



# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



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## CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES :

- > To help prevent graffiti, increase light and visibility around the target areas on your building
- > Park in a well-lit area, near a light post if possible.
- > Install motion sensor on all exterior lights and make sure all entrance ways and window areas are well lit
- > Know when your mail is usually delivered and pick up the mail as soon as possible
- > Whether at home, in your car or walking in your neighbourhood, awareness is the best protection against crime.

## DOWNTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday February 24th, a meeting was held to start a Neighbourhood Watch program in the downtown area. There has been a rise in the concerns of citizens about the increase in crime in downtown Barrie. In attendance

was members from the Downtown Neighbourhood Association committee, Barrie Police Crime Prevention Officer PC Butler, Councillor Jeff Lehman of Ward 2, and our Member of Parliament Patrick Brown. The meeting was

well attended by residents and business owners. A sign up sheet to implement various Watches was met with overwhelming support. Plans to commence are in effect. Keep an eye out for newly erected signs in your downtown area.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

### AUTO BREAK-INS AND VEHICLE THEFT

Auto break-ins are a growing concern throughout the community. Here are some helpful tips to help prevent yourself from becoming a victim:

- Lock your vehicle while it's unattended, no

matter where it is parked

- Use a steering wheel lock
- Use an anti-theft device
- Do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle
- If you have a garage park your car in it

- Do not leave cash or valuables in plain view

Following these key crime prevention strategies will ensure that your vehicle remains safe.

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