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**NEIGHBORHOOD
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NEWSLETTER**

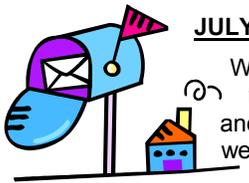


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JULY POSTAGE UPDATE

We need \$20,000 again this year to cover the expenses of newsletter postage, labels and return newsletters. For the past 27 years, we have been able to raise this money through generous donations from our subscribers and the newsletter advertisers. We hope we can continue to do this in 2006. At the end of May, we received \$11,099. We have \$8,901 to go! A \$4 donation pays for each subscriber's postage. A \$5 or more donation puts your name in the newsletter as a contributor. A \$ 20 will put your name in the newsletter and you will receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a Surf City key chain. Make your check out to:

HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

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P.O. BOX 5667
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 1, 2006 – 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



On Tuesday, August 1st, Huntington Beach residents are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 3rd Annual National Night Out.

A crime/drug prevention event, National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by police departments all over the nation.

On August 1st from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Huntington Beach residents are asked to turn on their porch lights and go outside to spend some time with their neighbors. Talk about starting a Neighborhood Watch Program or scheduling your second meeting to meet new neighbors. At your meeting, we will inform you about home security, auto theft/burglary, and identity theft. Even though crime is down, we need to be alert and aware so that we won't become victims. Another thing to discuss with your neighbors are drug houses—if you suspect a drug house on your street, call the Narcotics Unit at (714) 536-5981 and give them the address and information. If you have a problem house with other possible criminal activity, you can contact the Team C.O.P. North area officer at 375-5095, or south of Talbert at 375-5140. Working and communicating with your neighbors and police can make a big difference in your neighborhood, but it takes getting involved.

The theme, back by popular demand, is "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party." Remember, it is everyone's job to keep crime out of their neighborhoods. Call today and do your part to keep Huntington Beach a safe place to live.

Going Away? Got a Minute to Talk About
**PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND SAFETY
 WHILE TRAVELING.**



It's a fact that almost all types of personal and household crime are highest in the warm months when people spend more time away from home on vacations or are involved in outdoor activities. Avoid becoming part of this statistic by following these suggestions to protect your home, property, and family while you're relaxing and having fun!

BEFORE YOU LEAVE use this checklist to secure your home:

- Make sure your home looks lived in, not empty: stop mail and cancel all deliveries or as a friend to make daily collections. Hide empty garbage cans. Leave shades and blinds in normal positions. Put an automatic timer on several lights and the radio. Have a neighbor keep your property maintained.
- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor.
- Store valuables in a safe deposit box.
- Tell a neighbor you trust your departure and return dates. Supply an itinerary with phone numbers where you can be reached in an emergency.
- Ask neighbors to keep an eye on your home while you're gone. Have them pick up mail, newspapers, and advertisement flyers.
- Lock all windows and doors, including your garage. Leave timer on lights inside.

AND AWAAAY WE GO...

- Carry a minimum amount of cash. Use traveler's checks and credit cards, but keep a record of their numbers in a separate and safe place.
- Keep careful tabs on your travel tickets—they're as good as cash. Carry them in an inside pocket, not protruding from a jacket or bag.
- If driving, plan your route carefully, travel on main roads, and use maps. Have your car serviced and tires checked before leaving.
- Don't talk about your plans to strangers.
- Always lock your car when it's parked, even if the stop is brief. Keep valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk. Don't leave wallets, checkbooks, or purses in the car.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.



- If you stop overnight, remove bags and other valuables from the car and take them inside.
- If your car breaks down, turn on your flashers and raise the hood or tie a white cloth to the antenna. If you must abandon your car, keep all passengers together.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries, flares, a fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit.
- Avoid traveling during the night hours if you can.
- If you are in a foreign country, learn the words for police officer and doctor. Know location of the nearest U.S. consulate

MOTELS AND HOTELS

- Use all auxiliary locking devices when occupying or leaving your room.
- Know who's knocking before you open the door.
- Keep extra cash and valuables locked in the hotel safe deposit box, not in the room. Always take cash, credit cards, and keys with you.
- Locate fire exits, elevators, and the nearest phone. Plan the best way to get out of the building in an emergency.
- Inventory your belongings daily.
- Be observant. Report any suspicious movements in the corridors or rooms to the management.

