

Hi Neighbors-

First and foremost- a big thank you to Kathy. As a thank you from her to the members of WSW, Kathy brought in a delicious buffet of foods. We enjoyed meatballs, shrimp, cheese & crackers, salads, soft drinks and many other goodies. Thank you so much Kathy! Kathy has also created a new and exciting Website. It's not just your typical website with meeting dates and meeting notes, it has links to some very interesting and informative information. We encourage you all to check it out and share it. [www.westsidewatchbangor.org](http://www.westsidewatchbangor.org)

Also a member that deserves special recognition is Donna. Several times a day, every day, she cleans up trash along all the streets of our neighborhood. Like the mailmen and women, rain, sleet and snow won't stop her....she is out in all types of weather, single handedly cleaning up our community. Thank you Donna, for all you do to better our neighborhood!!!!

At this past meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming some new members- Charles, Bruce, Jessica and Luke from 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Stacy from Carroll Street. The new members bring a lot of talent and ideas to our group. Welcome aboard!

We discussed the WSW community Yard Sale that is being held outside 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Park on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Donna and Linda have been Passing out Yard Sale Flyers in the Neighborhood
- Flyers will continue to be posted at the local businesses this coming week
- Tom has posted the YardSale on Craigs list
- Robert will contact the Bangor Daily news about posting the Yard Sale on there
- We still have not received our Permit yet. The P&R Director is on vacation this week. I will follow up with him next week
- **Please let me know if you will be able to donate and/or help with the Yard Sale as soon as possible.**
- Please email me any other thoughts you may have on promoting the WSW Yard Sale

Officer Jason discussed being ready for the Phish Concert being held at the Waterfront next Wed, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Although no one knows exactly how things will go, there is speculation of possible issues that have arisen from other Venues that hosted this band in the past.

As we are closely affiliated with the BPD, there are some things we can do to alleviate some of the burden that will come their way. Such as:

- It is expected that all the streets in our neighborhood will have vehicles parked on both sides-Due to the vast amount of people expected (an estimated 30 to 40 thousand) there will be limited resources to respond to calls and limited resources to tow vehicles. Therefore, please only call dispatch if there is a critical issue.
- In order to avoid someone using your driveway and having to make a call to Dispatch, park your vehicle at the end of your driveway to block any entry.
- When you are away from your home, rope off your driveway to deter anyone from parking in it.
- Keep all doors and windows locked whether your home or not.
- Keep a close eye on any pets you may have tethered outside.
- Do not let children play in the park unattended

- The majority of the people attending may not be courteous of you or your property. Be prepared for litter. If someone throws something on your lawn, simply pick it up and dispose of it.
- Be prepared for people walking up and down the street that you're not familiar with. If you are a walker, try to walk with a partner and carry a cell phone.
  - Although it's extremely unlikely an attack could occur while walking, (most of the people attending typically are not violent people) your house key makes an excellent weapon-keep it handy. You can use it to jab an attacker in the eye, neck, face, hand, anywhere that will give you the element of surprise and more than likely cause an attacker to briefly let go of you. Once they let go, RUN do not engage anyone...ever.
- Most of all, keep in mind that once these people leave the city, they won't be back. They won't show up for court dates, they won't care about who they may have upset and they won't care what happens after they leave. Therefore, let's work with the BPD by being proactive and making this as seamless as possible.

Members of the ESW arrived at the end of the first hour around 7pm. A National Night Out committee was formed of both the WSW and the ESW. Details from that committee will be sent out as the plans progress.

**Our next WSW meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. 6 to 8 PM at the BPD.**

See you all then!