

## Neighborhood Watch

### What is the purpose of the Neighborhood Watch?

The purpose of our neighborhood watch program here in Fairington Farms is to reduce crime through citizen involvement and police cooperation... **The members of the community are ultimately the eyes and ears of their neighborhood for each other and the DeKalb County Police Department in a cooperative effort to keep the community safe.**

### How can crime be prevented in Fairington Farms?

In order for crime to occur, three elements need to exist: The offender's desire, ability and opportunity to commit a crime. The focus of the neighborhood watch program is to deny the offender the opportunity to commit a crime in a group's neighborhood.

### How can a neighborhood watch group deny an offender the opportunity to commit a crime in their neighborhood?

Today's lifestyles. Many homes where both parents work... More single parent families... Greater job mobility... Many extracurricular activities... Can contribute to social isolation among neighbors. In other words neighbors aren't looking out for each other, which can contribute to a neighborhood in which an offender has a greater opportunity to commit a crime.

1. Members of the neighborhood watch program in Fairington Farms (you) build bonds with their neighbors and look out for each other. Ultimately, an active neighborhood watch program stimulates awareness among neighbors.
2. Members of the neighborhood watch program learn personal safety recommendations to keep themselves, families, and homes safer.
3. Members of the neighborhood watch program learn how to observe and report suspicious activity in their neighborhood.
4. Members have an opportunity to address quality of life issues and mutual interests in their community with a unified voice to local government. The list of benefits of being involved in your neighborhood watch program goes on...

As you can see, with a couple of tips on how to protect your home, car or self - and with neighbors coming together with the police department to look out for each other, a neighborhood watch group can significantly reduce an offenders opportunity to victimize.

### What are Block Captains for?

After you've notified the police of an incident, optionally you may contact your assigned Block Captain for assistance with the following:

1. Obtaining footage from the front entrance security camera within 48hrs of the incident.
2. Provide a police report to your Block Captain which would be kept on file with HOA.
3. Depending on the confidentiality of the incident, a Block Captain may choose to notify the community online via Nextdoor.com, so neighbors may become aware and alert.

## Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Patrols

The Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and Patrollers will conduct random patrols throughout the entire community. These volunteers are tasked with watching out for suspicious activity and immediately summoning the police should the need arise. But ultimately you as diligent alert neighbors are the backbone of security in our community. **The Neighborhood Watch is not a substitute for the police. Anytime there is an emergency please call 911 first.**



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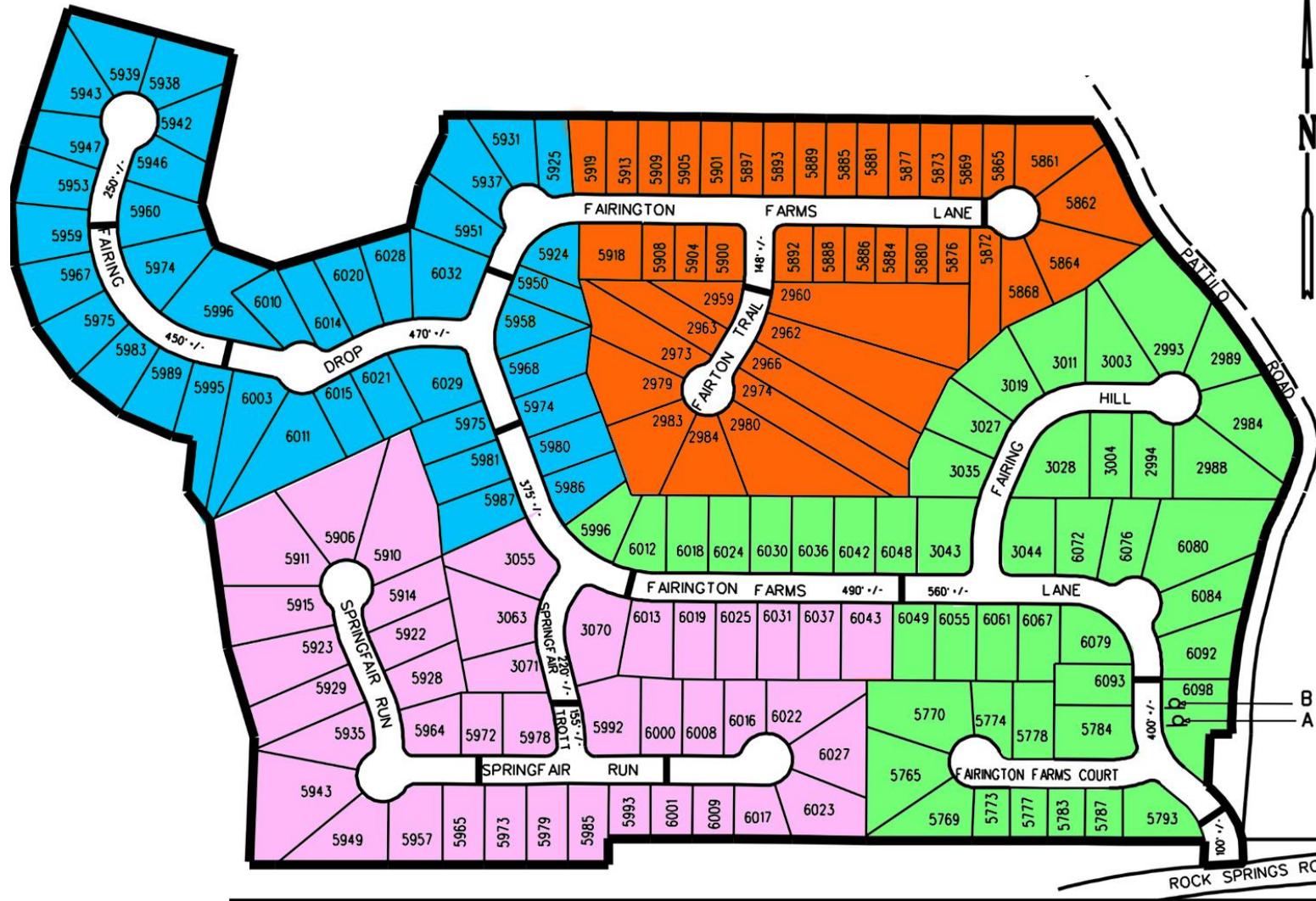


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