SIGHTSEEING

- Learn about your surroundings. Ask local residents about problem areas and avoid them.
- Select sightseeing companies and guides carefully.
- Make sure your children know the name, address, and telephone number of your hotel or motel.
- Avoid advertising you are a tourist by the way you dress.
- If older children go off separately, be sure they have watches and check in with you at prearranged times.

TAKE ACTION—TODAY!

- Call the H.B. Police Crime Prevention Unit at 536-5933 to have a home security booklet sent to your home. Install all locks recommended to make it more difficult for an average burglar to break in.
- List all credit card numbers, their expiration dates, and numbers to call if lost.
- Have your car checked.
- Offer your help to neighbors when they go away!

FREE VACATION HOUSE CHECKS!!!

Provided by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Please call 3 days prior to departure at (714) 374-1507



HBI—CRIME FIGHTER
IN THE SKY



May was a good month for the Aero Unit. Officer Reed passed his CFI check ride to become our fourth flight instructor. He joins Officers Catalano, McNaughton and Paholski as our training team. Officer Catalano returned to work from a knee injury to transition Officer Ramsey into our Notar helicopter and work on his Commercial rating. Officer Wersching passed his Commercial check ride and is completing his training with Officer McNaughton to become a Line Pilot. This means we will have a fully capable Aero Unit for the summer.

Through May, the Aero Units gave several heliport tours, participated in a Memorial Day fly-over and participated in the Police Department’s Open House at the Civic Center. HB-1 crews were also credited with three DUI arrests for the month of May.

On May 26, 2006, the Huntington Beach Police Aero Unit passed the 100,000-flight hours mark. Officer Catalano was the pilot flying at the time.

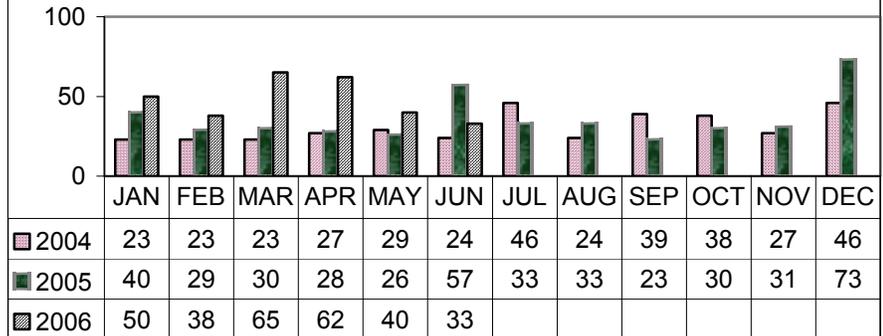
On May 9th, Officers Paholski and Reed assisted ground units looking for a gang member who ran from them. They located the suspect hiding on a rooftop and directed officers to the suspect. The suspect tried to flee by jumping across several rooftops before falling and was taken into custody.

On May 14th, Officers McNaughton and Wersching tracked a LoJack signal to a stolen vehicle in Anaheim. They coordinated their efforts with ground units and the suspect was taken into custody.

On May 22nd, Officers McNaughton and Wersching responded to a commercial burglary call and located the suspect vehicle. Ground units were directed to the area and the suspects were taken into custody.

On May 29th, McNaughton and Wersching responded to a hit & run collision and located the suspect vehicle. Units were directed and the suspect was arrested.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



Special thanks to members listed below for their donations.

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address-mailing label.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

**33 REPORTED IN JUNE
40 REPORTED IN MAY**

Fifteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 45% of the reported entries.

Further breakdown reveals 7 garage entries out of 33 burglaries, or 21% of the entries reported in June.

