

# PRINCETON BLOCK WATCH HISTORY

**Our motto: Together for a Safe and Friendly Neighborhood!**

Princeton Block Watch was the dream of Ben Pasquale who lived on the triangle at Cambridge and Princeton Blvd. along with his wife Kathy. Ben got interested neighbors involved by inviting them to a series of meetings then asking them to become Princeton Block Watch volunteer section leaders. Our Ward 1 councilwoman, Ruth Gray, has always been in attendance at these meeting and has offered her full support from the beginning. She is also our association leader. In the beginning the association informally began in 2009 with 35 homes west of Belvoir Road. By September 2010 the group grew to include 125 homes from Belvoir to the Quilliams Road area. To date the Princeton Blvd Block Watch Association is comprised of all residents in this assigned geographic area and has been broken down into four sections. The section leaders are the first step to respond to concerns of the neighborhood.

The goal of the Princeton Block Watch was to develop, enhance, and maintain the viability of the Princeton Blvd neighborhood. The association wants to continue to promote courteous behavior among neighbors, maintain houses and properties, provide assistance and make available resources that may help our neighbors achieve or maintain the goals of the association. The block watch committee talks frequently about reporting crime, suspected crimes and actions that violate not only the ordinances of South Euclid, but disrupt good living together. Our association talks a lot about being the eyes and ears for the police department. If you see something - say something! We want everyone to be proactive. Getting to know your neighbors and being involved is beneficial to the entire community. The association strives to help keep neighbors informed and educated about relevant events that occur in our area and to promote the welfare of the neighborhood as it relates to the welfare of South Euclid. As a Block Watch Association, it continues to promote a safe, healthy, and vibrant environment for everyone.

Our former organizer and team captain, Ben Pasquale, passed away on March 31, 2012. Ben was passionate about safety of the neighborhood and its residents. Ben always urged us to keep vigilant so crime and violence do not become a part of our area. He worked to install the block watch signs you see on Princeton in cooperation with the city and also got stickers for our front windows that said

**“NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - We Look Out For Each Other”** which you can see on most of our doors and windows!

The association puts out two yearly informational letters delivered to the door of all the Princeton neighbors. These bulletins talk about safety, how to deter crime on our street, and general information which can help our residents. We emphasize neighbors watching out for neighbors. The newsletter also talks about littering and trashing the neighborhood, playing loud music, speeding, walking down the middle of the street, or generally people or youth making themselves a nuisance. The Block Watch Association wants a great quality of life in our neighborhood. Together the Princeton Blvd residents continue to work to have its neighborhood informed, safe, and friendly because they look out for and know their neighbors!