



Continuing Efforts To Reduce Criminal Activity
In The Community

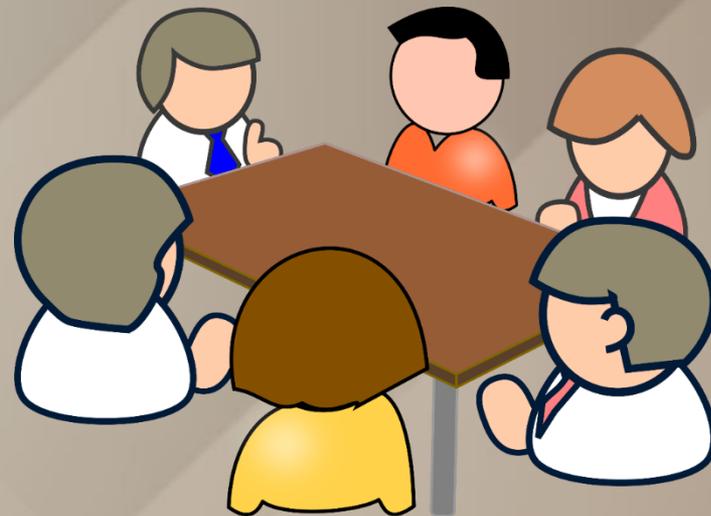


Continuing Efforts

With ongoing criminal activity in this community, and every community, the City of Danville administration, along with partners throughout our area, continue to find ways of reducing violence in the community.

Opportunities

The Mayor, Director of Public Safety, law enforcement, and others meet together and separately to discuss opportunities which could be implemented to help reduce crime in the community. From those discussions, a number of previous efforts will be continued, while new recommendations will be implemented:





Curfew

Last year, the City Council approved a request to alter the curfew ordinance to lengthen the time and reduce the age. It is believed these efforts helped reduce juvenile criminal activity last summer, and therefore the Administration is seeking a similar resolution.

- this is done to reduce juvenile activity on streets, sidewalks
- also done to give officers an extra hour without juveniles on the street to focus on other issues
- language altered to emphasize desire to see more organized activities for youth and therefore does not apply to structured events or opportunities



Curfew

- shall apply to anyone under the age of 18
- curfew begins at 9:00pm on Sunday thru Thursday and at 10:00pm on Friday, Saturday
- exceptions include when involved in school activity, religious activity, public entertainment (movie, play, sporting event, etc), legally employed going to and from work, public park or any facility where they are participating in a scheduled and structured event or activity with consent of parent or legal guardian, anytime with parent or legal guardian
- ordinance change from May 19 through September 4

Summer Supplementals

Police will once again be very visible in our parks and around our neighborhoods through regular patrols as well as the Summer Supplemental Patrols. This will put additional officers in and around the “hot spots” in our community. The officers are encouraged to actively engage our citizens.





Use of Firefighters

Last year, in an effort to enhance our Fire Division's community outreach efforts, we asked them to spend summer evenings in the parks and in the neighborhoods. They did so, with great success

- spending time in parks provided an additional set of eyes as well as allowing them the ability to make contact with our residents

They have agreed to do so again this year, and will be more visible in our parks and around our neighborhoods building greater relationships and partnerships with our residents

