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Donations Update



This year we need to raise \$20,000 to cover postal costs through the end of the year. At the end of September we received a total of \$16,615 from our subscribers. So we have another \$3,385 to raise in order to have enough money by the end of the year.

A \$4 donation from each subscriber will generate the money we need to continue to mail the newsletter directly to you.

A \$5 donation puts your name in the newsletter as a contributor. A \$20 donation or more will put your name in the newsletter and you receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a Surf City key chain. Make your check out to **HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** and send to:

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BOARD MEETING

11/09/04 @ 6:30 PM

Huntington Beach Police Dept.
2ND Floor Conference Room

TIPS FOR BUYING ON THE INTERNET

Russ Kelly, CSP, Columnist

Convenience of shopping with safeguards in mind.

The sale of items on the Internet exploded last holiday season—propelling itself as an accepted and widely used shopping experience for millions of consumers. Yet at the same time, we read of hacker attacks and credit card theft, and wonder, is Internet shopping really safe?

A few instances of theft and hacking make great front-page news, but are not in reality, a significant problem.

In a word, a resounding “Yes” and here is why. Just as we hear of tragic airplane crashes leaving most of us with fear and trepidation about flying, air travel remains the safest form of travel.

And so it is with the Internet—a few instances of theft and hacking make great front-page news, but are not in reality, a significant problem. There is a far greater risk of theft of your credit card information when you use your card for payment of routine services at reputable establishments such as restaurants, gas stations, and the local mall. Real life cases of theft and misuse of your information are thankfully rare, both at local businesses and on the Internet.

So, what are a few tips you should remember to reduce your risks even further, and to provide that extra cushion of safety? Fortunately, the things to remember are few, and they are common sense.

Anti-debit card rule

First, remember to always pay by credit card, and not by debit cards or personal checks on-line. The reasons are simple. With a credit card your exposure is limited to \$50, whereas with a debit card, your exposure to loss is \$500 and in some cases, unlimited. And never pay by personal check on-line because you have to provide too much of your banking identification. There are probably bank limits on the protection from loss if your bank account is misused.

Even where there are adequate protections against misuse of your account, your good credit can be harmed or destroyed, and it can take a ton of time to correct and repair all of your banking and credit records, and to recover your financial loss. There are some other Internet options including paying by digital currency, but they have not caught on yet. So, rule one is—pay by credit card and limit your loss exposure to \$50.

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NEW CHILD SAFETY LAWS 2004

Automobile Club of Southern California

A new child restraint law pertaining to child safety seats passed and will be enforced starting January of 2005. The new law (AB 1697) written by Assemblywoman Fran Pavely is targeted at protecting young children from injuries related to crashes while riding in the front seat of a motor vehicle, especially those related to the force of front seat activated air bags.



Under existing California law, a parent or legal guardian when present in a motor vehicle, must secure all children who are less than 6 years of age, or weight less than 60 pounds in a child restraint system (child safety seat, booster, car bed, or harness) that meets federal standards. In addition, the new law will require a child or ward under the age of 6 years or who weighs less than 60 pounds to be secured in a child passenger safety restraint system in the **rear** seat of a motor vehicle. **This means that all children, who are both less than 6 years old and less than 60 pounds, must be properly restrained in a child passenger seat in the rear seat of a motor vehicle.** The new law will not be enforced until January 1, 2005. The law does allow for certain exceptions if the vehicle does not have rear seats, the child restraint cannot be properly installed in the rear seat, medical reasons, or if all rear seating positions are in use by children under age 12. A first offense base fine will be \$100, and a second or subsequent offense fine will be \$250.

What does all this mean? Although the new law will not be enforced until January of 2005, parents and caregivers are encouraged to start placing children under the age of 6 who weigh less than 60 pounds in a child passenger restraint system in the **rear** seat of the motor vehicle.

The new California law is meant to help decrease death and injury to children while riding in motor vehicles. Statistically speaking, children are safest when riding in the back seat. AAA, as well as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, recommends that all **children age 12 and under** be properly restrained in the back seat. As a matter of fact, research shows that placing children in the back seat reduces the chance of injury or death by as much as 30%, regardless of whether the vehicle has a passenger air bag. When possible, children should be placed in the center of the back seat. This seating position puts children farthest away from a possible side impact crash.

