

URGENT AND IMPORTANT!

Dear Kingspoint Neighborhood and surrounding neighborhood and communities,

Due to an uptick in crime, criminal mischief, and verbal threats of assault and shooting we are asking for your help. – Due to a lack of police staffing and police response times exceeding 15 minutes, and sometimes no-shows and/or no call backs, is why we are sending this letter to you. This slow response time was documented in 2022, and we've not seen improvement in 2023 or 2024. Councilman Nettles did allow the hiring of 2 additional officers in 2022, but that has not improved the patrols or response times.

We're providing you, our neighbors, the tools to make our neighborhood safe again. I'm sure everyone here has been impacted by fireworks at all hours, ATV riders on sidewalks and streets, some have been impacted with verbal assaults and threats of shootings. The ATV's have little regard for pedestrians and have come close to those walking on sidewalks in an unsafe manner. Some residents have stopped using the park out of fear of ATV riders, and cleanliness of the park. None of this has stopped, and our police are unable to assist due to staffing shortages. We've resorted at times to hiring our own security. Please share with surrounding neighbors and neighborhoods.

We simply need more police to cover our area. All the police contacts we talk to and the Sherriff department all say the same thing: **There is not enough Police to cover and respond to our needs.**

After months of getting little to no response from Fort Worth Police, we escalated the matter to our District 8 councilman Nettles. Councilman Nettles and the City Council control the funding and allocation of officers to our area.

As a response, we were met with a concerned response from the **District 8 Director Chelsie Anthony**. She called and spoke with an Kingspoint HOA Board member and asked that we share her contact information. She stated the City Council resumes in early August and funding for additional police and patrols could be discussed then – but only if we take action and request this as a community.

To make our community safe again, District 8 Councilman Chris Nettles needs to be contacted to hear our voice as outlined below. We also request you use your address, the number of responses with unique addresses amplifies the outcome and decision. Multiple requests may be sent from the same address if others live at the same address, such as spouse, significant other, family, roommate etc. We also ask you share this information with any friends or family in the nearby neighborhoods and communities.

The District 8 Director Chelsie Anthony states she prefers contact by phone and she requests calls or texts to 817-296-2945. ****We ask you Text or call AND also email: District8@fortworthtexas.gov** to ensure there is record of the contact.

In short and in summary:

To increase police staffing, and lower response times to 911 calls, we must contact District 8 councilman via **phone 817-296-2945** (text OK) **AND** email **District8@fortworthtexas.gov**

Here is a example you may consider sending via copy and paste and **INCLUDE** your name and address to phone 817-296-2945 (text OK) **AND** email District8@fortworthtexas.gov

Example email and texts template:

****It is also necessary to prove you live in District 8, we ask you fill in your name and address for any and all requests to district 8** YOU MAY SUBMIT MULTIPLE EMAILS FROM ONE PHYSICAL ADDRESS IF YOU HAVE OTHERS LIVING AT YOUR RESIDENCE. Ex: Spouse, significant other, Family etc. may each submit a request from a unique email.**

Dear Councilman Nettles & District 8 Staff,

My name is _____ & I reside at _____ Fort Worth, TX 76140. I am writing today to ask for your help to ensure that our neighborhood remains a safe place to live by increasing the number of Police assigned to our area Ida-19. At this time, it is becoming unsafe and we need your help.

There has been an enormous amount of residential growth in our area. We have new residences being put in to our south and north, along with the recently opened McPherson Park located at 1229 McPherson Road.

With this increased growth, I am concerned about the amount of strain it is putting on our city resources, particularly our police department. We are already seeing an increase in the amount of criminal activity in our neighborhood, particularly near McPherson Park. There has been vandalism, graffiti, traffic violations, criminal mischief, and even threats of violence against residents. The park currently has no lighting or security measures to help curb criminal acts. All of which deter children and families from feeling safe while enjoying the taxpayer funded amenities, reducing outdoor activity, impacting overall health and wellbeing, while decreasing positive community involvement.

Our police department simply does not have the resources, budget, or manpower to cover this rapidly growing area located in beat I-19. Simply put, we need more security at the park and more police to cover our area. Extra lighting could be installed in and around the park and along Kingspoint Blvd.

In short we ask for:

-A drastic increase in Police staffing and Patrols in our Kingspoint (or use your neighborhood) neighborhoods and designated are designated IDA-19. The goal is to reduce onsite response times. 911 calls are seeing a 2 minute answer time, and emergency calls take 15 minutes for a response as we live on the border for Fort Worth. Lower priority calls take hours if not days for a response.

-Lighting at 1229 McPherson Park. (We understand an assessment and review is underway)

-Lighting at the end of Kingspoint Blvd. (We understand an assessment and review is underway)

We are asking that you bring this matter before the council and help to make this area safer for both current and future residents.

Thank you,

Kingspoint Neighborhood