

# Upper Hurstville

## Residents Association and Security District

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October 8, 2018

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Dear Neighbor:

Well, summer is over and fall is here, and hopefully by the time you receive this letter, we'll have weather that's less like summer and more like fall!

### FALL SOCIALS

Our fall TGIF last Friday at Reginelli's was a great success, thanks to all of you who came out to socialize with your neighbors. Next up on the social calendar is the annual fall cocktail party on **November 2** at the home of Donna and Paul Flower, 1230 Calhoun Street, 6:00 PM (see attached invitation). We hope to see everyone there! Drinks will be provided, but if you'd like to do so, feel free to bring your favorite appetizer for all to enjoy.

### DUES

As the year winds down, this is a good time to remind everyone that the Residents Association is separate from and does not receive any funds from the Security District. Our annual dues is what enable us to have the social functions like the TGIF and cocktail party sponsored by the Residents Association. You should have received a statement for your 2018 dues in the amount of \$25.00, so please send in your dues payment if you have not already done so, or you can pay at the cocktail party on November 2.

### 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.

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

### SECURITY

We have security patrols 24/7 throughout our Security District (Prytania to Magazine between the Park and Nashville). The number to report any incidents or to call for escorts to and from your house is 504-451-1614.

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Our crime prevention committee has developed a 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. If you have an external security camera, please let us know so we can make sure you are in our neighborhood camera data base. You can do so by registering on the website, by simply giving us your name and address. Or you may contact any Board member and we will handle the registration for you. If you have a camera, please help us out! It is extremely important for us to have this information when an incident occurs in our neighborhood, so thanks for doing this.
- 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](mailto:bwstlwkn@bellsouth.net)), or any Board member.

In closing, let me say that your Board is here to help in any way we can, so please contact us if there is anything we can do or if you have any ideas or issues to discuss. Also, we have several committees in addition to the RA Board itself, so if you might be interested in serving on a committee or the RA Board, please contact me or any other Board member and we will get you involved.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Flower's beautiful home for our fall cocktail party on November 2.

Sincerely,



Patrick A. Talley, Jr.  
President

Upper Hurstville Security District and  
Residents Association

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Attachments



UPPER HURSTVILLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
AND SECURITY DISTRICT



# ***UH Fall Cocktail Party***

Friday, November 2, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Home of Donna & Paul Flower

**1230 Calhoun Street  
(between Prytania and Perrier)**

Adult beverages and drinks provided  
Please feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert  
We look forward to seeing you here

\*adults only

**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!