



# Town of Clarence

## Neighborhood Watch News



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### ***What Is Neighborhood Watch?***

Neighborhood Watch is an organized effort by concerned residents to look out for each other's safety, and to help law enforcement officers protect people and their homes against criminals. It shows people how to cooperate with each other, and with the police, in a common cause – Safe homes and neighborhoods.

Working together, neighbors learn how to safeguard each other's homes and reduce the risk of crime. They become more alert to unusual or suspicious circumstances, individuals, or vehicles. They learn that it is better to call the police when they see something suspicious, even if their suspicion proves unfounded, rather than to keep quiet and risk letting a neighbor be victimized by criminals.

**REMEMBER!** Neighborhoods are made up of people who have the power to protect each other's safety. By reporting any suspicious circumstances to law enforcement agencies, members of NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH actually increase their own safety.

Police cannot fight crime they do not know about. When alert citizens keep them informed, the police are far more effective against crime- and citizens have better protection and safer neighborhoods.

Join your neighbors to organize a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH program in your community. You'll be protecting your own home and your own safety.

### **A WORD OF CAUTION**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH does not mean prying or nosy neighbors who try to stop criminals all by themselves.

As a member, your responsibility is to observe and call the police and report what you've seen. **NOT** to take action yourself.

### ***Neighborhood Watch Isn't Just Residential***

The corner where you shop for milk and bread should also be a part of your NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH program, even if the owner and employees live in other sections of town. They too worry about safety in the neighborhood, at least as much as you and your neighbors do. After all, an area of the town where crime finds success is an area where business people will not.

Businesses in your area are part of the neighborhood, too, and consideration of their vulnerability to crime should be a neighborhood concern. Some body getting away with the burglary of a liquor store down the street doesn't just mean the store lost money; it means crime has come to your neighborhood.

Invite local business people to NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH meetings and give them the opportunity to voice their concerns and offer their suggestions for improving neighborhood security.

By working together with local businesses, you can make your neighborhood a safer place to live and work.

**Further information call:**

**Clarence Town Supervisor**

**Kathleen E. Hallock**

**716-741-8930**

**Neighborhood Watch**

**One Town Place**

**Clarence, New York 14031**

**[www.clarence.ny.us](http://www.clarence.ny.us)**

**Report suspicious Activity to the Police**

**Call 9-1-1**

## How To Get Started

For information and free materials on how to organize a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH program in your community, contact the Clarence Town Officials, Erie County Sheriff or State Police

## What The Police Need To Know

**WHAT HAPPENED?** What Happened? Where? When? How? Who did it?

**Was A Vehicle Used?** If a vehicle was involved, what was its license plate number? Color of car? Make? Model? Year if possible? In what direction did the vehicle head?

**Was Anyone Armed?** How many people were in the vehicle? **WERE THEY ARMED?** What was their sex? Race? Age? Height? Weight? Hair color? Clothing? Shoes? Any unusual characteristics?

**Did They Say Anything?**

*Neighborhood Watch Signs Should Tell Potential Criminals That:*

*Our Neighbors are watching over one another's family members and property and they have been trained to report suspicious activity or persons in the neighborhood to our law enforcement agencies.*

## Look For These Suspicious Activities

As a member of a Neighborhood Watch group, it will be your responsibility to call the police about all suspicious activity in your neighborhood, sub-division, or community. You and your fellow members should report unusual situations, such as:

1. A stranger entering a neighbor's home or apartment that appears to be unoccupied.

2. Anyone looking into parked cars, or removing parts, gasoline, or license plates from a car.
3. Anyone entering or leaving a place of business after normal hours of business, or loitering outside.
4. Breaking glass, gunshots, screams or abnormally barking dogs.
5. Anyone loitering around neighborhood schools, or parks.
6. Anyone going door-to-door who tries to open a door, or goes into back yards.
7. Anyone carrying unwrapped property at any unusual time, or running while carrying property.
8. Any vehicle cruising slowly back and forth on your street.
9. Any abandoned vehicle left for an unusual long time.
10. Windows or doors recently broken at a home or business.
11. Anyone sitting in a parked car, especially at an unusual hour, outside a home or business.
12. Anyone that appears to be peering into windows of a residence or business

**Remember! Report Crime  
Observe & Report**

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### Report Suspicious Activity To Police

- \* *A stranger lurking around a neighbor's home.*
- \* *Anyone looking into parked cars.*
- \* *Breaking glass, gunshots, screams or abnormally barking dogs.*
- \* *Anyone loitering around schools or parks.*
- \* *Anyone carrying unwrapped property, while running.*
- \* *Any vehicle cruising back and forth.*
- \* *Anyone sitting in a parked car for abnormal amount of time.*
- \* *Anyone peering into a home or business after normal hours.*

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Additional Info:

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## It Takes Teamwork

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WHAT DID THEY SAY?



### Specialized Training

- ◆ Powers of observation
- ◆ Basic First Aid
- ◆ Observe & report to Police, Fire & First Aid
- ◆ Learn from professionals like New York State Police, Erie County Sheriff's Office, & parks personnel
- ◆ Basic crime prevention techniques.

If you would like to learn more, call the Clarence Town Supervisor's Office for an application to volunteer.

Be a part of something special...



### Summary!

With your interest & participation the Clarence Recreation Trail can be the best trail in Western New York

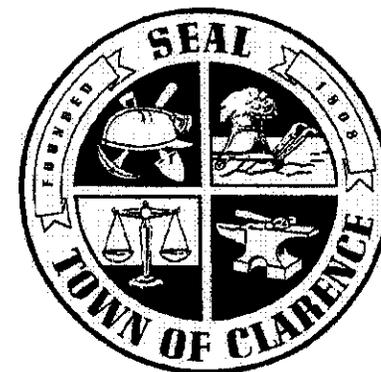
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*Do You Love  
Being  
Outdoors?*



*Be A  
Recreation  
Trail Watch  
Volunteer...*

**Details Inside!**

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Do you like helping others?

Join the Town of Clarence in inaugurating a new volunteer program.

Be a Recreation Trail Watch Volunteer.

Provide needed information & Directions.

Help visitors.

Be a visible point of contact on the Clarence Recreation Trail.

Help, assist Bicyclists, Walkers, Runners.



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**No Enforcement Duties!**  
The primary duties of a Recreation Watch Volunteer is visitor service.

### Responsibilities

- ◆ Answer visitor questions.
- ◆ Assist people using the trail.
- ◆ Report potential safety problems or areas of concern.
- ◆ May assist with special events.
- ◆ Report damage to trail to park personnel.
- ◆ Other tasks as assigned and agreed upon.
- ◆ Assist in maintenance of Trail by picking up litter & reporting potential problems.
- ◆ Maintain cleanliness of issued gear & equipment.
- ◆ Complete report, observations & suggestions.

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- ◆ Interact with park personnel, police & fire agencies.

### Benefits

- ◆ Great way to give back to your community.
- ◆ Great opportunity to improve the Recreation Trail & community.
- ◆ Great way to exercise.
- ◆ Meet many new people.
- ◆ Be part of the solution.
- ◆ Specialized training.
- ◆ Expand wildlife knowledge.
- ◆ Be a part of special events.
- ◆ Be a part of a great TEAM.
- ◆ Be a part of a recognition program.

**"It's a great way to give back to the community"**

Kathleen Hallock  
Clarence Town Supervisor

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