Twenty-one of the entries were reported to have occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Twelve entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were eight entries by unknown means, five entries by force or pry tool, three attempts without entry, and two entries by window smash

VEHICLE BURGLARIES
**55 REPORTED IN JUNE
62 REPORTED IN MAY**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS
**48 REPORTED IN JUNE
51 REPORTED IN MAY**

BEAT 2

**4 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries
RD 467- 2 RD 476 - 2

Streets: Sprit, Oceancrest and two entries on Brookhurst. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 465 - 1 RD 467 - 1
RD 477 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 476 - 1

BEAT 3

**2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries
RD 445 - 2

Streets: Bancroft and Scougall. **THERE WAS ONE ENTRY BY A OPEN WINDOW.** There was one attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 457 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 445 - 1

BEAT 4

**2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
6 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 432 - 1 RD 463 - 1

Streets: Alabama and Cupar. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS.** There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 432 - 1 RD 443 - 1
RD 462 - 1 RD 473 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 432 - 1 RD 442 - 1
RD 452 - 3 RD 462 - 1

BEAT 5

**0 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
None

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 427 - 1 RD 434 - 1
RD 437 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 435 - 1 RD 436 - 1
RD 437 - 1

BEAT 6

**3 Residential Burglaries
11 Vehicle Burglaries
12 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries
RD 451 - 3

Streets: Lake and two entries on Main. **ONE ENTRY DUE TO AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** Two attempts without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 329 - 1 RD 348 - 2
RD 349 - 1 RD 441 - 1
RD 451 - 5 RD 461 - 1

Grand Theft Autos
RD 327 - 1 RD 339 - 1
RD 349 - 1 RD 431 - 1
RD 451 - 7 RD 461 - 1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 412 - 1 RD 421 - 1
RD 423 - 1

Streets : Clay, Shoreline and Worcester. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 411 - 1 RD 413 - 2
RD 421 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 292 - 1 RD 411 - 2
RD 413 - 2

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 178 - 1 RD 179 - 1

Streets: Santa Ynez and McKinney. One entry by a window smash and one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176 - 1 RD 179 - 2
RD 199 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 179 - 1

BEAT 9

2 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 272 - 1 RD 273 - 1

Streets: Barton and Friesland. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.**

One entry by force. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272 - 1 RD 273 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 271 - 1 RD 273 - 2
RD 282 - 1

BEAT 10

7 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 153 - 1 RD 155 - 1
RD 165 - 3 RD 175 - 2

Streets: Venture, Heil, Lynn, Neely, Courtney and two entries on Sandra Lee. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOORS.**

Two entries by force or pry, three entries by unknown means. There was one garage entry. Two suspects arrested for Courtney entry. Poss. suspects seen in Venture entry described as: Two male Asians, one approx. 25 yrs., 5'7", black short hair. The other was the driver with slightly balding hair. Driving mini-van with sliding doors on both sides.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 164 - 1 RD 165 - 3
RD 173 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 154 - 1 RD 164 - 1
RD 173 - 1

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 169 - 1

Streets: Warner, entry thru an **UNLOCKED SLIDING DOOR.** There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 158 - 1 RD 168 - 1
RD 169 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 158 - 1

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 149 - 2

Streets: Glen and Feola. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN GARAGE DOOR.** One entry by a window smash.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 136 - 4 RD 137 - 3
RD 138 - 1 RD 139 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 126 - 1 RD 147 - 1
RD 148 - 1

BEAT 13

4 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
9 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 252 - 2 RD 253 - 1
RD 262 - 1

Streets: Ganges, Sher, Edinger and Viewpoint. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Two entries by pry or force. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242 - 2 RD 252 - 2
RD 261 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 232 - 1 RD 242 - 2
RD 251 - 1 RD 252 - 2
RD 261 - 1 RD 262 - 2

Children drown without a sound



Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children under the age of five. Drowning usually occurs quickly and silently, often in a matter of seconds. The

majority of these incidents occur in residential swimming pools, and open water sites, but children can drown in as little as one inch of water and are therefore at risk of drowning in wading pools, bathtubs, buckets, diaper pails, toilets, spas and hot tubs.

