

Supervisor's Message – Neighborhood Watch Program

Dear Residents:

Malta is a safe place to raise a family. One reason for this is that we look out for our neighbors and our children. But the National Crime Prevention Council says there is more that can be done to make our neighborhoods even safer.

Organize a neighborhood watch program. Together with your neighbors, watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Look out for one another. If you would like to develop a “watch program” contact Councilwoman Tara Thomas on how to get started.

Know where your children are. Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home.

Help children learn important phone numbers. Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers.

Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood. Do you want them crossing busy roads? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?

Get to know your children's friends. Meet their parents before letting your children go to their home. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.

Choose a safe house in your neighborhood. Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Malta has been working with local businesses to establish a community “Safe Place” Program. Participating businesses display a 6” “Safe Place” green triangle decal on their front door and provide a safe place for a child or adult who feels that they are being followed, threatened or harassed.

I am often asked what makes Malta so special a place to live. It is because we share these small town values of caring and watching over our neighbors. Please continue this traditions of caring.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Sausville, Supervisor