

## JULY SAFETY MEETING

Many of you have expressed concerns about your personal safety in light of the uptick in street crime in our neighborhoods. Some of you have mentioned the possibility of purchasing your first firearm. Vanessa McLemore, retired with 25 years of service from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), will be our featured speaker this month and will talk to us about personal safety and will give us some pointers for consideration when we make the trip to the firearms dealer.

We originally planned to have her at the June safety meeting, but a family emergency necessitated a rescheduling.

Vanessa, once the highest ranking African-American female in all of ATF, now lives in Midtown and is CEO of The McLemore Group, LLC, a public safety based consulting company with a focus on crime prevention and safety awareness.

You don't want to miss her presentation!

Lt. Little, who spoke with us last month, will attend to represent APD, along with MPSA's Sgt Cooper.

Monday July 13th, 7pm, Mary Mac's (Ponce & Myrtle).

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

It's that time of year again for a Midtown tradition - National Night Out Midtown is just around the corner. Plan to join your neighbors on August 4th, at 6th & Argonne. We will call for volunteers when we get closer to the event, but see the flyer for the latest details.

- **NNO 2009 flyer:** <http://www.midtownponce.org/news/NNO2009.pdf>

## NEW MPSA SPONSOR

We are very pleased to announce a new MPSA Sponsor, The Fifth Restaurant Group. This sponsorship comes at a very critical time for us, having lost a major sponsor while experiencing an uptick in crime in our neighborhood. We encourage you to frequent restaurants of the Fifth Restaurant Group - Ecco, 40 7th Street, South City Kitchen, 1144 Crescent Avenue, La Tavola, 992 Virginia Avenue, and El Taco, 1186 North Highland Avenue - and take your friends. Let's give them our support!

## KENNETH LAMB UPDATE

We have received numerous reports of sightings, including a couple pseudo-sightings (many street people look alike). Anyone observing him behaving dangerously or irrationally should keep well clear of him and call 911 immediately. He is stronger and more agile than he may appear. He is not yet wanted by the law, so his status is advisory at this time. People are generally seeing him in the upper Cheshire Bridge area, so we are happy that he is staying away from our neighborhood at least for now. On his flyer, he currently looks more like the small picture on the left margin, only unkempt with a short beard, than his usual Charles Manson appearance in the rest of the pictures. Please continue to report sightings.

- **Kenneth Lamb flyer**  
<http://www.midtownponce.org/news/profile040.pdf>

## PIEDMONT PARK MURDER

Police are still hunting for the Piedmont Park killer, and are asking for the public's help before the case becomes too cold. More details at link below:

- **Southern Voice: Police investigate Piedmont Park killing as possible hate crime**  
[http://www.sovo.com/thelatest/thelatest.cfm?blog\\_id=26101](http://www.sovo.com/thelatest/thelatest.cfm?blog_id=26101)

## MPSA MAILBAG

**Increase in vagrant activity** - *It seems we are having an increase in vagrancy! Our custodian has run off many in the last few weeks. One he found in our trash room. A white slender male wearing only a t-shirt and women's panties. The custodian told him to leave the property. The custodian checked 5 minutes later and the vagrant was still there so he told him to leave again. Our custodian has a room to work out of in our garage and this vagrant came to his room. The custodian got out his cell phone and said he was calling the police. The vagrant then bolted from the property over the fence behind our property. Have you had any reports of this described vagrant in your area??* **MPSA Response: yes, we get reports of problematic street people all the time, and the patrol frequently issues criminal trespass warnings and makes arrests when necessary.**

**Suspicious Trio** - *In the last few weeks I have witnessed the same three guys casing our end of the neighborhood, 7th and Durant. They come by together or seperately between the hours of 2-4pm, or 8-10pm. They are on blue tooth cell phones slowing down and what appears to be staking out individual homes. I have noticed on two seperate occassions where they walked onto property of*

homes under renovation or vacant. They wear the same attire, long white T-shirts and cargo pants. One of them always has a Pit Bull with him. I stopped a theft in process last week when a young man fitting the descriptions above dropped an electric saw behind some bushes next to my property. When he came to retrieve it I immediately contacted 911, but they were busy and the Perp fled. Major Williams has been notified. If you see any suspicious activity, do not hesitate to dial 911.

**BE SAFE AND STAY VIGILANT! And remember, your car + your valuables = loot for a thief! If you don't get those things out of your car, a thief will do it for you...**

**- Your Neighbors at the Midtown Ponce Security Alliance**

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