

# WHY WE NEED A SPEEDWATCH PROGRAM

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Speeding in residential neighborhoods threatens the safety and livability of our neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Speedwatch Program, begun in 1990 by the City of Gresham's Traffic Engineering Division, has tackled the problem head-on by involving concerned residents in helping to reduce speeding along residential streets.



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# NEIGHBORHOOD SPEEDWATCH

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A Public Awareness Program



# HOW SPEEDWATCH WORKS

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**N**eighborhood Speedwatch is simple. A group of neighborhood residents is trained by the City's Traffic Division in the use of a special radar device that tracks speeders. The device is loaned to citizens at no charge from the City of Gresham's Traffic Division. An initial petition, signed by at least ten residents of the neighborhood, must be on the file with the Traffic Division before Speedwatch can be launched.

**R**esidents monitor traffic speed at different times during the day and night for three consecutive days. Two citizens are required for each data collection period - one operates the radar unit and the other records the required vehicle information.

**W**hen alleged speeders are detected by radar, information including their license number, the time of infraction and other items are recorded on a special form and submitted to the Gresham Police Department.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO SPEEDERS?

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**W**hile they cannot issue citations to speeders caught by Neighborhood Speedwatch, the Gresham Police Department does send a letter to the registered owner(s) of all vehicles observed speeding in the neighborhood. The letter advises them of the alleged violation and asks them to encourage drivers of their vehicle to drive at or below the speed limit when traveling on neighborhood streets.

**T**he main point of the program is to make these motorists aware of neighborhood concern for speeding problems and to encourage safe and prudent driving on residential streets.

**Let's continue to work together to make our neighborhoods safer.**

**T**o find out more about our Neighborhood Speedwatch program, call 618-2630 or request a Neighborhood Speedwatch Program petition by writing:

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