The following tips can help prevent childhood drowning:

- Install alarms on doors and windows leading to the water that are five feet above ground level so children cannot reach them.
- Secure and lock all doors, windows and gates leading to the pool/spa when not in use.
- Install self-closing, self-latching fence gates, side gates and doors leading to the pool/spa area with latches above a child's reach (54 inches high). Gates should open outward.
- Whenever children are in the water, assign a water watcher who knows how to swim and will supervise the pool/spa area. Assign a second adult to maintain constant visual contact with the children in the pool/spa.
- Never leave a child alone near a pool/spa, bathtub, water-filled bucket, pond or any other standing water in which a child's nose and mouth may be submersed.
- Don't rely on swimming lessons, life preserves or other equipment to make your pool "child safe."
- If a child is missing, always check the pool area first.
- Take an infant/child CPR class, and encourage anyone who will supervise your child to do the same. For information on CPR classes, please call 1-800-400-4277.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
VIRGINIA HUTCHINSON
RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Virginia was born in Hartington, Nebraska and is the 3rd of 5 children. The family moved to California in the summer of 1930 and drove cross-country in a Model-T. Virginia's father, Grover Cleveland Barnt started a produce company and raised his family in Alhambra.

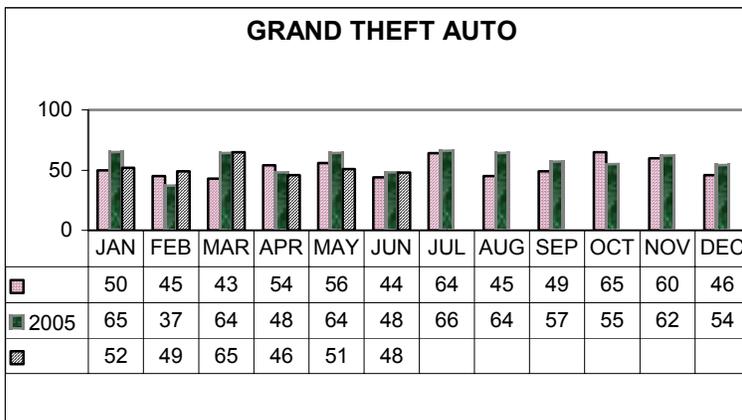
After graduating from school, Virginia met her husband, Jim and they were married and had 5 children. Virginia's husband was an Engineer for the Arcadia Fire Department until his retirement in 1973.

In 1971, Virginia and Jim moved to Huntington Beach. Virginia retired from Pacific Bell Telephone Company in 1978 and they moved to Kona, Hawaii to start a business. They sold the business in 1979 and moved back to Hunt. Bch. to be closer to their family.

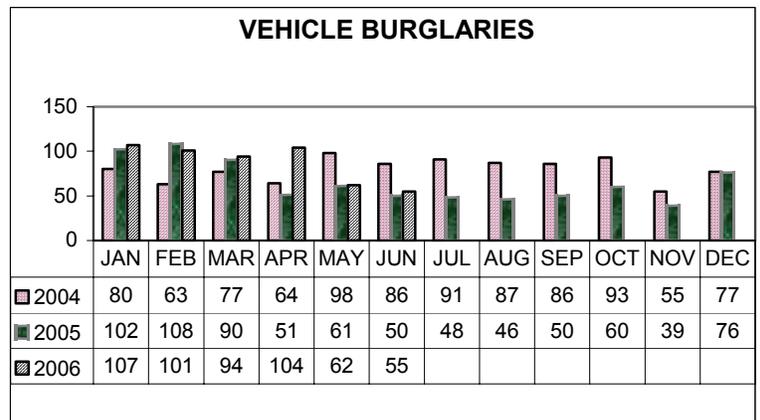
Virginia is known as "Dinda" to her friends and family and she is blessed with 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Virginia manages a 9 unit apartment building in Hunt. Bch. and enjoys gardening, volunteering, traveling and spending time with her family.

