



Cadarackque Neighbourhood Watch

Group Charter

Our Mission

To foster a safe, neighbourly and crime-free Cadarackque neighbourhood by encouraging awareness and caring among neighbours, by making it easier for neighbours to communicate between one-another on matters of community safety and crime prevention, by facilitating occasional neighbourhood gatherings and by sharing information about how to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

Target Community

Residents living in the area surrounding Cadarackque Public school in Ajax, Ontario are welcome to participate in the Cadarackque Neighbourhood Watch (the Watch) and to fully benefit from all of its resources and services. If you live or work within the quadrant bordered by Highway 401, Salem Rd, Kingston Rd and Carruthers Creek you are encouraged to sign up.

Diversity Policy

The Watch values and celebrates the diversity of people who make up our community. In its commitment to fairness, the Watch seeks to remove barriers to full participation in all Watch facilitated activities, programs, and events.

Further, the Watch will be fair and equitable in its practices respecting the diversity of individuals regardless of race, place of origin, disability, colour, gender, sexual orientation, religion, sex, age, parental or family status, ethnic origin, marital status, income level, work experience, literacy level, cultural tradition, ancestry and educational background.

Commitment to Participants:

The Watch will:

- Verify participants reside within the Watch zone
- Secure each participant's personal information
- Share recorded concerns and incidents reported to the Durham Regional Police Service that affect our community on a timely basis
- Facilitate exchange of improvement ideas and tips for community safety and crime prevention
- Provide a safe place where participants can offer, or apply to receive, help from a neighbour
- Facilitate gatherings and events that foster awareness and contribute to a healthy neighbourhood

Commitment to the Watch:

Each participant will:

- Take the time to learn tips and measures that can help prevent crime
e.g. by watching the NW crime prevention videos on You Tube (see link “NW Training” in the Resources main menu of this site)
- Consider strengthening our collective voice when advocating for a residential interest to municipal council and local government agencies
- Be attentive to information about what’s happening on our streets and use it to heighten safety
- Contribute to the neighbourhood’s reputation as a harmonious place to live through collaborative behaviour and being respectful of other residents.
- Post in the Watch Website any factual activity or concern they observe that would be beneficial for neighbours to be aware of.
NOTE: in the case of a crime-related situation, this is NOT to replace a participant’s prime reporting channel first to the Durham Regional Police Service
- Not post gossip, slander, speculation or rumours in any Watch communication channel, whether the Watch Website, Facebook page or any other Watch owned social media channel.
- Not use any Watch communication channel for solicitation or advertising of any kind.

Privacy

Some sharing of contact information among Watch leadership is an essential part of timely two-way communication. However, individual contact information does not go any further than the Membership Secretary, the specific Street Captain assigned to a participant’s street and the Watch Chairperson. Privacy is protected through use of a Participant ID, assigned at sign-up, and used by the participant to recognize his or her own concerns published by the Watch.

- Neither a participant’s name nor his/her house number will ever be published
- At sign-up as a Watch participant, the system will assign a 6 digit Participant ID. By reference to this Participant ID# users will be able to recognize their own entries when browsing or making updates to published information on the Watch Website.
 - New participants will be informed of their Participant ID# in the sign-up confirmation email
- A Watch participant may choose to use his/her Participant ID# when discussing concerns with Watch volunteers.

Alerts about what’s happening in the neighbourhood and planned gatherings may be sent occasionally to a participant’s email address. New participants are asked to grant the Watch permission to send such email alerts. At any time, a participant can opt out of the email alert process by un-checking the respective flag in their own User Profile on the Watch Website or by sending an email instruction that they want to opt out to info@cadwatch.ca.