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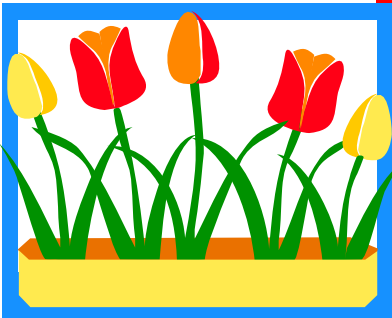
A Newsletter for Block Watch Captains

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Shred-A-Thon Event A Big Success

Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in the nation and the number one complaint received by the Federal Trade Commission.

On Saturday April 28th., hundreds of citizens in Bellingham joined with local law enforcement and businesses to take a proactive step to reduce the risk of becoming the victims of identity theft.

Commercial shred trucks were on site at two locations and served over 400 citizens who brought personal documents. Representatives from BPD and Industrial Credit Union were at each location to provide helpful tips about identity theft prevention.

Special thanks to Office Max and Industrial Credit Union for hosting these sites.

Because of the popularity of this event, we will also be hosting a commercial shred truck at the Crime Prevention Information Fair on July 21st. The CPIF will be held this year in the Lowe's parking lot., 1050 E Sunset Drive.

Several local financial institutions also provide regular shred opportunities as do some private businesses. If



you missed the Shred-A-Thon, check with your banking institution to see if they provide this service, or take advantage of the opportunity to have it shredded at the Crime Prevention Information Fair.



The city of Bellingham has hired an additional parking enforcement officer. We now have four parking enforcement officers who work out of our traffic division. For questions or concerns about parking issues in your neighborhood contact Sgt. Richards at 676-6677.

Host a National Night Out Celebration!

National Night Out Against Crime will be held on Tuesday, August 7th. This is a chance for you and your neighbors to get together to socialize, meet each other and promote neighborhood safety.

As always, I start planning early, in the hopes of making sure I can accommodate those of you who wish to have a guest speaker at your event. I have included an application on the reverse

side of the newsletter. The first 50 people who agree to host an event will receive a complimentary BBQ apron that they can pick up from me at the Crime Prevention Fair on July 21st.



Bellingham Police Department

**America's National Night Out Against Crime
August 7th 2007
Participation Sheet**

Name:

Address:

Phone(s)

Email:

Event or gathering type you are planning (i.e., ice cream social, dessert potluck, progressive dinner, progressive dessert, BBQ)

Location of planned event:

Start time of event:

Contact person, name phone number:

Are you requesting a guest speaker?

For further information please contact Officer Tara Fleetwood @ 676-6924 or Tfleetwood@cob.org.