INTERNET

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Last year's pitfall

Next, check, the return policy and procedures for returning merchandise and obtaining refunds. This was the Achilles' heel of the shopping experience this past holiday season. In any store, there will be a certain percentage of returned merchandise, and this is where Internet shopping sites were found lacking. Read the return policy and understand it before ordering.

And finally, never, ever click on "free gifts" or other items to download to your site except from sources you know and trust. Unless you have the very latest in anti-virus software and virus signature files, you have no way of being certain that you are not inadvertently downloading a virus as well.

Will your shopping experience be a pleasant and rewarding one? Most likely it will be. In our family, we buy software, cameras, books, toys, clothes and even very large furniture items from the Internet, all without major problems. We're sold on the convenience, savings, and speed of the Internet shopping experience. Most items are received in two to three days at our doorstep, in good condition, and exactly as advertised. By following a few prudent safeguards, your Internet shopping experience can be rewarding as well.

Russ Kelly is a 37-year technology veteran, Internet business researcher, e-business consultant, and contributing columnist to major national publications.

HB1—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY

September was an unusual month for the Huntington Beach Air Unit. It began with one of the unit's long time pilots, Officer Tim Lynn, tendering his resignation. Tim was an instructor pilot and his expertise and experience will be missed. The unit also attended a Safety Seminar sponsored by the Airborne Law Enforcement Association in which all of the pilots participated in water survival training. Even with these events taking place, the unit located and arrested 4 DUI's and participated in a number of significant arrests.



Officers McNaughton and Sgt. Tom Arnold responded to a possible grand theft that had occurred at Seacliff Shopping Center. We observed the suspect vehicle leaving the area and directed ground units to its location. After stopping the suspect vehicle, large amounts of stolen property and drugs were found in the vehicle. One female was taken into custody on numerous charges.

Officers Lynn and Catalano observed a Waverunner that had crashed into the jetty near the entrance to Alamitos Bay. They located the rider stranded on the rocks and being battered by large waves. They were able to direct lifeguards to the location and assist in rescuing the stranded rider.

Officer Wersching, who was assisting the air unit as a vacation relief observer, saw suspicious activity in the area of Gothard and Ellis. Officer Wersching continued to watch as two subjects completed a drug sale and after the transaction was completed, ground officers were sent to the location. Both suspects were arrested and a large amount of marijuana was seized.

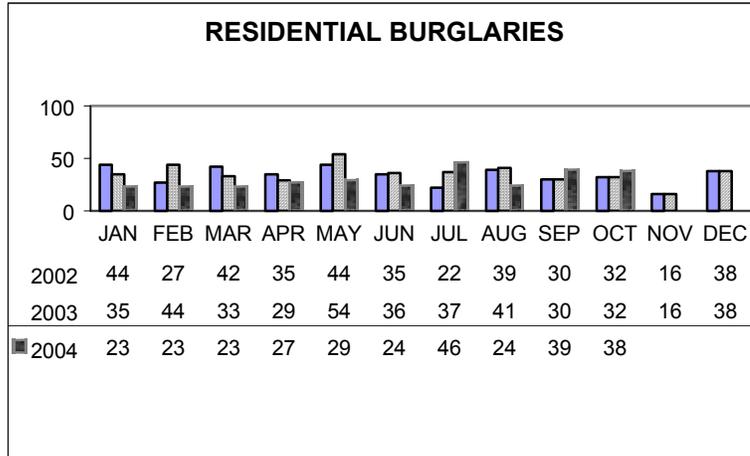
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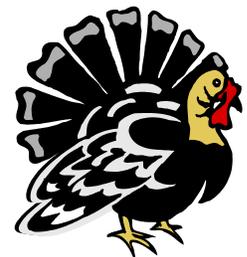
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Happy Thanksgiving!
Enjoy the holidays with your family!



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

**38 FOR OCTOBER
39 FOR SEPTEMBER**

Nineteen of the entries were due **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 50% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals 8 garage entries out of 24 burglaries, or 21% of the entries reported in October.

