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As **Mayor Thomas P. Schneider** addressed the block captains from the Neighborhood Watch Program in last night's meeting that was held at the Florissant Police Department, he wants the residents to know that if you live near an area where there is a vacant home be on the look out for any person or persons of a suspicious nature lurking in the area looking to steal copper wiring and tubing from vacant homes.

"We have not seen a huge number of these types of burglaries this year but, I am just trying to be proactive to make sure we don't," adds Mayor Schneider. "We have a wonderful Neighborhood Watch Program and the residents that belong to the program do an outstanding job being the police department's extra set of eyes. Plus, the men and women of our police department are out in full force patrolling the neighborhoods and taking any steps necessary to also be proactive against any type of crime that may be committed."

"The dollar amounts are very low on what a person can receive from the copper but the damage to repair can be quite costly that can range in the thousands of dollars." states Mayor Schneider.

In closing the Florissant Police Department continues to seek new members to join the Neighborhood Watch Program and encourages all residents to take an active stance in their neighborhoods. A recruiting drive for wards 7, 8 & 9 will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the James J. Eagan Center. A similar drive for wards 4, 5 & 6 and wards 1, 2 & 3 will be announced at a later date. For more information, please contact Sgt. Kevin Boschert at 314-831-7000.

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