

# 275 PLEASANT ST. NEWSLETTER

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## Summer is here. Stay Vigilant and Involved

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Twenty years ago, the WHA did not have any onsite crime watch groups or meetings. There were a few city-wide meetings that focused more on larger neighborhoods rather than WHA buildings or developments. As a result, crime and incidents were high at most of our properties and our residents did not feel safe at all.

As we fast forward to today, we now have 15 developments where monthly crime watch meetings are conducted. Each meeting has WHA staff, Worcester Police officers, City of Worcester officials and plenty of residents. The level of communication and teamwork is extraordinary and has been the catalyst for the success we have had with making our properties safe.

Traditionally, crime watch meetings are not held during the summer months (June, July and August) as residents prefer to take advantage of the good weather. In many locations, the resident councils like to organize events to keep residents active and engaged.

However, it is important to remember that during the summer months, incidents and crime tend to increase due to a higher number of visitors to the buildings and more folks out of their apartments. Here at the WHA, we increase our patrols by staff and you will be seeing many of us walking through your property during the evenings and weekends.

I ask that you also stay vigilant and involved with your neighborhood. As we say at all our crime watch meetings, "If you see something, say something." Although the crime watch meetings will not be held during the summer months, there are several ways that you can contact us to let us know if you see suspicious activity.

Housing Management Office – Please visit or contact your Housing Manager's office and if possible, fill out the necessary documents to let us know what you want to report.

Public Safety – You can contact our Public Safety office at 508-635-3208. If it is an emergency or you are witnessing a crime, please call 911 instead.

Resident Services – Our Resident Services Department is able to be reached at 508-635-3306. They can provide you information on services and resources that you may need help with.

Resident Council – Most of our properties have an active resident council group. Please attend their meetings and speak with the council leadership to share any concerns you may have. They are a great resource and partner with the WHA.

I also encourage all residents that have access to the internet to follow us and "like" us on Facebook, as we post a lot of information on what is happening at the WHA. You can also visit our website at [www.worcesterha.org](http://www.worcesterha.org) for updates on news and events concerning the WHA.

With your continued help, team work and constant communication, we can keep our properties safe and looking wonderful. I want to thank you for all that you do in making your community a safe and enjoyable place and I wish you all a great summer.

Thank you!

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