

Neighborhood Watch Seeks Participants To Help Monitor Clark Township Areas

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By comparison, St. Ignace Township has had three break-ins, three larcenies, and one fraud reported. Moran Township had four larcenies and five fraud reports. Portage Township had three break-ins and one fraud. The statistics don't include crimes investigated by other police agencies.

Mr. Strait noted that larcenies and break-ins have slowed in the Clark Township area, following the jailing of suspects, however, he added, "these suspects will not be in jail forever."

He advises citizens to continue proactive measures and report incidents as soon as they happen, and provide any information they have to police, even if they feel like they are "tattling."

"Anonymous tips are helpful, and may further the investigation," he said, "but we really need witnesses who are willing to step forward even more, as well as better evidence."

The Neighborhood Watch group has informational materials available that give tips and information about how to protect one's home, especially when leaving for an extended period of time. Criminals are usually discouraged by homes that are harder to break into, and will seek targets that are easier to enter and exit quickly, like homes without locked doors or windows.

The group also reminds residents to lock vehicles, in the wake of a recent car and boat theft in Clark Township. State Police are investigating the theft of five cars and a boat that took place in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 7. The vehicles were taken from where they were parked and driven to other places in the community and left there,

reported State Police Detective Robin Sexton. The boat was taken from one location to another dock. One vehicle was seriously damaged, while the rest were found without damage and returned to their owners. Police responded to the first call about a missing vehicle at 3 a.m., June 7. No suspects have been detained, and the incident remains under investigation.

Detective Sexton advises people against leaving keys in vehicles. All the vehicles and the boat that were stolen June 7 had keys left inside, Detective Sexton said. Regarding the number of criminal incidents in Clark Township, Detective Sexton said "they are no worse than anywhere else" in Mackinac County. He estimates that between January 1 and June 1 of this year, State Police investigated five reported assaults, three breaking and entering complaints, and one incident of larceny.

By comparison, Detective Sexton estimated Moran Township had six assault incidents, six breaking and enterings, 15 larcenies, and one stolen vehicle incident investigated by state police in that same period of time.

Tip sheets about home security, what not to say on the telephone for security reasons, and confronting home intruders are also available from Neighborhood Watch members. Call Loren Dingman in Cedarville at 484-2293 for more information, or to help watch for suspicious and criminal activity in the community.

The next Clark Township Neighborhood Watch meeting is Tuesday, July 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Clark Township Hall on Blind Line Road in Cedarville.

St. Ignace Volunteer Group Makes Mission Trip to Alaska

Nineteen St. Ignace residents, including 13 teenagers and six adults, traveled to Alaska June 2 to volunteer through Youth Encounter, and returned June 13. The group slept on floors as guests whenever possible, to try to keep expenses to a minimum, reported Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey.

The group flew from Chicago, Illinois, to Seattle, Washington, for a couple of nights, where they stayed at a church downtown. Participants visited Pike's Market, a Mariner's game, the aquarium, and the Hands-On Music Museum. They also experienced handing out blankets to the homeless on a rainy night.

After a couple of days in Seattle, the group headed to Juneau, Alaska, where they witnessed 5,000 Native Americans from the Northwest gathering to dance, drum, and celebrate. The group went on a whale watching trip and hiked up Mount Roberts.

The last leg of the trip was at Rainbow Glacier Camp in Haines, Alaska. This was originally a Presbyterian Camp, where youth come by boat from all over Southeast Alaska. It is now an independent camp in need of upkeep. The group spent four days insulating and dry-walling two cabins, deconstructing an unsafe trailer, cleaning trails, hauling firewood, decorating the dining hall, painting bathrooms, and many other jobs. They met youth from Haines and learned about their way of life.

"There were many highlights of the trip," Pastor Stage-Harvey said, "but one of the greatest was our trip to see the sea lions up close. A local supporter of the camp took us on his boat to the rocks where the sea lions rest. We got to see hundreds within close range. The ferry trip through Lynn Channel was also a highlight for many." "All of us were changed by



St. Ignace residents participating in Youth Encounter are (front, from left) Nicole Elmlad, James Halberg, Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey, Sean O'Boyle, Carol Elmlad, Cierra Barker; (back) Kirt Stage-Harvey, Andy Mullins, Patric Schlehuber, Derrick Clark, Dani Ford, Mike McNeely, Lawrence O'Boyle, Corey Nelson, Rebecca Idalski, Sally Idalski, Ben Idalski, Holly Smith, and Tim Idalski. (Photograph courtesy of Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey)

this trip," Pastor Stage-Harvey said. "Often we would try to summarize our day with one word." Dani Ford chose "minuteness,"

because being around such awesome beauty and vastness makes us feel so small. Patric Schlehuber said that one of his highlights from

the trip was "clearing the two-mile trail to the state park with a machete." Corey Nelson called the trip "humbling and exhilarating."

Downtown St. Ignace Banner Placement Draws Questions

The placement of American flags and city banners along State Street is drawing questions from residents, said Deb Evashevski, director of the St. Ignace Downtown Development Authority. On the west side of the street, they face inward toward buildings. On the east side, the flags and banners face the road. They are attached to city light poles and the location of the light poles has affected their placement. Poles on the west side of the street are placed near the curb, making it necessary for the banners and flags to hang inward to avoid potential damage from tall vehicles like motor homes and trucks. Poles on the east side of the street stand away from the curb, allowing the banners and flags to hang over the sidewalk instead of near the street.



Summer Boat Bash Giveaway!

Earn Entries at all Five Sites!
Grand Prize Draw:

- July 26 in St. Ignace & Christmas
- July 27 in Sault & Manistique
- Random Cash Draws the day of Grand Prize Drawing!



Upcoming Events

Bluewater Chainsaw Carving Competition
FREE ADMISSION
St. Ignace
July 12th

Great Backyard Giveaway Hessel, Michigan

Earn Entries now until July 30th
Earn one entry per day
Grand Prize: Package of Outdoor Patio Set, Lounge Chairs, Fire Pit & Grill plus Random Cash Draws on Wednesdays!

Manistique & Christmas Little Black Box Qualify Now Until July 11th!

Tournaments

Christmas
\$8,000 Video Poker
July 11-13, 2008
Sault
\$35,000 Craps
August 1-3, 2008

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SAULT STE. MARIE,
MICHIGAN



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Kewadin Stars of Cash

Monday's - July 7 - 28, 2008

All Sites
★ Random Draws beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Win between \$100 - \$300
(depending on site)

Weekly Events

Rapids Lounge Entertainment
Sault Ste. Marie

Comedy starts at 8pm - Thurs.

July 2 Mike Dambra & Troy Hammond

July 9 Kevin Bozeman & Pete LaFaucia

Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.

July 4 & 5 Bad Side

July 11 & 12 BDR

July 18 & 19 Jager 4.0

Northern Pines Entertainment
St. Ignace

Wednesday Comedy Shows start at 9pm

July 3 Mike Dambra & Troy Hammond

July 10 Kevin Bozeman & Pete LaFaucia

Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.

July 4 & 5 Touch of Class

July 11 & 12 Hixx

Team Spirits Bar Entertainment
Manistique

July 4 & 5 Karaoke

July 11 & 12 Reger Bro's