

## **Community Safety Bulletin September 2011**

**A.** If the area has the look of a place people are proud of, it will attract less crime and vandalism. Keep it tidy, clean and in good repair

**B.** Emphasize natural surveillance as best as we can. Clear overgrown bushes, suckers etc. to make the areas around the clubhouse and playground more visible from the roads and the park areas

**C.** Build the security in layers. Begin with pruning and maintenance, and then expand to lighting and signage, then if needed security patrols and surveillance systems.

**1.** Graffiti: - must paint out or remove graffiti immediately -ask city if we can have the children or teens paint nice designs on the green garbage bins

**2.** Lighting: -lights at doorways should be brighter and shine downwards and kept on throughout the night -lights that are broken or burnt out should be fixed -could add a light post at the drug dealing corner and if we do, wire it for a surveillance camera as well

**3.** Pruning: -everything should stick to the 2 foot to 7 foot rule -hedges and planters etc. should be below 2 feet -trees should be pruned so that there is 6-7 feet of visual clearance before the branches start. This depends on age and size of trees but do the best we can -gardens in front of clubhouse should be shorter, cleaner, and tidier. Use rose bushes near building to fend off people getting close to vandalize

**4.** Clubhouse: -see lighting -get new eaves that have pigeon guards on them so kids won't hang from them or use them to climb up on roof -repair fences -a "more celebrated entrance" -add anti-cheat plates to all doors -if you don't need a handle, don't have one. Key lock only -clean up refuse such as the soccer posts

**5.** Signage: - need a big sign at each entrance to the park, especially where the drug deals occur. Sign needs to post hours of park and then bylaw and police can ticket offenders. - add a sign for the playground "for children from ages 0-10" or something like that. Will also provide bylaw or police the ability to ticket people not using the playground properly - post no-parking signs near drug dealing area or permit parking only, again another means for tickets to be issued

**6.** Park Features: - add a formal pathway on the north side of the hill (there is a dirt path now). This will encourage people to use the pathway and thus increase traffic in that area of the park - remove picnic tables they are a location draw for teens - when playground needs re-doing consider locating it closer to the houses for better surveillance - use rubber mat surface to reduce broken glass in the gravel - consider changing playground to "tot-lot" as the older kids can use the school playgrounds and a "tot-lot" is much less appealing place for teenagers to hangout

**7.** Garbage and Recycle Bins: - remove the old wooden bins from the clubhouse - take in your bins from the alley ways during the week and only bring them out on collection day - put a sign on bins saying that they do not contain refundables and don't put refundables in them.

**8.** Encourage residents to sign up for PCAP. This is the phone system that will alert residents to active issues in their area such as break ins, car prowlings etc. Each individual must sign up for themselves however the ED group will take registrations at the AGM.