

Promoting a culture of safety



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I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season! With a new year ahead of us, it's a great time to refresh and refocus on our priorities.

One of my key priorities as your city councillor is promoting a culture of safety. I know this is a priority I share with residents throughout our ward, including the dedicated volunteers involved in the 204 Neighbourhood Watch. Through this program, neighbours are taking a proactive role in enhancing community safety. As community residents, we can help police by being vigilant, recognizing suspicious activity, and reporting it to police immediately.

Communication is important for neighbours on patrol. Realizing this, I ensured funds were provided to purchase walkie talkies for the 204 Neighbourhood Watch group last spring. Helping groups that promote safety in our community is

very important to me, and I've worked with the 204 Neighbourhood Watch and other such groups, including the Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) to do just that. I look forward to continuing working with 204 Neighbourhood Watch, and its founder, Leila Castro, to advance this community initiative.

I'd like to congratulate the volunteers of the 204 Neighbourhood Watch group on their dedication to our community's safety. I invite everyone to take an active role in keeping ourselves and our property safe by looking out for each other, connecting with neighbourhood watch groups, reporting suspicious activity, and remembering to practice protective measures against crime.

To join 204 Neighbourhood Watch, contact Leila Castro by email at leilacastro.ca@gmail.com or request to join their group on Facebook.

In addition to neighbourhood watch programs, residents can also benefit by attending safety workshops with the Winnipeg Police Service in our community. I have held these workshops in the past and look forward to organizing more in the future. I also have monthly meetings with the North Winnipeg Police Inspector and greatly appreciate his and the police service's efforts



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Coun. Devi Sharma is pictured with members of the 204 Neighbourhood Watch. Sharma's support of the neighbourhood watch includes providing funding for the group to purchase walkie talkies.

in our community.

My office at 646 Leila Ave. is accessible for residents to reach out to with any safety concerns or ideas. If you have a neighbourhood watch group looking for support, or would like to start such a group, please feel free to contact me by phone at

204-986-5264, or by email at devi@winnipeg.ca.

We all deserve to feel safe in our homes and when out in the community. For this reason, creating a culture of safety remains one of my main priorities as your city councillor.