



# Upper Hurstville

## Residents Association and Security District

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Dear UH Member:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we look forward to the fall and cooler weather, I wanted to let you know about a few things from the UHRA Board.

### Fall Party

We are planning to have our annual Fall cocktail party on **Friday November 13, 2015**, 6:00-8:00, at the La Salle Condominiums, Perrier State Street. (Adults only). Please look for further details on the website. Adult beverages and drinks will be provided, but please feel free to bring an appetizer or desert if you'd like to do so.

### "Porch Lights Initiative"

In view of the spike in criminal activity near our neighborhood in recent months, our crime prevention committee has been hard at work to come up with this comprehensive crime prevention plan, called "Porch Light Initiative," which includes the following:

- "10 Commandments:" (see attached). First and foremost, please use all available exterior lights on and around your home. If everyone's porch and other external lights are on, the neighborhood will be much more illuminated, which will be a primary deterrent against criminal activity.
- Patrols: Please actively use the patrols when leaving and returning to your home, especially in the evening. (Patrol #451-1614)
- Security Cameras: Please consider obtaining personal security cameras. In order to encourage residents to obtain personal security cameras, the Board has authorized a rebate of \$200 to the first person on each block to obtain a security camera and otherwise meet the qualifications set forth. (See the website for further details and to qualify.)
- Signs and Decals: Thanks to Bruce Worley and his team of Block Captains, yard signs and car decals were delivered to each resident. Please use them! If you don't have these, or if you need an additional sign, please contact your Block Captain or Bruce (bwstlwkn@bellsouth.net).

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**Dues**

If you have not paid your 2015 dues, please send in your check along with the enclosed data sheet. Dues are \$25.00 per member/household. Remember, according to our Bylaws, you must pay dues to be able to vote. If you need to check the status of your dues, please contact the Treasurer.

**Communications**

Please register your current information if you have not done so (go to the website or mail in the attached data sheet). Also visit the website regularly for up-to-date communications and other information.

We published a UHRA Directory which was delivered last year. If you did not receive a directory, please contact our Secretary at [info@upperhurstville.com](mailto:info@upperhurstville.com). Also, please let us know if you have any changes to the directory, as we will be publishing a supplement to the directory soon.

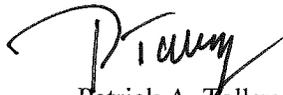
If you know of anyone who recently moved into our Neighborhood Association, please make a copy of this letter and data sheet and drop it off to them, so that we may obtain their contact information.

**Survey Results**

Thank you for participating in the recent survey we sent out to everyone. If you did not receive the survey request, please contact the Secretary at [info@upperhurstville.com](mailto:info@upperhurstville.com) and request that it be sent to you. Your input is vital to the security of our neighborhood district. We will publish the survey results on the website within a few weeks and the board will use the survey results in implementation of policies affecting the Security District in the future.

On behalf of the Board, we welcome any input or other suggestions you might have. Thank you for your participation in the Upper Hurstville Residents Association and we look forward to seeing you at the Fall cocktail party on November 13.

Sincerely,



Patrick A. Talley, Jr.  
President,  
Upper Hurstville Residents' Association  
And Security District

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**UHRA DATA SHEET**

(Fill out separate data sheet for each property owned)

Name of Property  
Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Household Members and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers:	Name	Number
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

E-mail	Name	Address
	_____	_____
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[ ] Please check here if you do not want your e-mail address included in the directory.  
Unless you indicate No, your e-mail address will be included in the directory.

Dues Paid (\$25.00) Previously Paid \_\_\_\_ Enclosed \_\_\_\_

**Please return Data Sheet to: Upper Hurstville Residents Association  
5500 Prytania Street, #106  
New Orleans, LA 70115**



Patrol-Security-Escort  
504-451-1614



## Upper Hurstville Security District - Crime Prevention Committee

### Front Porch Light Initiative – The 10 Commandments

#### **1-Porch Light Initiative- Light up the Premises - Visibility of House Numbers – Report Street Lights Out**

Please turn on your porch lights every night. If everyone's porch lights are on, the neighborhood will be much more illuminated. Illumination deters crime by giving criminals no place to lurk. Please also consider installing bright white lights (metal halide) or a directional flood light fixture illuminating the darker areas of your property, while being considerate and not blinding your neighbors. If you are unable to turn the lights on on your porch each night, consider hooking up or engaging a timer, or even better, a light or night/day sensor as opposed to the motion detection sensor. (Motion detection lighting on interior walkways and behind fencing of course may be very useful.) That way the lights will come on before dusk turns into darkness and will stay on until first light. Finally, make sure your house numbers are easily visible from the street during the day and especially at night. Try to park in well lit areas. If a portion of your street is shrouded in darkness because of heavy trees/foliage or simply lack of light, consider installing homeowner sponsored lighting through Entergy at [http://www.entergy-neworleans.com/your\\_home/securitylighting/](http://www.entergy-neworleans.com/your_home/securitylighting/). Report all street light outages to [info@upperhurstville.com](mailto:info@upperhurstville.com) AND call the Department of Public Works at 504-658-8000 between 9-5. You can also dial 311 to speak to a live operator. Some cell phone users may need to dial 504-658-2299.

#### **2-Use the Free Escort to Return to or Leave your home or business**

Always be observant of your surroundings and call the Escort at (504) 451-1614 (put this on your speed dial on your cell phone) when you return home at night (or day), especially if you are alone, elderly, have lots of packages, etc. If the escort is busy or otherwise unavailable, and if you park on the street, before entering your house from the street, make sure that you are not being followed, that is, that there are no vehicles or headlights behind you that might pull over a block behind you at the same time you do. If necessary, circle the block to make sure you are not being followed.

