

# PARK WATCH

## Everyone's Responsibility

Antioch has some of the most beautiful neighborhood parks in the county. These 28 neighborhood parks are the result of an investment of \$5,000,000.00. The annual budget for park maintenance is approximately \$382,000. Repairs during the year for park vandalism have been estimated at \$100,000.

Examples of vandalism:

- Graffiti
- Broken sprinkler heads
- Broken trees
- Broken lamp globes
- Shade structures torn down
- Shingles damaged or removed
- Burned or damaged playground equipment
- Paintballs
- Autos on grass causing ruts

We need your help to keep our parks beautiful and to reduce wasted tax dollars. The City doesn't have the funds to have someone patrol the parks 24 hours a day. We need help from citizens to be the eyes and ears of our community.

What can you do to help?

### **DO NOT INTERCEDE - Call the POLICE**

- If you hear strange noises in the park after dark
- If you see something suspicious
- If you see someone destroying property

### **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO CALL**

- Stay on the line to answer questions from the dispatcher
- Get a description
  - ◇ How many individuals
  - ◇ Gender
  - ◇ Age, height, weight, hair, clothing
  - ◇ Transportation (car, motorcycle, bike, license number)
- Record the event (video tape, pictures)

### **DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK**

## Antioch Police Department Supports Park Watch

Police response will be appropriate to the nature of the event reported. Antioch Police responded to 561 park related calls in 1998-99.

What else can you do?

- Adopt a park
- Adopt a street
- Graffiti, trail, and park cleanup days
- Contact Parks Division at 779-6955
- Obey park rules
  - ◇ No unleashed animals
  - ◇ No motor vehicles
  - ◇ No alcohol
  - ◇ Curfew (dusk to dawn)
  - ◇ No hardball except on designated fields



## STOP VANDALISM IN OUR PARKS

Vandalism in progress -- Police Dispatch - 778-2441

Vandalism Repairs - 779-6950

Emergency - 911

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