

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

Neighborhood Watch Letter

October 2011



Wildwood Precinct

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What's Going on in Wildwood / Upcoming Events

City of Wildwood Events www.cityofwildwood.com

Monday, Oct 31 – Halloween Party – (5:30-7pm) Town Center

Halloween (Safety Center)

Every year we double the number of officers working to increase patrol coverage and visibility during the hours of trick or treating. In addition to the extra cars we will have police assigned to Town Center reference the Halloween Party the city is hosting. I heard the event was going to consist of the following:

- Pet Costume Parade - 2 categories - best costume and pet/owner lookalike
- Candy and glow necklaces for children
- DJ playing Halloween music
- Soft drinks
- Kettle corn
- Smokey the Bear and Jake the Fire dog will be onsite with the Metro West Fire Protection District

To get further information about this event and or how to register to participate, go to the City of Wildwoods website, cityofwildwood.com .

A Safety Note for Halloween

Halloween, costumes, and trick or treating can be great fun for children and adults. But we need to use that extra bit of caution on Halloween as we open our doors to persons we don't know, leave our homes unattended as we go out ourselves, while driving with all the children walking/running through the neighborhoods in costumes that are sometimes dark and difficult to see at night.

If a child is young enough to trick or treat they should have a parent or adult guardian with them at all times. Have your child wear reflective tape, clothing, and or wear a glow necklace, stick or bracelet so they can be seen by vehicles. Carry a flashlight so you and or your child can watch their footing when walking in unfamiliar areas of grass or sidewalks as well as again being visible to vehicle traffic. If you allow your child to go trick or treating without a parent or guardian ensure they are with a friend or even a group to ensure their safety. Instruct them to not enter anyone's home or go in an area that is not well lit and or visible to other walkers.

Know the route they will be walking and tell them not to stray from that route without letting you know in advance. Give them a time to be home and make sure everyone is clear on that time so there is no confusion.

If you're handing out treats, do not open your door to an adult size person(s) if you are alone or reside in a secluded area. Do not invite unknown persons into your home. If you leave your house unattended, ask a neighbor who is home to keep an eye on your property during those trick or treating hours.

And when driving, particularly in neighborhoods, use extra caution due to excited children running across streets and or wearing clothing that is difficult to see. Drive at a speed that you could make an immediate stop if need be. Subdivision speed limits are 25 mph, so to go 10 or 15 mph during the evening hours of Halloween could save a life.

Firearms Deer Season begins Saturday, November 12, 2011

With Firearms deer season approaching, I thought it may be helpful to highlight some of the more prevalent ordinances regarding Wildwood's Hunting and Firearms regulations:

- Hunting or discharging a firearm or bow requires a single 3 acre (or more) parcel of land. The 3 acre requirement cannot be met by combining several pieces of property.
- The discharge of a firearm or bow is required to be 450 feet (or more) from any home, garage, building, etc. The only exception to this is a bow discharged for practice at a fixed target must be 200 feet (or more) from a home, etc.
- A cartridge rifle or handgun cannot be discharged on any property east of Hwy 109. Shotguns or muzzle loading rifles are allowed east of Hwy 109.
- Hunting or discharging a firearm or bow on any property requires written permission from the property owner to be carried at all times.
- Any discharge of a firearm or a bow must be done in a safe direction. A discharge cannot be toward a house, garage, school, building, road, park, playground, etc. within a reasonable range of the firearm or bow.

There are obviously several other elements to the Hunting and Firearms Regulation ordinance, but these are the issues that we encounter most often.

Reminder- St. Louis County, Wildwood Police Department offers vacation checks for your home when you're out of town. Call the Wildwood Precinct at 458-9194 or go to the City of Wildwoods website, cityofwildwood.com to fill out the form to have your resident checked.

Reminder – Please be respectful of posted speed limits for everyone's safety and remember that speed limits within our city streets are radar enforced.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Wildwood Precinct	636-458-9194	Crime Stoppers	866-371-8477
Non-Emergency 911	314-889-2341	Safe Schools Hotline	314-889-7233
Wildwood City Hall	636-458-0440	Drug Hotline	314-863-3673
Animal Control	314-726-6655	Neighborhood Preservation	314-615-4151