



Greater Rockridge NCPC Crime Prevention Tips & Important Information

Greater Rockridge
Neighborhood Crime
Prevention Council

Community Policing At Its Best

The Greater Rockridge NCPC Mission Statement:

“To help prevent crime, promote public safety, and enhance the quality of life for all in the North Oakland/Greater Rockridge Neighborhood.”

The Greater Rockridge NCPC is staffed by volunteers and is part of the City of Oakland’s citywide Community Policing Program with the Oakland Police Department. It combines Police Beats 12Y and 13X in North Oakland.

The monthly meetings are designed for Rockridge citizens and OPD officers to discuss recent crimes, current trends, crime statistics and police activities in our neighborhood. It is an opportunity for citizens to address their concerns, problems, and observations of suspected criminal activity, nuisance and traffic issues directly to OPD. The police officers attending the meetings also provide valuable advice on crime prevention and ways to stay safe.

At the end of each meeting, the NCPC chooses three crime and/or traffic-related priorities per beat and gives them to our two Problem Solving Officers (PSO) assigned to Beats 12Y and 13X. In addition to their regular work, the PSOs will focus on those priorities during the upcoming month and report on each of them at the following month’s meeting.

All people who live, work, own or rent in Rockridge are welcomed to attend.

The Steering Committee includes:

- * Chris Jackson, Chair
- * Frank Castro, Vice Chair
- * Karen Ivy, Secretary & Information Officer
- * Denise Boisvert Jorgensen, Treasurer
- * Vivek Bhatia of RockridgeResidents.org, Crime Stats & Community Outreach

It’s Easy to Start a Neighborhood Watch Group

Help make your block safer.

The OPD Neighborhood Watch program (formerly Home Alert) provides crime prevention education to pro-active citizens who want to organize their block or street to reduce and prevent crime. Signs are placed on the street to warn criminals that the street is organized and on alert.

Call OPD at 510-238-3091 or go to the website: www.OaklandPolice.com and click on the Crime Prevention link.

Meetings are held

Every 4th Thursday of the Month*

Rockridge Library, 2nd fl.
5366 College Avenue

7:00—8:30PM

Chair@RockridgeNCPC.com

RockridgeNCPC.com

The website has the meeting minutes as well as extensive crime and safety information and resources.

Tel: 510-373-NCPC (6272)
(strictly non-emergency—not to be a substitute for calling OPD—use to advise or update the NCPC or if you cannot attend a meeting)

* Check the website if the meeting falls on a holiday for the alternate meeting date.

Safety starts with you!

- Attend NCPC meetings;
- Start a Neighborhood Watch;
- Organize your neighbors with a CORE class;
- Call in any suspicious persons;
- Always be aware of your surroundings; and
- Get to know your neighbors!



Avoid Being a Mugging, Robbery or Burglary Victim

The following are simple habits to learn and are advised by OPD:

- ⇒ Always **BE AWARE** of Your Surroundings—No Matter Where You Are—Home, Work, or on Vacation!
- ⇒ **CALL THE OAKLAND POLICE** non-emergency number 510-777-3333 to report suspicious persons.
- ⇒ **AVOID WALKING ALONE** from BART Stations—especially at night; try to walk close to others; ask the station attendant to request the BART police to come to escort you to your car if it is very late at night.
- ⇒ **CONCEAL** jewelry, money, cell phones, iPods and anything of value when in public.
- ⇒ **DON'T BE OBLIVIOUS or DISTRACTED** while on a cell phone or listening to music.
- ⇒ **CROSS THE STREET** to get away from a suspicious person or someone who makes you uncomfortable—your safety is more important than being PC.
- ⇒ **DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING** at all in view in your car or valuables visible from windows in your house—what may not be important to you could be to a thief.
- ⇒ **LOOK AROUND FOR STRANGERS** before entering or exiting your home or car—anyone can be watching or waiting from a parked car or behind a bush.
- ⇒ **NEVER OPEN YOUR DOOR** to solicitors or any stranger—even those who say they are your neighbor—it is not rude to talk through the door if you need to—your safety is more important than being polite.
- ⇒ **BE LOGICAL at ATMS** by looking around for loiterers before and after use; daytime is best but only go to one in a well-lit area at night; if you see anything strange during your transaction, push cancel, take your card and leave; be very alert after the transaction—if you suspect danger, promptly enter the nearest store or building.



Oakland Hotlines/Reporting

- * Police emergency 911 on a landline, or 510-777-3211 from a cell phone—this is for Oakland PD only
- * Police non-emergency 510-777-3333 (press 1 then 0 to bypass a long message, then wait for dispatch)
- * Police Patrol Desk 510-238-3455 For questions or to request a drive-by during your vacation
- * Drug Activity Reporting 510-238-DRUG (3784) (completely anonymous voicemail)
- * BART Police 1-877-679-7000
- * Oakland Call Center 510-615-5566 General number to call for all Public Works issues, including graffiti, street lighting, trees—available 24/7 so leave a detailed voicemail if after normal business hours
- * Rockridge NCPC voicemail 510-373-NCPC (6272) Non-emergency only, checked weekly; it is simply to inform or update the NCPC about suspicious activity, but come to the meetings, if possible
- * Towed Auto 510-635-3211 A & B Auto Co. if your car was towed in Oakland
- * Release of Towed Car 510-238-3021 Oakland Police Records Division

Internet Resources

- * RockridgeNCPC.com
- * RockridgeNCPC Yahoo! Group Crime alerts—go to yahoo.com, search for RockridgeNCPC
- * Rockridge Neighborhood Watch Network Yahoo! Group Crime discussion group, do a similar search
- * RockridgeResidents.org Rockridge Community website for crime, safety, forums, & local interests
- * RockridgeDistrict.com Merchant Association
- * Colby Park Yahoo! Group Crime alerts in that area
- * Rockridge.org Rockridge Community Planning Council; look here for links to other local sites
- * OaklandPolice.com
- * OaklandNet.com City of Oakland information
- * OaklandPW.com Oakland Public Works
- * OaklandCORE.org Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies
- * IceSticker.com In Case of Emergency program

Don't live in fear—
just **BE AWARE**