Fourteen entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Eleven entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were eight entries by unknown means, five attempts without entry, four entries by force or pry, and two entries by passkey.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**93 VEHICLE IN OCTOBER
76 IN SEPTEMBER**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**65 IN OCTOBER
49 IN SEPTEMBER**

BEAT 2

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 466 – 1 RD 476 – 1

Streets: Chevy Chase and Brookhurst.
ONE ENTRY BY A OPEN WINDOW. One entry by unknown means. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 486 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 475 – 1 RD 476 – 1

BEAT 3

- 0 Residential Burglaries
- 0 Vehicle Burglaries
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Autos

RD 447– 1

BEAT 4

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 2 Vehicle Burglaries
- 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 442 – 2 RD 462 – 2

Streets: Alabama, Oswego, Huntington and Starshell. **TWO OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** One attempt without entry, one entry by force or pry. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 432 - 1 RD 462 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 1

BEAT 5

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 426 – 1

Streets: Albacore. Attempt without entry. There was no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 424 – 1 RD 426 – 1
RD 436 – 2

BEAT 6

- 8 Residential Burglaries
- 7 Vehicle Burglaries
- 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 348 – 1 RD 349 – 3
RD 431 – 3 RD 451 – 1

Streets: Beachview, 17th St., 19th St., 20th St., (two suspects arrested), Pine, Lake and two entries on Main. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by passkey, two entries by force or pry tool, two attempts without entry. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 329 – 2 RD 338 – 1
RD 359 – 1 RD 451 – 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 451 – 4

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

7 Residential Burglaries
 4 Vehicle Burglaries
 10 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 293 - 1 RD 413 - 2
 RD 421 - 2 RD 4 22 - 1
 RD 423 - 1

Streets: Tradewind, Clay, Cherrywood, Delaware (suspect in custody), Tyler and two entries on Holly. **SIX ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** One entry by force. There were four garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 412 - 2 RD 421 - 1
 RD 422 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 292 - 4 RD 411 - 1
 RD 412 - 1 RD 413 - 1
 RD 422 - 3

BEAT 8

0 Residential Burglaries
 4 Vehicle Burglaries
 5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 177 - 1 RD 178 - 1
 RD 178 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 179 - 4 RD 188 - 1

BEAT 9

5 Residential Burglaries
 16 Vehicle Burglaries
 11 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 263 - 1 RD 272 - 1
 RD 273 - 1 RD 283 - 2

Streets: Minoru, Nichols, Marken and two entries on Cameron. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.**

There was one entry by unknown means and one attempt without entry. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 264 - 3 RD 271 - 3
 RD 272 - 6 RD 273 - 1
 RD 282 - 1 RD 283 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 263 - 1 RD 271 - 1
 RD 272 - 5 RD 282 - 2
 RD 283 - 2

BEAT 10

4 Residential Burglaries
 11 Vehicle Burglaries
 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 155 - 1 RD 165 - 3

Streets: Heil, Lago (2 suspects in custody), Neely, and Algonquin.

THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS. One entry by unknown

means. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 153 - 1 RD 154 - 2
 RD 155 - 2 RD 163 - 3
 RD 165 - 1 RD 175 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 155 - 1 RD 162 - 1
 RD 165 - 2

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary
 20 Vehicle Burglaries
 3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 166 - 1

Streets: Pearce, one entry by a passkey. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 156 - 4 RD 157 - 6
 RD 158 - 5 RD 166 - 3
 RD 169 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 158 - 1 RD 166 - 1
 RD 169 - 1

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries
 12 Vehicle Burglaries
 3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 138 - 1 RD 139 - 1

Streets: Capetown and Knollwood. Two entries by unknown means. There were no garage burglaries. Possible suspect seen in Capetown entry described as: Asian Male Adult, driving a small maroon car.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 117 - 2 RD 136 - 1
 RD 137 - 1 RD 147 - 5
 RD 148 - 3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 147 - 2 RD 148 - 1

BEAT 13

4 Residential Burglaries
 19 Vehicle Burglaries
 16 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 252 - 1 RD 261 - 1
 RD 262 - 2

