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South West Neighborhoods Address Crime & Public Safety Solutions

(Madison, WI) A newly formed alliance of South West Madison neighborhood associations, in conjunction with the Dane County Council on Public Affairs (DCCPA), is sponsoring a public meeting to address solutions and strategies for a multitude of crime, safety, and quality of life problems facing area residents.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 26th at 7 - 8:30 PM at Falk Elementary School located at 6323 Woodington Way in the Meadowood/Greentree Neighborhoods.

The South West Alliance of Neighborhoods (SWANS), formed as a result of a news release statement made by Mayor Cieslewicz on June 25th 2009. "City Hall led efforts to fight crime can only go so far. What's needed is an even stronger partnership between the community and government. Public safety is not the business of police or government alone. City, County, and Schools must do their part, but they will not be successful without the grassroots efforts of strong community and neighborhood leaders."

Two years ago SW Madison Alderperson Thuy Pham- Remmele held a public safety & crime meeting at St. Maria Goretti School, where more than 750 neighborhood residents shared their concerns and problems. That meeting was followed a month later by a Madison Police response meeting, which outlined their proposed actions to address residents' concerns.

"Now after almost 24 months, neighborhood residents will focus on solutions, strategies, and action steps designed to address the lingering problems raised two years ago by the public in the troubled neighborhoods on Madison's South West side", said David Glomp, a 39 year neighborhood resident, Meadowood Neighborhood Association Director, and DCCPA Board Member.

"The meeting will feature a specific "Resident Bill of Rights" and a Community Code of Conduct/Behavior, which in addition to enforcement of current laws will help to address crime, safety, behavior, and quality of life issues still occurring in their neighborhoods", Glomp continued.

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“After a discussion of the proposed documents, strategies and solutions, each of the individual city, law enforcement, and school officials present , as well as neighborhood residents, will be asked to support or ‘Buy in’ to the proposed neighborhood based solutions. It is not enough to just sit and listen! It is time for everyone, including neighbors and city leaders to take joint action in order to curtail a deepening cycle of bad behavior leading to more crime, and negative quality of life situations”, Glomp explained.

“By the end of the meeting, there will be no question that the neighborhoods have spoken, and that they intend to move forward to solve the problems plaguing them where they live”, Glomp concluded.

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