

**Neighborhood Group Leaders Association  
February 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
Longmont Senior Center**

Meeting was called to order by Fred Kreutzer at 7:11  
Meeting agenda for February: motioned & approved  
Meeting minutes for January: motioned & approved  
58 people in attendance!

**Police Updates:**

Cmdr. Tim Perkins of the Longmont Police Department gave an update on crime issues in the city and answered questions from the group.

- Crime rates for Longmont continuing down.
- There were 9 auto thefts last month and 20 burglaries. Keep garage doors down and locked! Many criminals are entering the homes through the garages.
- Firing range is “moving forward”.

**Public Safety:**

Citizen Volunteer Patrol (CVP)  
Hermann and Sue Kleiner

As residents of Longmont they helped organize and establish the volunteer patrol police program.  
March 2005 was the first class of police volunteers.

Last year was the first citizen volunteer fire department program.

Kay Armstrong is the contact for both academies. She can be reached at 303-774-4440.

For police info - <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/police/volunteer/cvp.htm>

For fire info - <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/fire/volunteering/index.htm> for fire info

\*\*THE NEXT LONGMONT POLICE CITIZENS ACADEMY WILL BE HELD FROM MARCH 14, 2011, THROUGH MAY 23, 2011, AT THE SAFETY AND JUSTICE BUILDING, 225 KIMBARK STREET, ON MONDAY'S FROM 6:30PM-9:30PM

Mike Mullin

Volunteers needed on a flexible schedule. Patrol consists of a wide range of ages and backgrounds of volunteers. They help in any way to assist the officer to help free up their time to do their critical work.

**Detective Wayne Rafferty – Property Crimes**

- Often criminals walk around neighborhoods to look in cars (in driveways and streets) for valuables. Lock vehicles and keep property hidden or better yet don't keep valuables in your cars.
- Often criminals just walk around homes and check for open doors and windows. Lock the doors and windows and keep valuables out of sight.
- Best defense is to communicate with your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- In order to recover property - keep a record of valuables. Record serial numbers, take photos or engrave/label the items.

Call 911 if you see a crime occurring.

Call 303-651-8555 (Non Emergency Number), if something seems suspicious.

**Officer Sara Aerne - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)**

303-774-4300 x2222

Coordinator for Longmont's Crime Free Multi-housing Program  
Crime Prevention Ideas and Techniques

Most crimes in Longmont are opportunistic. Try to prevent the opportunity for the crime to occur.

- Communicate with neighbors, postal carriers; anyone frequently visiting the area. It is important to keep the link to what is going on.
- Have a well lit home and entrances.
- Check with code enforcement about lighting requirements – must shine down and never shine into a neighbor's yard. They suggest motion sensor lights.
- Keep landscape trimmed up and away from the windows.

- Make sure there are long lines of sight, wide angle of view around your property.
- Shrubs can be deterrence or can be used to hide if not placed properly.
- Fences can be used to protect your property but they can also be used for criminals to hide.
- Iron fences are best because people can see what is going on behind the fence.
- Addresses should be clearly marked so that emergency vehicles can find your home.
- Cameras offer false security because they need to be monitored, or aren't positioned properly, or lighting is not good. The quality is too poor to be used to catch or prosecute the criminal.
- The Department recommends a secondary locking device on windows and eye viewer on door. Not expensive and they are easy to install.
- Three to four inch screws are recommended for door and locks. Most houses have 1.5 inch screws and those are easily broken.

Graffiti hotline 303-774-4327

**Staff Updates:**

- Clarifying questions for the grants have been mailed to grant
- Orientation meeting for NGLA is scheduled for Thursday March 24 at 7pm at the Senior Center
- Complete and submit neighborhood registration forms. ALL neighborhoods must complete form.
- A reminder to the group to sign the attendance sheet each meeting.
- Elections for NGLA Officers will be held in March.
- Janell Flaig is a retired planner from the city of Denver and will be volunteering in the Neighborhood Resources office.
- Introductions of new NGLA members
- Jon will get someone from the Police Department to talk about cyber crimes at a future meeting.
- Jon will create a neighborhood map that will include a listing of all NGLA registered neighborhoods.

**Public invited to be heard:**

- Boulder County workforce is looking for volunteers for the summer program.

**Adjournment:**

Motioned & approved unanimously at 8:45.

\*\*Minutes recorded and submitted by Jennifer Hakanson, NGLA Secretary For questions call Jon Clarke, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator at 303-651-9721