Streets: Juliette Low, Kellog, Viewpoint and Warner. **ONE ENTRY BY A OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW .** Three entries by unknown means. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 - 3 RD 242 - 5
 RD 251 - 2 RD 252 - 3
 RD 253 - 1 RD 261 - 2
 RD 262 - 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 - 3 RD 242 - 3
 RD 251 - 1 RD 252 - 2
 RD 261 - 2 RD 262 - 5

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

VIPS

Kathie Liboon

**President, Neighborhood Watch 2004-05
VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES**



Kathie was born in Toledo, Ohio and graduated from St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in 1973, passing the Ohio RN Boards. She moved to Los Angeles, CA in 1976 and worked as an RN at Cedars Sinai, Hollywood Presbyterian and Valley Hospital in Van Nuys, pursuing her nursing career in Orthopedics, Acute Rehabilitation and Nursing Administration. She also achieved her BS degree from the University of Redlands

and Certification as a Rehabilitation Nurse.

In 1983, Kathie met and married her husband, Leonard, and moved to Bakersfield, CA where he was stationed as a Project Engineer with the Getty Oil Refinery, soon to become Texaco. Kathie continued to pursue her Nursing career at CMRI—a Medicare review organization—and later as Associate Director of Nursing for Bakersfield Rehabilitation Hospital.

Leonard was transferred to Long Beach, Ca by Texaco in 1995, and they chose to live in Huntington Beach where Kathie’s job was also transferred. She was assigned as an Occupational Health Nurse and Medical Malpractice Claims Specialist with CHAIS/The Doctor’s Company. Kathie currently is a self-employed Nurse Case Manager for workers’ compensation. Kathie stays involved with her professional organizations serving on the Board of Directors for the Orange County Occupational Health Nursing Association. She also volunteered with the Orange County CASA program for nearly 3 years (Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused and neglected children).

In March 2001, Kathie joined the Neighborhood Watch Program Speakers’ Bureau, currently serving as President for a 1-year term beginning July 2004. As a part of the Speakers’ Bureau, Kathie is one of the presenters of the Neighborhood Watch Program to the community. In 2003, she graduated from the Huntington Beach Police Department Citizen’s Police Academy and joined the VIPS program in late 2003.

Kathie and her husband share a love of motorcycle racing with his race team. Kathie also enjoys NASACAR, hiking, fishing and spending time with friends and their 2 dogs.

RSVP

Barbara Rainey

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Barbara was born in a small town in Texas called Forney. She grew up in Dallas and lived there for twenty years. She moved to Long Beach, California and lived there for ten years before moving to Huntington Beach in 1972.

In 1973, she attended Golden West College, while her husband attended UCI, as they raised six children. Her children are grown and Barbara is now the proud grandmother of 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

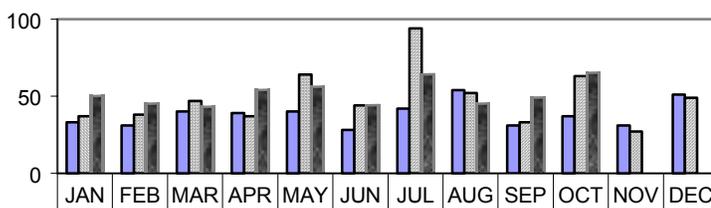
She worked at the former Long Beach Naval Hospital specializing in urology until the hospital closed and she retired after working there 14 years. For the past 21 years, Barbara has worked for Angel Stadium of Anaheim. She is a supervisor for concessions at the stadium. She loves baseball and especially loves the Angels when they are winning. ☺

In 1998, she joined the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She currently answers the RSVP phone and schedules the vacation checks received by the department. She finds it very rewarding volunteering for the police department and enjoys giving her time to the community.

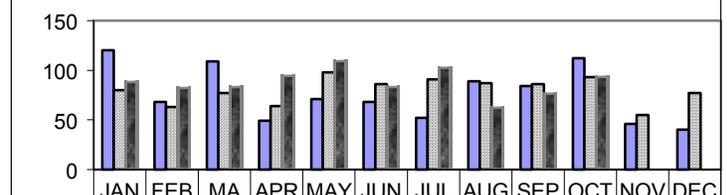
Barbara loves working in the yard and gardening. She loves colorful flowers and has many plants around her home. She also enjoys country music and plans to start traveling soon.

