



Neighborhood Watch Information

Keene Police Department

October 2021

Why Neighborhood Watch?

There are obvious benefits Neighborhood Watch volunteers and their communities have experienced throughout the years, such as:

- a reduction in crime
- a better quality of life
- a greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control building community pride and unity
- preparing for helping others and ourselves in our community providing law enforcement agencies with volunteer support year round
- becoming the extra “eyes and ears” of law enforcement personnel and therefore reduce law enforcement’s burden
- disaster preparedness
- two-way support between you, your neighbors, and Keene Police

General Info

- The Keene Police Department is coordinating and helping set up 6 overall contacts, called “Area Coordinators,” within the city, per the map on the next page.
 - There are 2 Area Coordinators per City Council District, and Keene PD will assign those roles. In this way, we ensure an organized effort with regular contact and training for the 6 total Area Coordinators.
 - Area Coordinators will receive contacts for other roles within the program, either via their own efforts or the contacts received by Keene PD. The Area Coordinators then organize those roles and become the main points of contact for their respective areas.
 - Other roles can include:
 - Block Captain
 - Volunteer

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Purple = Ward 3
green = Ward 2
red = Ward 1

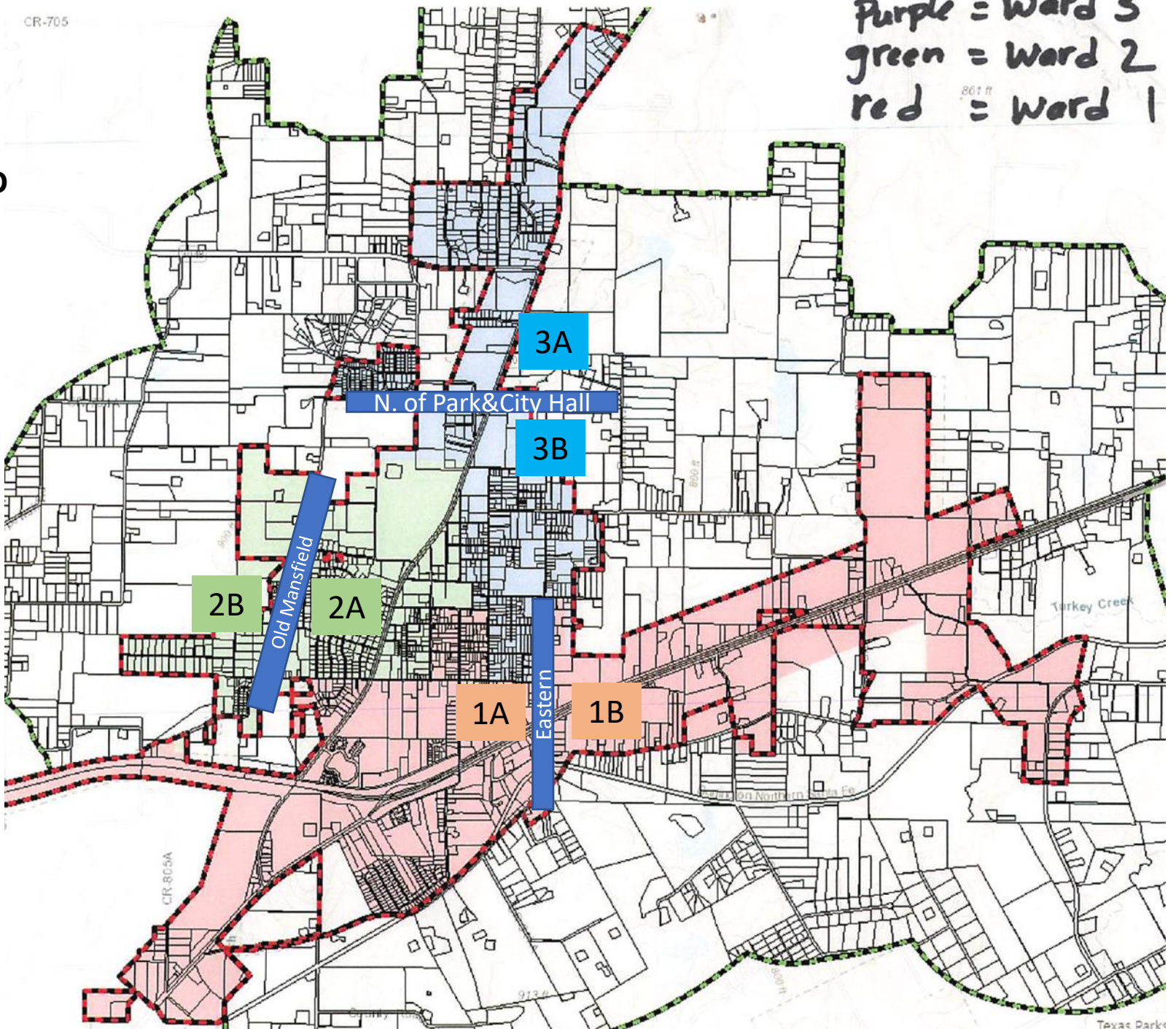
Neighborhood Watch Area Coordinators Verified with Keene PD

Area Coordinators:

- 1A
- 1B

- 2A – Mr.&Mrs. Beeson
- 2B – Mr. Hamilton

- 3A – Mr.&Mrs. England
- 3B – Mr.&Mrs. Bass



What a Neighborhood Watch Is

- Crime prevention through citizen involvement
- Effective means to address the number of crimes, especially burglaries, taking place
- Means to provide information on how to secure property and make it less vulnerable to break-ins
- Link between eyes and ears “in the know” (you), and the way to catch criminals in the act (Keene PD)

What a Neighborhood Watch Is Not

- Citizens on Patrol
- Security force with issued radios, vehicles, and especially \$\$ funding
- A creation of any extra “citizen’s arrest” powers
- An expectation that neighbors use citizen’s arrest powers when not on their own property

How to begin?

- Step 1: Contact the Keene Police Department at 817-641-7831, or email policeadmin@keenetx.com and schedule a meeting to discuss the role we'd ask you to fill.
- Step 2: Recruit your neighbors to attend a Neighborhood Watch Meeting. Let your Area Coordinator know so they, and the Keene Police, can attend as well.
- Step 3: Discuss community concerns and develop an action plan.
- Step 4: Hold regular meetings and hold training on relevant skills.
- Step 5: Implement a phone tree (or social media contact plan on Facebook, Nextdoor, etc.) and take action steps.

Once we get all organized, the Bureau of Justice website has all the info you would need to start a Neighborhood Watch:

- https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/Publications/NSA_NW_Manual.pdf

And now we work together to...

- Grow the program throughout Keene
 - Volunteers identified, assigned, and recognized for their efforts
 - Block Captains trained and integrated into the overall program through Keene PD and Area Coordinators
 - Establishing partnerships
- Keep each other informed and safe
 - Scheduled contacts with liaison
 - As-needed contacts due to emergencies, crime concerns, questions
- Look for outreach opportunities
 - Neighborhood beautification
 - Assisting folks needing help with their lawn, animals, etc.



On behalf of
Chief Hunt and
the entire
Keene Police
Department,
**WE THANK
YOU!**