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THANK YOU RABBI SADWIN AND GOVERNOR HOGAN

Maryland Safe Streets Grant

The Northwest Citizens Patrol offers our sincerest appreciation to Rabbi Ariel Sadwin of Agudath Israel of Maryland and Governor Larry Hogan and his administration, for a recent state grant to support the work of the NWCP. With the goal of keeping our community safe and the crime rate to a minimum, the NWCP organizes and runs many programs and initiatives to achieve its mission. Rabbi Sadwin, as an advocate for our community, is regularly in touch with the Governor's office regarding the safety of our community, apprising them of various needs and concerns. Recently, staff of



Rabbi Ariel Sadwin and Governor Larry Hogan

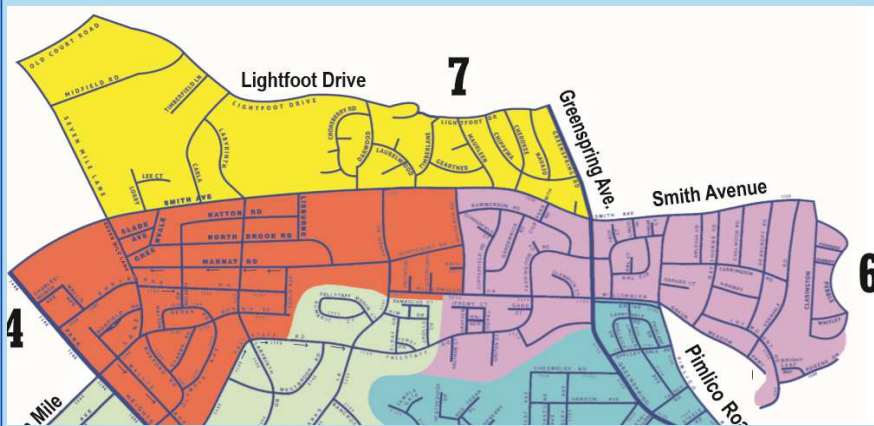
the Governor identified a program called "Maryland Safe Streets" run by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) as a means to bolster community safety. Rabbi

Sadwin approached the NWCP and asked for a list of items that would be useful and helpful to assist our organization in its work of making the community safe. That list included, among other things, a new computer system and new car-top lights for our volunteer cars. The grant was accepted by GOCCP and the funds were provided. The NWCP thanks the Governor and his administration for these vital funds, and thanks Rabbi Sadwin for initiating the grant and advocating on behalf of the NWCP.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! THE NWCP EXPANDS ITS PATROL AREA

By: Ches Cherniak

The NWCP is excited to announce that its patrol area will now be expanding further into Baltimore County! With the warm encouragement of the Baltimore County Police Department, the area commonly known as "Indian



Village" will now be part of the NWCP's nightly patrol. The new patrol area will be bordered by Lightfoot Road, Smith Avenue, Seven Mile Lane, and Greenspring Ave. The Beazer homes south of Smith Avenue are also included in the expansion. This expansion is a direct result of requests from many stakeholders, including local Rabbis, key law enforcement personnel, lay leaders and homeowners.

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School Safety in the New Year

By Ruby Katz

Growing up on Shirley Avenue in the 50's and walking to Public School #59 with my best friend Jackie, I didn't worry about being safe. We crossed at the traffic light at Park Heights and Keyworth Avenues and ran up the steps of the school, swinging our lunch bags. There were no cell phones or home computers to monitor and no call boxes to open gates for cars carrying our friends to school. Most of us walked anyway, and even the school term when the 17-year locust invaded our space, we felt safe.



Today, we want our children to feel safe too. According to Detective Donny Moses, Public Information Officer for the Baltimore County Police Department Media Relations, the most important rule for children and adults is to be aware of their surroundings. Students, who walk to and from school, should cross at intersections and stay



with a group of other children or with an adult, if possible. "There's safety in numbers," said Detective Moses. He added the well-known rule: "If you see something, say something." A suspicious vehicle, person or a bag left unattended could be reported to 911, a crossing guard or a parent.

Children riding bikes to school should follow the rules for bikers. They should always wear their helmets regardless of how short the ride.