The Huntington Beach Police Department appreciates Barbara and congratulates her for being selected volunteer of the month.

GRAND THEFT AUTO

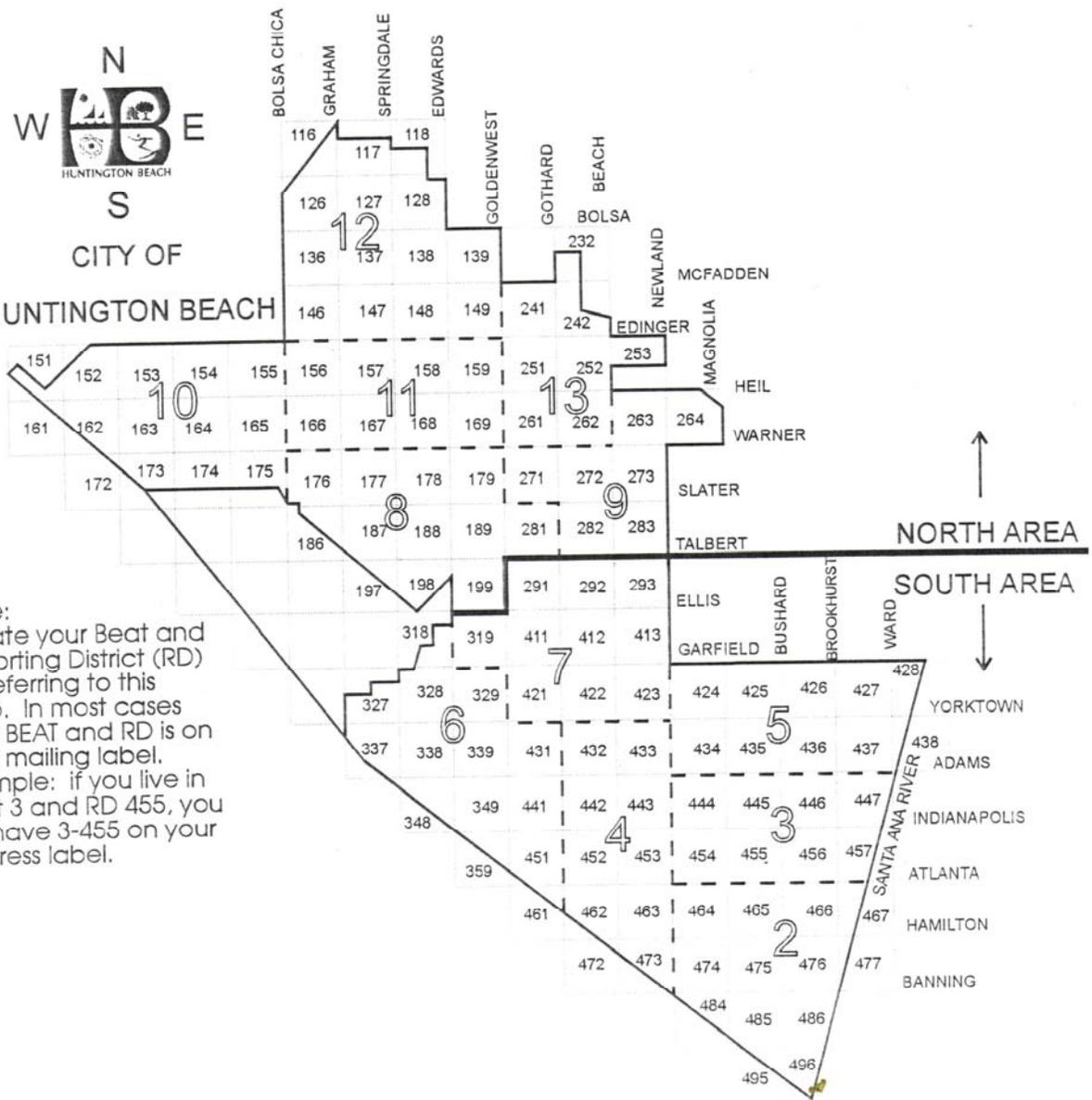


VEHICLE BURGLARIES





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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.