



Alton Weed & Seed Strategy

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WEED & SEED NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS MAY, JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2008

Dear Neighbor:

For several years now, residents and the Alton Police Department have been meeting together to improve the quality of life, solve problems, and implement the principles of Community Oriented Policing within the Alton Weed & Seed neighborhoods of Mexico, Hunterstown, & Middletown. This policing philosophy is also known as Problem Oriented Policing. While we have made strides, we still have much to accomplish and we cannot do it without everyone taking an interest and working together. Recent **fiscal concerns have forced the City of Alton Administration to consider cutting the Weed & Seed Site Coordinator position as early as July 31, 2008.** Your participation is more important than ever.

Alton Weed & Seed Strategy began as and remains a **collaborative effort between residents, law enforcement, elected officials and businesses.** Everyone has an important role to play and we are all needed as we continue to address problems related to the quality of life in the neighborhoods. As we prepare for upcoming Mayoral & Aldermanic elections, residents have suggested these meetings are a great opportunity to provide candidate forums. To that end, residents have submitted questions for candidates. Their questions will be provided to any candidates, present or future, willing to attend a meeting to respond and outline their platforms. Please tell your friends and neighbors and ask them to attend a meeting with you. Perhaps you haven't attended a meeting in a while or never have. Either way, we are asking you to consider taking part in some or all of these activities.

Weed & Seed continues to focus on the original neighborhoods. We also share information and try to generate interest in the expansion of these strategies to all Alton neighborhoods. All are welcome at our events. If you would like information about Community Oriented Policing activities in your neighborhood, or **you wish to organize a Neighborhood Watch Group**, please **contact Sergeant David Goins**, of Alton Police Department at 463-3505, ext. 238.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH / PROBLEM SOLVING MEETINGS

Combined Meeting: Hunterstown / Middletown / Mexico Neighborhoods

Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. NATIONAL NITE OUT KICK-OFF

No Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Location: Ridge Street Community Center, Ridge & East 6th

Thank you,

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Site Coordinator

For information about how you can help reduce substance abuse among youth in Alton go to:

www.drugfreealton.com