

Charlestown Owner's Association

Neighborhood Watch Notice

29 June 2011

Memorandum to: Residents of Buildings 1 - 5

From: Marc Powe, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Subject: Trespassers

As you may know there have been several recent instances of individuals who are breaking the law by violating the Charlestown Owners Association posted prohibition against trespassing.

Specifics: Various adult intruders have been loitering in and around the tot-lot behind Buildings 2 (6000 – 6014 Waterbury) and 3 (8217 – 8231 Carrleigh Parkway) in the evening into early a.m. These mostly male individuals have littered the play area with cigarette butts, beer cans, etc. In at least one case, they harassed and frightened a resident who was parking in the late evening. They appeared to be intoxicated. Called, the police responded quickly.

I have been in touch with the W. Springfield police community liaison officer, who agreed to ask that night time patrol officers cruise in our neighborhood. He also notified investigators who follow drug activities. **He urged in the strongest terms that any inappropriate activity, or person who seemed to be out of place, should be reported immediately to the non-emergency Fairfax County Police dispatchers at 703- 691-2131.** If the caller does not want to identify him/herself, the report can be anonymous. And, no officer will come to the caller's house if that is unwanted.

The COA is committed to residents living safely and well. In that regard, we are trying to improve illumination around the play area, including arranging for VEPCO to restore service the Carrleigh Parkway street light nearest the tot-lot. Also, Neighborhood Watch members will make frequent visits to Reddington Dr. and Waterbury Ct. during evening hours. Each of you can help by being watchful from your windows. Late evening dog walkers can observe the area and, if anything seems amiss, call the non-emergency number (703-691-2131). As best you can, provide the number and description of the individuals and their activities, even if just sitting in the tot-lot or a car.

If you have any security concerns, questions, etc, please do not hesitate to call me (703-795-0706) or email (mpowe48@aol.com).

One final point: the Neighborhood Watch program badly needs more volunteers. If you are willing, please contact me.