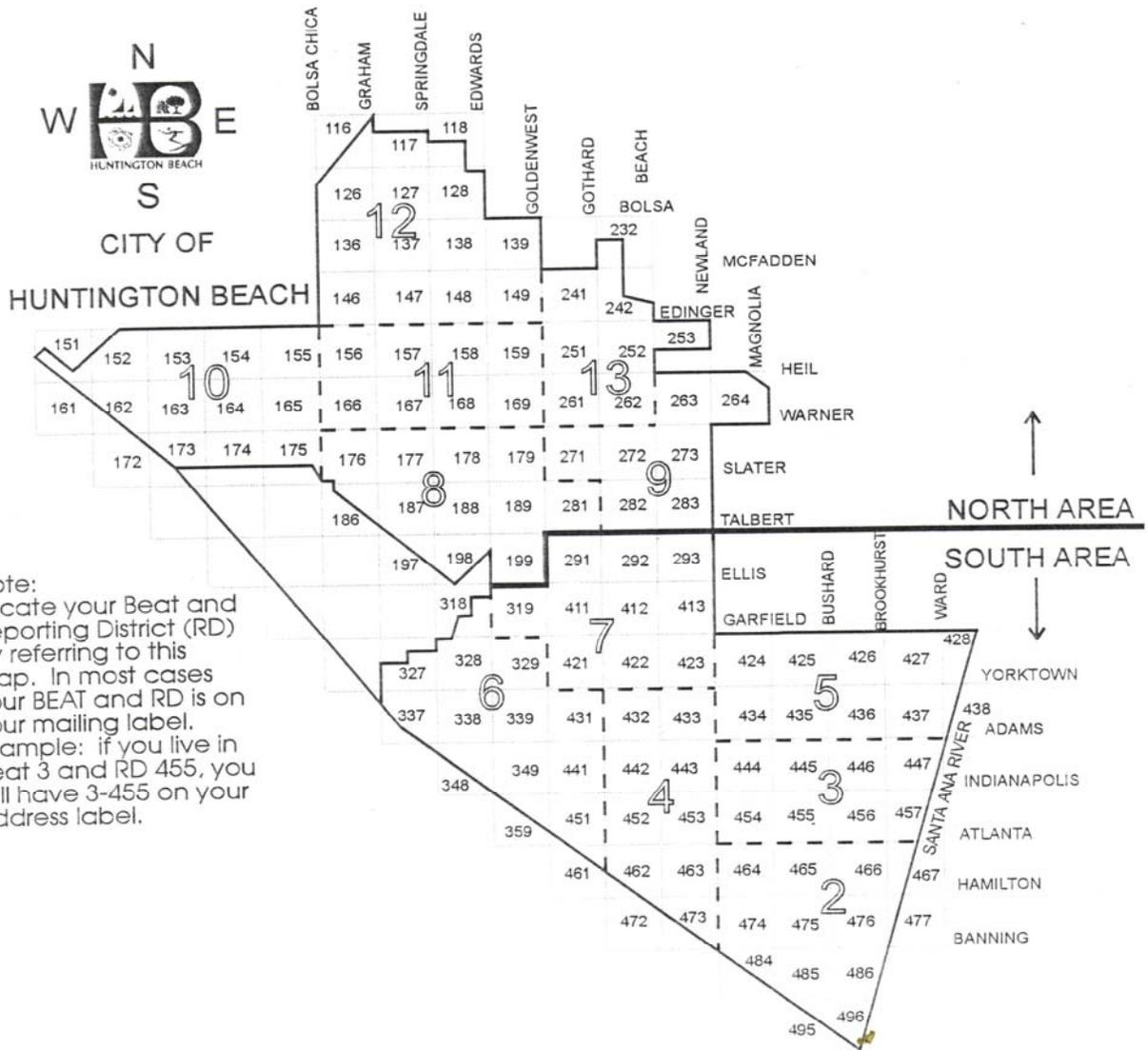
She joined the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in 2005 and volunteers in patrol conducting vacation checks and removing illegally posted signs. She also staffs the downtown sub-station once a week. Virginia is a welcomed addition to the Police Department and is appreciated for the time she contributes to the community.

GRAND THEFT AUTO



VEHICLE BURGLARIES





Note:
 Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD is on your mailing label.
 Example: if you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.