

ATTENTION: FOREST TWP. RESIDENTS

Join the Forest Township Neighborhood Watch Notification System

Information Meeting: Monday, Nov. 29th, 7:00 pm, Town Hall

In response to the terrific turnout we've had at the August 2009 and August 2010 Forest Twp. Neighborhood Block Parties, the recently-formed Neighborhood Watch Group is organizing a notification system to keep all of our neighbors informed of important events and happenings in our township. The Forest Township Neighborhood Watch notification system will be somewhat more encompassing than the CodeRED Emergency System operated by the Rice County Sheriff's Department, but it will work in a similar manner.

WHAT THE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE WILL DO: The Forest Township planned notification procedure will be implemented entirely by our neighborhood with guidance by Sgt. Tom McBroom of the Rice County Sheriff's Dept. We are collecting telephone numbers and email addresses of Forest residents, and will utilize a telephoning and emailing "tree" to get important information out to our neighborhood (sign-up form below). The uses for our neighborhood notification system include:

- Inform neighbors when a burglary or act of vandalism has occurred, so everyone can be on alert to watch their own property and report any helpful information to the Rice County Sheriff's Dept. If you don't think incidents are happening in our county, check out the Police Incident Map web link from the Rice County website (www.co.rice.mn.us) to see crimes reported the past 90 days.
- Report suspicious activity or vehicles, i.e. strangers watching a residence or farm site, etc.
- Alert Forest Residents of township notices such as road closings for maintenance, special township meetings, etc.
- Report a lost pet, so that neighbors can keep an eye out for someone's "four-legged family member" that is missing.
- The Watch Group will be discerning to ensure calls and emails meet the above criteria and you will not be contacted excessively.

Clip here and mail, or email as directed below: _____

INFORMATION FORM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

NAME: _____ Forest Twp. Section #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

Are you interested in being your Section Leader? ____ YES ____ NO

Please mail or drop off this form to Sgt. Tom McBroom, Rice County Sheriff's Office, 118 NW 3rd St, Faribault, MN 55021 (Sheriff's Office telephone 507-334-4391). OR email this information to: tmcbroom@co.rice.mn.us, use "*Forest Watch Program*" as subject line.