Parents who drive children to school, need to drop off and pick up passengers where designated, and be aware that children may casually walk in front of or behind cars. Of course, drivers should never use cell phones to talk or text when driving. I read about a couple who made a safety pact to leave their phones in the glove compartment whenever they enter their cars.

When riding in a car, children should sit in the back, single buckled in seat belts. Up to about the age of 7, they should be seated in special car seats. When I was growing up, we didn't have seat belts. Even my infant son slept in a car bed in the back seat of the car. That's scary. Today, thank G-d, we know much more.

One thing we know is that children need a certain amount of sleep to function well, in and out of school. In an article titled, "Back to School Basics," in *WebMD Magazine*, July/August 2017, author Michele Cohen Marill poses the question: What is the best bedtime for my child? The answer is, "Bedtime by 8 p.m. helps school age children get the nine to eleven hours of sleep they need." This isn't always easy to enforce, but a parent will be a child's best friend by standing by it.

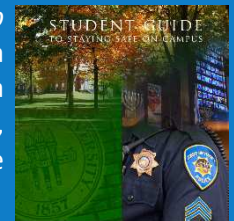


Detective Moses also encourages everyone to stand by and be a friend to someone who is being bullied and report it. "We as parents have a responsibility to protect other people's children as well," he said. "The bottom line is that it takes a village to raise a kid...and if we remain in that village, our kids will be safe in a safe environment and that's the ultimate purpose."

Wishing everyone in the village and beyond a safe, productive and joyful school year.



There are many more resources to promote school safety. Among them is *Keep Your School Safe*, published in 2013, by the Chesed Fund Limited and Project Ezra of Greater Baltimore (<http://chesedfund.com/>). It explains how to implement a security program for North American Jewish Schools. Another publication, *Student Guide to Staying Safe on Campus for Jewish College Students* is available from <https://nwcp.info/SSCJCS>.



We urge everyone to join the ranks of the NWCP. Especially in these times we need every pair of eyes patrolling our neighborhoods to keep our streets safe. Call 410-664-6927 TODAY!

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Rabbi Zvi Teichman, Rabbi of the burgeoning “Ohel Moshe” synagogue at the intersection of Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road, shares his excitement about the planned expansion. “NWCP has been an integral part of the community for many years, most visibly during their nightly patrols. Although they do much more than patrol ... this component is vital in order to keep our community safe ... It is very encouraging to see that in the Indian Village neighborhood people have come forward to [expand the] patrol ... Kudos to those wise individuals who stepped up to help preserve the safety of our neighborhood. This is what makes our community great and the NCWP effective!”



Chief Terrence B. Sheridan, Baltimore County Police Department, shared the following thoughts: “The success of policing is the involvement of the community. Northwest Citizens Patrol is clearly one of the organizations that makes our communities safer. It is a privilege to work with this dedicated group whose goals are the same as ours – making our communities safer. We welcome their expansion in Baltimore County and a continued positive working relationship.”



Rabbi Yosef Berger applauds expansion and urges community members to participate: “We are fortunate that the NWCP is able to service our ever-growing community (and that the area covered by the Patrol now includes Indian Village and Beazer.) I encourage the members of our community to join the NWCP in this important effort to keep our community safe.”



Captain John McGann, Commander of Precinct 4 of Baltimore County, shared his excitement:



“It has been a pleasure to work with the men and women of the NWCP over the last five years. I am excited at the prospect of their increased presence within the Pikesville Precinct. I have no doubt that the residents of these new areas will quickly come to appreciate the added patrols in their communities. I am confident that the NWCP will continue to work closely with the officers of the Pikesville Precinct to reduce crime in these new patrol areas.”

The expansion will bring many more citizens under the full suite of benefits offered by the NWCP, including: Nightly patrol, Project Recourse, Watch Your Home Program, and the Citizen Protection Program. Now, more families than ever before will experience first-hand what the NWCP stands for:



Our volunteers get ready to patrol the neighborhoods and expanded areas. Officer Pablo Diaz, Yehuda Lehrfield, Moshe Chaim Levi, David Kastner, Menashe Nissel, Avi Feldman, Moshe Nelkin, David Fayz, Nossan Sher, Nachman Schachter

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