

# Corktown Safety Tips

## **Car –**

- Turn wheels toward the curb
- Park in well-lit area
- Park in secured lot or driveway
- Leave nothing in your car – criminals perceive value in everything!
- Keep car doors locked, and windows closed
- Be aware of your surroundings as you enter and exit your vehicle
- If you must place items in your trunk, do so before you reach your destination
- Have your vehicle VIN etched – free events throughout city
- Use a Car Club
- Install Wheel Locks (double)

## **Person –**

- Avoid distractions – cell phone, headphones, etc.
- Carry cash, ID, credit cards, etc. in pockets, shoes, boots, etc.
- Wear purse strapped across your chest with no valuables
- Carry and use a flashlight and whistle when out at night
- Pepper Spray is legal in Michigan – learn the appropriate way to carry and use

## **Home, Business –**

- Close & lock all windows, doors and garage whenever you leave the house
- Trim shrubs/trees so entryways are not obscured from view
- Maintain adequate lighting near entry points of your home; keep on porch light Add motion sensors
- Install proper deadbolt locks for all doors in home
- Keep your electronic car key fob by your bed and press alarm when you see suspicious activity outside
- Consider quality surveillance equipment -- which is now affordable
- If you live near a broken alley light, contact DTE for their protective lighting program, 800-477-4747

## **Neighborhood –**

- If you think you should call 911 – Call 911. REPORT ALL CRIME!
- Use GroupMe once 911 has been called, to alert neighbors of a crime / suspicious activity
- Drive around the neighborhood as you leave and return home
- If you see someone pushing a car, contact police and try to get the license plate of pushing car
- Meet your neighbors
- Work with city to remove/secure blighted, unsafe property
- Keep your Beat Officers' number handy – 313-551-9054 NOTE: NEW NUMBER
- Join the Corktown Patrol: drive, walk, bicycle, window watch, dog walking

## **Bicycle –**

- Place serial number / ID on bike frame
- Use strong U-Locks, not just chain
- Ride in bike lanes (where available)
- Follow traffic rules
- Wear helmet
- Ride in the street
- Wear reflective clothing
- Ensure you have working lights and bell
- When possible, do not ride alone

### ***Local partners working to decrease crime in Corktown --***

Detroit Police Department  
Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Border Patrol  
Wayne County Community College  
U. S. Postal Service Police  
DTE Security  
Michigan Dept. of Corrections  
Motor City Casino Security  
MGM Grand Casino Security  
U of D Mercy Dental School  
Bedcrook Corporations  
DPS Police  
WSU Center for Urban Studies  
Corktown Business Association  
and You

**“Like” Facebook page – *Corktown Neighborhood***

**Debra Walker / 313-758-1648 / [debratwalker@yahoo.com](mailto:debratwalker@yahoo.com)**

**PPD Emergency -- 911**

**Anonymous Crime Reporting, Crime Stoppers --** 800-SPEAK-UP

**PPD 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Capain Aric Tosqui --** 313-596-1312

**Neighborhood Police Officer,**

Officer Tamyra Harris-Hardy -- 313-570-4364

[harris-hardyt1261@detroitmi.gov](mailto:harris-hardyt1261@detroitmi.gov)

**PPD Corktown Beat Officers--** 313-551-9054

Officer Theut (Toyt) and Officer Pugh

**PPD Sgt. Hall, Special Ops --** 313-316-0668 – Evening issues

**Telephone Crime Reports (larceny, stolen cars, etc.) /** 313-267-4600

**PPDConnect App** *iPhone or download via internet*

**District 6 Police Commissioner, Lisa Carter --** 313-596-1825

**PPD Complaints, Office of Chief Investigator,**

Pamela Anderson-Drake -- 313-596-2499

**3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Desk--** 313-596-1300

**Drug Activity --** 313-224-DOPE

**Abandoned Vehicles --** 313-596-1372

**Wayne County Commissioner, Jewel Ware --** 313-224-0916

**State Representative, Stephanie Gray Chang --** 313-841-2240

**District 6 Councilperson --** Raquel Castaneda-Lopez, 313-224-2450/  
[councilmemberraque1@detroitmi.gov](mailto:councilmemberraque1@detroitmi.gov)

**Neighborhood District 6 Manager – Blight, City Services**

Rico Razo -- 313-236-3529 / [RazoR@detroitmi.gov](mailto:RazoR@detroitmi.gov)

**Asst. Prosecutor, Kam Towns --** 313-967-6855

**Lighting Department --** Legacy street lights - 313-267-8140

**Lighting Authority --** New street lights -- 313-324-8290

**DTE --** Alley Lights -- 800-477-4747 [Select *Street Light* prompt]

**Corktown Business Association --** Last Monday of the month -- 6:00 p.m.

Contact Ron Cooley for location -- 810-531-4898

**Corktown Community Safety Meetings --** Bi-monthly, IBEW Local 58

Contact Debra Walker, [debratwalker@yahoo.com](mailto:debratwalker@yahoo.com) / 313-758-1648

**Corktown Historical Society --** Contact Blake Almstead / [balmstead@gmail.com](mailto:balmstead@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Relations Meetings -** Third Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct / 2875 W. Grand Blvd. (@ John Lodge) / *No meetings in July & August*

**Midtown Alliance -** Second Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. -- Mario's, 4222 Second

*No meetings in July & August*

**District 6 Community Meetings --** June 30, 6:00p--7:30p, Theme: Safety,

Central Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 7600 Tireman

*Saturday, August 8* (Time and location: TBD), Theme: Back To School

*Tuesday, October 27* (6:00p-7:30p), Theme: Weatherization

*Tuesday, November 17* (7:00p-8:30p) District 6 City Council Community Meeting

Contact Councilperson Castaneda-Lopez' Office -- 313-224-2450

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RESOURCES**

**MEETINGS**