

Collins View Article for the Sept. 2019 SWNI News

Then they came for the Neighborhood Watch, and no one knew the Office of Community & Civic Life withdrew support for our Neighborhood Watch programs (effective July 1, 2019) until it was inadvertently disclosed weeks later. No community engagement, discussion or even public declaration of the done deed. Flagrant denial of any community-government partnership seems to be the only thing transparent about the process.

The SWNI Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, Aug. 1. As a result of the recent changes with the Block Watch Program, SWNI Executive Director Sylvia Bogert invited Meg Juarez, the Civic Life Manager of the Crime Prevention Program, to attend and explain these changes to the committee. Ms. Juarez was out of town that evening and not available. The committee has many questions and we look forward to having Ms. Juarez or a representative from the Crime Prevention Program attend our September meeting.

Gene Lynard reported the recent residential burglary on SW 6th Avenue, behind Riverdale High School.

A huge smoke plume in the southeast, observed from our 2nd Ave hill on Aug. 1, prompted many questions and guesses. Bookmark the following sites for definitive up-to-date wildfire information: : <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/> This incident information system's interactive map gives a sobering overview on just how prevalent wildfires are. Be sure to check out the links at the bottom of the page for more resources and information such as taking action and ownership to prepare and protect our homes against the threat of wildfire. Residents play a key role in reducing the risks. <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA> . Another great source for Oregon's current fire conditions is <http://keeporegongreen.org/current-conditions/>

Collins View Neighborhood Association invites everyone to attend the next meeting, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, at Riverdale High School.

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