



Perris News

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New Neighborhood Watch Signs Installed in Perris

The City of Perris, eager to spread the word about its Neighborhood Watch signs, recently installed additional signs throughout the Monument Ranch community letting would-be burglars and vandals know that vigilant citizens are on the lookout for criminal activity.

"The City has a strong and vibrant Neighborhood Watch program and we want to get the word out," said City Councilman Al Landers. "Things are difficult right now and we need neighbors to look out for each other, to be the eyes and ears of the community. People work hard for the things they have and we want criminals to know that if they steal them, they will be spotted and reported."

Public Works employee Juan Lemus spent part of one morning putting up the Neighborhood Watch signs at the entranceways to Monument Ranch, in the City's south end.

He installed four signs, including along major thoroughfares such as Ethanac Road and Monument Ranch Parkway. The new signs augment other signs posted throughout the community.

Landers said City officials decided to increase the number of Neighborhood Watch signs in Perris after meeting with residents who sought a higher visibility to publicize the program. City Public Works staff was directed to put up the signs as soon as possible.

"It was heart-warming to see the amount of people who came to the meeting," he said. "We want to enlarge the program as much as possible."

City Councilman Mark Yarbrough said Perris elected officials and administrators are eager to publicize their participation in a variety of law enforcement programs, including Neighborhood Watch, the volunteer Citizens Patrol and Zone Policing efforts in place through the Perris Police Departments. He believes those programs have combined to reduce crime in Perris by 10 percent this year and by more than 30 percent in the last decade.

Neighborhood Watch signs are scattered in communities throughout Perris, from May Ranch and the Villages of Avalon in the north end of town to Monument Ranch in the south.

"We are constantly assessing and constantly refining our programs to make sure we remain in touch with the community," Yarbrough said. "It is good to know that what we are doing collectively is making a difference."



Perris City Councilman Al Landers in front of a newly installed Neighborhood Watch sign: "We want to get the word out."



The warning says it all.



Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough says Neighborhood Watch and other programs help reduce crime.