

THE CRIME WATCHER



"The Fishers Crime Watch Program began in 1994 and easily reaches 7,000 homes in Fishers. I encourage you to become active in your neighborhood and support the Crime Watch Program. When neighbors look out for each other, everyone benefits. "

Chief George G. Kehl

Did you know?

The Town of Fishers has grown to 76,794 people.

18% of Fishers residents are age 45 and above.

By 2030, it's estimated that 1 in 5 Americans will be age 65 or older. (2010 Census)

83% of older Americans want to stay in their current homes for the rest of their lives.

(AARP housing survey)



Crime Watchers Help Build a Community for a Lifetime.

"Age-friendly" communities have the elements needed to provide physical, social and service supports to their residents of all ages and abilities. These communities are good places to grow up and grow old. The elements that make communities good for one group, such as the elderly, also make communities good for children.

The Town of Fishers offers many of the features that help residents "age in place," including:

- ◆ affordable and appropriate housing options,
- ◆ opportunities for walking, bicycling, or other forms of physical activity,
- ◆ information about community health and supportive services,
- ◆ opportunities for meaningful volunteer service,
- ◆ and businesses and services close to residential areas.

Crime Watch programs can help with safety and security issues. As Crime Watchers, you can help residents get to know each other and watch out for their neighbors. Community-wide events build friendships and trust based upon shared experiences and can help prevent the isolation that can lead to elder abuse or victims not knowing where to turn for redress.

Fraud and con games are the greatest crime threats for seniors. Many identity crimes, crimes of deception and financial crimes are traditionally aimed at senior populations. Many seniors do not check their credit reports on a regular basis and identity thieves know that the Social Security number of a senior may afford the thief an opportunity to steal an identity with a lower probability of detection. Seniors should monitor credit reports by obtaining a free credit report at

www.AnnualCreditReport.com once a year and by placing a credit freeze on their credit files.



Con Artists' Tricks

- ◆ If it sounds too good to be true, avoid it.
- ◆ It is illegal for telemarketers to ask for credit card, Social Security, phone card or bank account numbers to verify prizes, so if anyone asks, don't give it to them.

(National Crime Prevention Council "Safer Seniors"

www.ncpc.org/

Aging in Place

www.ageinplace.org

Senior Citizen Identity Theft

www.identitytheft.info/seniors.aspx)



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For more information on the Fishers Police Department Crime Watch Program—Please call or email Sergeant Randy McFarland at 317-595-3300 or mcfarlandr@fishers.in.us



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Fishers Fun Facts

The Town of Fishers offers:

- ◆ Over 65 miles of multi-purpose trails
- ◆ 12 parks (395 acres)
- ◆ Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve (130 acres)
- ◆ Summer concert series
- ◆ Freedom Festival
- ◆ Flavor of Fishers
- ◆ Coming soon—Movie Night

(Fishers Facts <http://fishers-indiana.funcityfinder.com/>)



SAFETY LINK, the "Morning Call Network"

Every morning at 8, Tony receives a phone call from a volunteer with the "Morning Call Network." In this case, the volunteer is Sgt. McFarland, who is quick to tell you that he benefits from his friendship with Tony and looks forward to their morning chats.



The Fishers Police Department has created a free service for seniors living in the Fishers community; a telephone reassurance program called the "Morning Call Network." This telephone system is designed to provide senior citizens who live alone with a daily telephone call from a volunteer who will verify the well-being of the subscriber. If the volunteer receives a busy signal, they will automatically retry the number at specified intervals.

Alert procedures will go into effect if no answer is received.

More information on the "Morning Call Network" can be viewed at Safety Link www.fishers.in.us/departments/division.php?fDD=10-124.

Sgt. McFarland and the "Morning Call Network" volunteers hope for more participation in the program. To enroll, call the Fishers Police Department and speak with Sgt. Randy McFarland at (317) 595-3300. A volunteer will set up an appointment and come to your home at your convenience.

If a group of seniors is interested in enrolling, an appointment and a presentation can be set up at your location.

Volunteer and Educational Opportunities

The whole community benefits from participation of older residents in volunteer or paid work and civic activities, plus the local economy gets a boost from people shopping near their homes.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities within the Town of Fishers, ranging from helping youngsters with sports skills, trail monitoring, helping with general programs or special events, and participating in coffee and Bingo socials and more.

Residents can learn about Fishers by using Communications programs offered by the town, including:

- ◆ Fishers Alert: email alerts notifying residents of town happenings including emergencies.
- ◆ Quarterly meetings with homeowners associations

- ◆ Citizens Police Academy
- ◆ Citizens Fire Academy
- ◆ Town Government Academy
- ◆ Business Connect
- ◆ Citizen Surveys
- ◆ Town Talk Newsletter
- ◆ Fun Guide Parks and Recreation Newsletter

More information about these programs can be found on the

Town of Fishers website
www.fishers.in.us/



Other Opportunities

Brush up on computer skills with free classroom based technology instruction offered by the Hamilton East Public Library.
www.hepl.lib.in.us/index.html

Conner Prairie, named for Fishers' original settler, is a living history museum with educational or volunteer opportunities.
www.connerprairie.org/

Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy can help support their community by joining the FPD Citizens Academy Alumni Association
www.fpdcaaa.org

or by volunteering with the Fishers Police Department. For details, contact volunteer coordinator Lori Spillane
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