

**Lakewood Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
April 27, 2009**

Police Report:

3/31/09 Fight in progress at CVS on Warwick Ave. Fight over drugs inside store resulted in arrests.

4/2/09 Disturbance in progress after school at Aldrich Jr. High

4/3/09 Larceny at Shaws on Warwick Ave.

4/4/09 & 4/5/09 BB gun damage at Miracle Auto & Lakewood House Tavern

4/5/09 Furniture stolen off porch on Washington Street residence

4/5/09 Burglary at 26 Byron Blvd - no suspects

Larceny on Canochet, window smashed
Wyman School - graffiti

4/15/09 DUI Narragansett Parkway - arrest made

4/17/09 Burglary Cut Rite Pool on Warwick Ave

Larceny of plates from a car at 518 Post Rd.

4/22/09 Tires & rims stolen from car at 642 Post Rd

Larceny of GPS from car at 24 Hanna - car was unlocked

718 Narragansett Parkway - handicap placard stolen from vehicle

Police remind everyone to remove valuables from cars, including GPS's , and to lock vehicles. Also, check windows at night and be aware of dogs barking. Be on the look out for a group of teens wearing black hoodies as these individuals are checking for unlocked vehicles and stealing contents from them.

Guest speaker William Felkner from Ocean State Policy Research Institute (OSPRI)

Group began researching school choice & taxation reform. Last March the group started the Transparency Train, they obtain public information and provide it to the public.

The group works from grants.

You can visit the Transparency Train via their web site - Transparency Train.com, there you can research votes, legislation, and voting records. You can also compare check book registers from different schools in the state, i.e. salaries and what is paid out by school dept.s for the month.

If you have more questions you can contact Parker Lacose, the project manager.

Coming this year : Sunshine on Schools, which features:

1. A comparison generator - compares schools districts in different states & districts.
2. NECAP Test Scores - where you can compare NECAP from your district to those scores in other state districts.

Due out this fall : RI Donor Dots -

Group will work with Operation Clean Government to prepare data so the public can connect the dots between Senators & Legislators to lobbyist and special interest groups.

Mr. Felkner also spoke about the Yankee Institute which obtained the assistance of a former school superintendent and formed a Citizen's Auditing Group. This group compares the check register of their schools and the master document (utilized by the superintendent) and the group audited their school dept.

We will be having our annual clean up this year at Bishop Park, located at the end of Washington Street. The date is May 17, 2009 at 11 AM. All neighbors are invited to join us, let's get together to clean our neighborhood park for our children.