#### **3-Lock Your Vehicle and Minimize the Contents You Leave In It**

The thieves come to our neighborhood because there are not only "lots of pickings", all too often they are "easy" pickings. Our cameras have captured groups of these thugs methodically going through our neighborhoods late at night "trying" door handles for unlocked doors. Vehicle burglaries are the most common crime in our district and most of the time, the victim has failed to simply lock the vehicle. Failure to lock your vehicle is actually attracting crime to our neighborhood. Please double check to make sure you've locked ALL of your vehicles and removed or at least covered/hidden any valuable contents. If your vehicle has a trunk, put all valuables in it that cannot be removed practicably from the car each night. Glove compartments, even if locked, are oftentimes not really secure. Resist the temptation to leave a gun in your car. Law enforcement tells us that most of the armed robberies in our area are committed with guns stolen from vehicles within our neighborhoods.

#### **4-Lock your Home and the Gates Leading to It**

Please consider installing a security system and be sure to arm it when you leave and even when you are home. Use the "no delay" feature at night that will set the alarm off immediately when the security of your home has been breached.

#### **5-Install One or More ProjectNola Crime Cameras**

ProjectNola (504-736-8197) crime cameras can be instrumental not only in identifying criminals, but even more importantly the vehicles in which they travel. They can also help solve a problem next door or several blocks away; law enforcement can find and apprehend the criminals by "patterning" the vehicle by reviewing camera footage throughout the

district to help verify eye-witness testimony at the time of the crime. Conversely, your neighbor's camera can help solve a crime committed on *your* property. ProjectNOLA crime camera footage is only viewed by a limited number of authorized Security District board member(s) and law enforcement personnel and only in the event a crime has been or is alleged to have occurred. (Review of cameras for domestic or family related issues is not the target of nor contemplated by the Crime Camera program.) All crime cameras installed in the district should ideally be registered with the Crime Prevention Committee and ProjectNola ([info@upperhurstville.com](mailto:info@upperhurstville.com)) and incorporated into the monitoring grid currently under consideration. Once installed, consider posting your property with ProjectNOLA signs to enhance the deterrent. The Committee has recently posted signs throughout the District. Go to [www.upperhurstville.com](http://www.upperhurstville.com) to find out more about the incentives associated with our Crime Camera Initiative.

#### ***6-Report all Suspicious People to Law Enforcement while Noting the Time of Day***

Please be vigilant of the various goings on in your neighborhood. Report all "sketchy" people to New Orleans Private Patrol (NOPP) first and then, if necessary to NOPD. When in doubt, call NOPP anyway. Write down the time you called in. Apologies, if in order, for ruffling legitimate feathers, can be made by law enforcement. (The time the crime is committed is of the essence for reviewing video footage from our crime cameras.)

#### ***7-No Crime is too Small to Report to the Police***

Report all crimes to the police and to [info@upperhurstville.com](mailto:info@upperhurstville.com), in doing so you are performing a service to your community and your civic duty; by not reporting, you are doing yourself and others a disservice. Report ALL such significant crimes (assaults, batteries, thefts, burglaries and robberies) to the police. It is important to *log the time of the crime* or if you are not certain exactly when the crime occurred, estimate the earliest possible time it might have occurred AND log the time you discovered that it had occurred. By tightening the time interval, the time it takes to review security camera footage for clues is lessened. We cannot have a real understanding of how crime is affecting our district if folks fail to report crimes to the police (not just the NO Private Patrol). While reporting a crime may involve some patience and waiting for an officer to call, especially if there is evidence of the crime that needs examining, bear in mind that many crimes should and can be reported the next day or even later if the evidence at the scene is not dispositive.

#### ***8-Resist the Urge to Fight Back or Intervene in a Crime***

Criminals are criminals because they aren't bright enough to make it in the real world. Having someone who doesn't process well or have a robust grasp of his or her sensibilities on the other side of a weapon is a decided disadvantage to the victim. Please resist the temptation to intervene in a crime being perpetrated on another human unless you are sure the victim's life is in imminent danger. Most of the time these guys just want our "stuff". If you are the target of a crime, just give them what they want, get *new* "stuff", and live to tell. As soon as it is safe, call 911 and report the crime, the time, and the location, noting any particulars about the perpetrators (such as clothing, body markings or mannerisms) and the vehicles used. We advise you not to ever look the criminal directly in the eyes. If you *see* a crime in progress, make sure to observe only from a safe distance and vantage point and immediately call 911.

#### ***9-Volunteer to Serve on the Board of the Security District or a Committee and/or to Host a Crime Camera***

If you cannot offer your services to serve on the UH Board or a committee, please consider hosting a crime camera, especially if you are located in a "strategic" location and asked by the Crime Prevention Committee. Please "volunteer" information to our website address by being vigilant of your surroundings. Please report all non-working streetlights, potholes, and shrubbery obscuring STOP or other signs by calling 311 (see above for other phone numbers) and sending a message to [info@upperhurstville.com](mailto:info@upperhurstville.com).

#### ***10-Take Control of and Enjoy your Neighborhood and your Neighbors***

Security is always enhanced by getting to know and trust your neighbors. Consider giving one of your trusted neighbors a key to your house to access it if a problem arises while you are out of town. Consider collaborating with your neighbors on how to best situate security cameras so as to achieve "best fit" status and avoid redundancy/overlapping coverage. Walk and enjoy your neighborhood. Hang out on your front porch stoop more often. The more folks are out walking and visiting with each other the more crime is deterred. Thanks for helping to deter crime in Upper Hurstville!