious activity
- Officer Biane gave residents a sheet explaining the “**Nine House Rule**” which means you should know everyone in your household and everyone in the homes that surround you. The block illustrated below is a representation of the neighbors (households) you should want to get acquainted with:



Knowing the people who live around you will make your neighborhood safer, give you a greater sense of security when you are traveling, and allows for a piece of mind knowing others around you are looking out for you!

Officer Biane also informed residents that there have been peeping issues in Plano so in addition to keeping your blinds closed residents should also keep curtains closed at night! Just be aware of your surroundings!

Other helpful tips mentioned by Officer Biane:

- Kids vandalize too so do not feel bad for being suspicious of their activities as well. It is better to be safe than sorry.

- It is okay to be suspicious of people walking in between houses; burglars tend to do this. Use your best judgment on a case-by-case basis but remember rule #2 – REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.
- The non-emergency number is the same as the emergency number – 911! Feel free to use it!
- More than 50% of burglaries in Plano are a result of open garage doors – CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOORS AND TAKE YOUR GARAGE DOOR OPENERS OUT OF YOUR CARS!
- [Lock-Take-Hide Campaign](#)
- Solicitors must have an ID and a valid permit to solicit anything!
  1. They are breaking the law if they do not have a permit to solicit
  2. The law says ANYONE can ask to see ID and a permit if someone is soliciting at your home
  3. It is against the law to solicit to a home that has a “No Soliciting” sign posted. If someone does, CALL 911!
  4. Remember if something is suspicious, CALL 911!
- Burglars will sometimes knock on your front door to see if you are home. If no one answers when they knock, they generally go around the back and kick the door in. Rules to live by:
  1. If someone knocks, you don’t know them, and weren’t expecting anyone:
    - a. Talk through the door
    - b. Take your phone (landline if possible) with you so you can quickly dial 911
    - c. Give the perception you are not alone, “Honey, I’ll get it”
    - d. Never stay silent. If you do, you might get a surprise visit from a burglar!
    - e. When in doubt, CALL 911!

### **Neighborhood Policing**

Officer Ewell and Officer Glenn discussed the neighborhood statistics with residents and gave the following information:

- Officer Ewell went over the Survey Results and answer questions
- Parking Violations
  - i. Head in to cul-de-sac is prohibited
  - ii. Parking the wrong direction on residential streets you must park the way you drive. See municipal code [Chapter 12, Article V Sec.12.99](#)
- [Community Traffic Safety](#)
  - i. Traffic Enforcement Request
- [Crime Statistics](#)
  - i. Use this site to find out current information and crime reports in your area
- [Sex Offender](#) Information
  - i. Use this site to determine the sex offenders in your area. None live in Spring Creek Parkway Estates
- Juvenile Curfew
  - i. Curfew hours means 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, until 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. on any Saturday or Sunday

If you have questions regarding crime and/or safety, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact Officer Bianez, Officer Dawson, Officer Ewell, or Officer Glenn. They are here for you and happy to help in any way possible!

**NOTE:** Officer Dawson is your neighborhood Crime Watch Coordinator, Officer Bianez filled in for him in his absence at the Nov. 6 neighborhood meeting.

### **Monique closed the meeting after reminding residents of the next meetings:**

- **Date:** November 13, 2008
- **Location:** Schimelpfenig Library – Program Room
- **Time:** 7pm – 8:30pm
- **Topics:** Lone Star Park and the Neighborhood Summary Plan – see [schedule](#)

Please review the [Spring Creek Parkway Estates](#) Web site for meeting and project details!