

# Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation

## *Safety and Security*

### 2009 Year End Report

**Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation (WUMCRC), a partnership between BJC Health Care and Washington University School of Medicine, works to improve the quality of life for the neighborhoods surrounding the medical campus. In order to achieve this goal WUMCRC has invested in improving the level of physical and personal security, regenerating the market for private investment in businesses and real estate, and enhancing human and social service opportunities. This report outlines some of the safety and security programs that were implemented by WUMCRC in 2009 in an attempt to improve the overall safety in Central West End and Forest Park Southeast.**

#### **Bike Patrols Integral to Crime Reduction in Forest Park Southeast**



In 2007, WUMCRC approached a group of energetic and proactive police officers in hopes of creating a supplemental patrol company utilizing officers on bicycles. That same year, the City's Finest LLC rolled onto the streets of Forest Park Southeast.

The bike patrols have been integral in reducing crime and fostering a rapport between the police and the community. Having police officers on bikes rather than in cars gives residents a chance to directly interact with, as well as express any questions or concerns.

Patrice Willis, resident and chair of the Forest Park Southeast safety and security committee, had this to say about the patrols, "The bike officers are another great addition by WUMCRC to our neighborhood. My neighbors and I are thrilled when we see the officers out. They are friendly and courteous and they are very proactive in dealing with safety issues."

In 2009, WUMCRC funded over 2000 hours of patrols in Forest Park Southeast.

#### **Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative Enters 2nd Year of Operation**

For the last two years, the Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative has been a critical component in the ongoing safety efforts in the Central West End. Currently, the primary goal in the Central West End is to continue to improve the overall security and the NSI plays an essential role in such a task.

WUMCRC played a critical role in creating two special taxing districts in the neighborhood that provide long-term funding for security efforts as well as provided assistance in coordination efforts for all seven taxing districts within the neighborhood to fund the CWENSI.

Currently, the NSI is staffed by a full-time security expert, who schedules and coordinates off-duty patrolling services as well as provides education about safety and security to neighborhood residents and businesses.



For more information about the Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative visit [www.nsiofcwe.com](http://www.nsiofcwe.com), call **314.454.5808** or email NSI Coordinator James Partee at [jpartee@thecwe.com](mailto:jpartee@thecwe.com).



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## Weekend Safety Patrols Strengthens Security for Grove Entertainment District

As Forest Park Southeast's entertainment district continues to emerge as a weekend destination hot-spot, WUMCRC has reemphasized its commitment in creating a safe environment and enjoyable atmosphere for all its patrons.

For the past year, the Grove Community Improvement District has provided the financial support necessary for supplementary weekend security patrols along Manchester Avenue. Each Friday and Saturday night, four security officers patrol the Grove with the goal of creating a safe environment for all visitors, as well as assure those visitors that their cars and possessions are being watched and cared for while they visit the area's many attractions.



Chip Schloss, owner of the Atomic Cowboy, stated "The weekend patrols are a critical part of the experience when visiting the Grove. It is absolutely essential that this area remain safe for all visitors and this initiative has effectively done that." WUMCRC has provided administrative support for the Grove CID since 2008.

## Crime Mapping a New and Improved Tool to Help Improve Security Services

All Crime in December 2009

- Crime by Type:
  - Assault
  - Auto Theft
  - Burglary
  - Carjacking
  - Hit and Run
  - Robbery
- Neighborhoods:
  - Forest Park Southeast
  - CIMC Southeast
  - CIMC South
  - Cathedral Square
  - Central West End North
  - Washington Place and Manchester Lake



Technology continues to become a mainstream component in police services and WUMCRC has made an effort to help lead such efforts in Forest Park Southeast and the Central West End. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a mapping tool used by policy analysts to identify assets and liabilities within geographic areas. WUMCRC recognizes the power of such a tool and, as a result, utilizes this software to produce weekly and monthly maps detailing crime.

WUMCRC shares the maps with neighborhood stakeholders and its safety and security partners. GIS has allowed WUMCRC to more effectively target areas for security forces within the Central West End and Forest Park Southeast

neighborhoods. WUMCRC pinpoints areas of high criminal activity with maps and places officers throughout the neighborhoods to in an effort to deter all types of crimes during peak pedestrian and visitor hours.



In an effort to empower residents and Forest Park Southeast residents can report suspicious activity and crimes anonymously to the ANONYMOUS PHONE LINE. Calls are immediately transferred to the Forest Park Southeast bike patrols and voicemail messages are then placed into email format and sent out to all the appropriate security personnel. To report suspicious activity or criminal acts anonymously, call **1-877-STL-FPSE**.

## Forest Park Southeast Safety & Security Committee

A major component in decreasing crime and creating a more secure environment is the Forest Park Southeast Safety and Security Committee. The committee was implemented to create an environment where neighborhood safety issues can be presented and discussed. Today, the committee works with local law enforcement officers, addresses neighborhood concerns, and collaborates with area stakeholders to implement new safety measures and initiatives throughout FPSE.

Patrice Willis, chair of the Safety and Security Committee, said "The residents feel like their concerns are being heard and their issues are being dealt with quickly and appropriately. When residents feel safe, it creates a positive environment for work, leisure and living and further strengthens neighborhood identity and quality of life."