

# **RIVER BEND COMMUNITY WATCH**

## **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PRIVILEGES**

### **Membership Requirements**

- Membership in Community Watch is free.
- Members must reside in the Town of River Bend and be at least eighteen years of age.
- All resident applicants must fill out a Membership Application and Liability Release. You will be notified within thirty days regarding the status of your approval to join the Community Watch.
- Membership may be terminated at any time for unacceptable behavior or violation of the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Police Department and Community Watch.
- Every member will receive organizational literature and a Policy and Procedure Manual detailing crime reporting, patrol and general guidelines.
- Community Watch Patrollers are not allowed to carry firearms or weapons of any kind.
- Patrollers are not to engage suspected criminals in any manner or attempt to apprehend.
- Members are not to divulge proprietary Community Watch or law enforcement information to the general public or use such information for personal gain or agenda.

### **Membership Privileges**

Each Community Watch member:

1. Will have one vote at the - three per year - general membership meetings.
2. May run for any officer positions.
3. May serve on task forces, standing and appointed committees.
4. May bring any business before the membership.
5. May have items placed on meeting agendas for consideration.
6. May voice comments, suggestions, questions and concerns at general meetings.

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## **COMMUNITY WATCH BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I-NAME**

The name of the organization shall be *RIVER BEND COMMUNITY WATCH ASSOCIATION*.

### **ARTICLE II – OBJECT**

The object of this organization shall be (a) to serve as a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperating with law enforcement to reduce crime in the community, (b) to foster the process of neighbors getting to know each other and working together in programs of mutual assistance to prevent crimes and to train residents to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods, and (c) to operate as a non political association.

### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

River Bend residents or property owners who are at least (18) years of age and who are interested in the object of this organization may become members by active participation in the activities of the association.

### **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Term of office shall be one calendar year. The officers shall be in charge of the affairs of the association between meetings of the membership.

**Section 2.** The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- (a) **President:** shall preside at all meetings of the association, represent it as needed, and appoint committees, as decided by the association. And shall keep a list of all volunteers for patrol duty and make schedules for their patrols.
- (b) **Vice President:** shall assume the duties of the president, when the president is not able to perform them.
- (c) **Secretary/ Treasurer:** shall record minutes of the meetings, keep a roll of the members, take care of needed correspondence and collect and disburse monies as directed by the association.

### **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The association shall meet on the third Wednesday of February, June and October at 7:00PM at the River Bend Town Hall.

**Section2.** "Special Meetings" called by officers, must have ten (10) day's prior notice given on the Town Hall Bulletin Board.

**Section 3.** A majority of the votes cast by attending members shall constitute a quorum.

### **ARTICLE VI- ELECTIONS**

**Section1.** Elections shall be held at the first meeting of the calendar year.

**Section 2.** Notification will be made to the River Bend public at least 30 days prior to the Community Watch elections. Any resident interested in pursuing an officer position with Community Watch would be asked to attend the February scheduled meeting, where their name would then be put in for consideration. All Community watch members in attendance at the February meeting will then cast their votes for the candidate of their choice.

**Section 3.** Voting may be by voice or by ballot.

### **ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE VIII – AMMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the association, provided notice is given at least ten (10) days prior to the vote. A majority of the members in attendance is needed to pass any By-Law changes. The River Bender is the official publicity organ of the association.

*Adopted at regular meeting of June 19,2012, by unanimous vote of the members that were present.*

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## **RIVER BEND COMMUNITY WATCH APPLICATION**

(Must be 18 years or older River Bend resident with separate application for each applicant)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **D o B:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING:**

- ☐ **Performing walking, driving, biking, etc. patrols**
- ☐ **Volunteering for Special Events**
- ☐ **Volunteering to staff the police office**
- ☐ **Serving on committees or taskforces**
- ☐ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application, I hereby express my desire to become a member of River Bend Community Watch. I understand that a criminal records check may be used as a basis of determining my suitability for membership and I consent to having such records check performed. If accepted to membership, I agree to follow the policies and procedures outlined in the manual provided to me and other lawful policies and procedures as may be from time to time adopted by Community Watch or the Town of River Bend.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

When application is complete, please contact Egon Lippert at 252-617-0179 or [egonlippert@yahoo.com](mailto:egonlippert@yahoo.com) or Jim Kelly at 252-772-5392 or [jwkelly1@suddenlink.net](mailto:jwkelly1@suddenlink.net)

## **THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING**

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# **TOWN OF RIVER BEND**

## **Community Watch Volunteer**

### **Acknowledgement, Waiver and Release of Liability**

**READ CAREFULLY, THIS IS A GENERAL RELEASE OF CLAIMS FOR INJURY:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) hereby agree to the following  
(Initial each item below):

1. I understand there is an inherent risk associated with any community program that may result in injury, including my voluntary participation in Community Watch. Patrol duties may challenge my cardio-respiratory and musculoskeletal systems. I understand and am aware that the components of participation in Community Watch are potentially hazardous activities and may cause injury.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials
2. I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, do hereby waive and release the Town of River Bend, its elected officials and employees from any and all liability and responsibility for injury, accident, illness, legal and medical fees sustained now or in the future resulting from my participation in any Community Watch related activity.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials
3. I acknowledge that I have read this waiver of liability form. I fully understand its terms and conditions, and understand that I am giving up my right to sue the Town of River Bend, its elected officials and employees. I acknowledge that I am signing this agreement voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of liability to the greatest extent allowable by law.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials

In consideration of participation in a Town of River Bend program or activity granted to the undersigned by the Town of River Bend, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, recognizing the dangers and risks associated with participation in such programs or activities, do hereby assume said dangers and risks involved in and associated with same at the Town of River Bend facilities, and do forever discharge the Town of River Bend, its agents, servants, and/or employees, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, or suits of every kind, character, and description which I, my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, may have for, on account of, or in connection with the permission extended to participate in a Town of River Bend recreational program or activity, or in any manner, directly or indirectly, resulting from, arising out of, or in connection with participating in such program or activity.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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