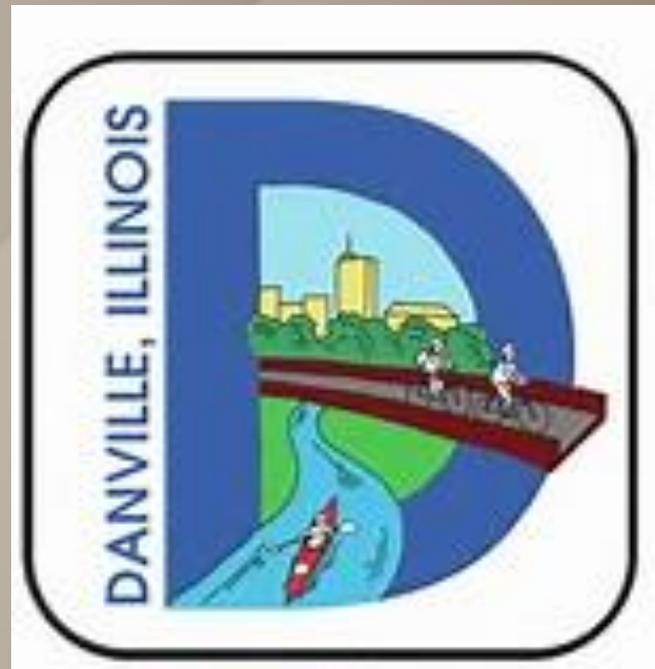


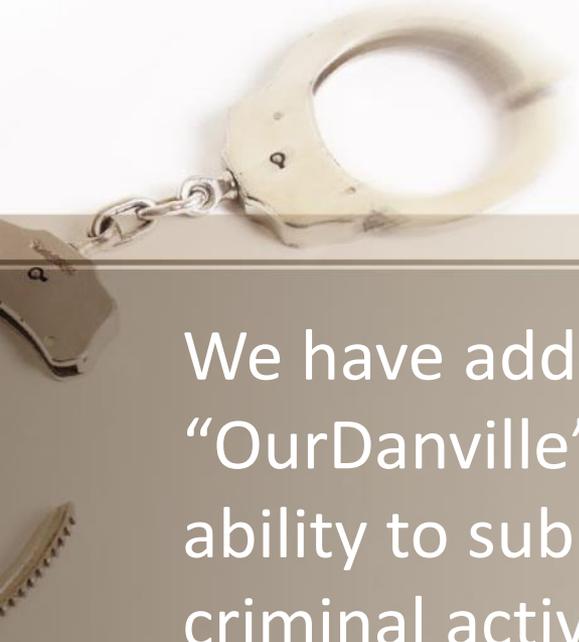
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OurDanville App

Over the last year, the City of Danville provided citizens a greater opportunity to identify code enforcement issues, infrastructure problems, and solid waste or sewer concerns by submitting those on the “OurDanville” app





OurDanville App

We have added a Law Enforcement tab to the “OurDanville” app which now allows residents the ability to submit suspected drug houses, suspected criminal activity, or information related to criminal activity right on the app

- it is tabbed under Danville Police Department
- Report a Neighborhood Concern or Incident
- these entries are private so they don't show up on the map and only City personnel with City accounts linked to OurDanville can see them

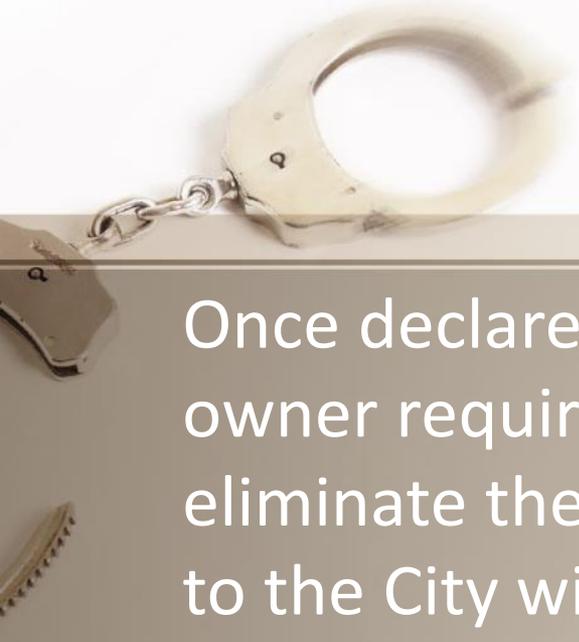


Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

In an effort to make landlords more responsible for activity within and on their properties, the City Council approved the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

Nuisance activity includes offenses for drugs, weapons, gambling, prostitution, felonies, and certain general code enforcement violations.

Chronic is defined as 3 or more offenses (law or code enforcement) in 30 days or 7 or more in six months



Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

Once declared chronic, a letter is sent to the property owner requiring them to submit an action plan to eliminate the nuisance and the plan must be submitted to the City within 15 days of receiving the letter

If owner fails to submit a plan or follow the plan submitted, an order will be put in place requiring compliance or allow city to take action to eliminate the nuisance, up to and including closure of the structure for a period of time

Several letters have already been sent



Sweeps and Raids

Local Law Enforcement has begun doing sweeps and raids in an effort to seize drugs, weapons, and wanted on warrants just to name a few. These sweeps and raids have been very impactful so far, and will continue throughout the summer and fall.

We are also working with other jurisdictions, including the County, State Police, FBI, Federal Marshall and others to assist in our efforts.



Housing Authority of Danville

Continue to work with the Housing Authority of Danville Director and Board to build relationship and set course for alternative affordable housing opportunities, demolition of Fair Oaks, and stronger policies

According to the Director, she and the Board have implemented new initiatives to create a more positive environment in and around their housing; they include.....



Housing Authority of Danville

Each development now has video camera access, including 35 new cameras installed throughout the Fair Oaks Complex. Fair Oaks also hosts License Plate Recognition cameras at each entrance, exit to better monitor guest traffic

Housing Authority residents are now required to register their vehicles; resident vehicles are demarcated with a vehicle registration sticker

Enforcement of City of Danville Curfew Ordinance



Housing Authority of Danville

Monthly meetings with the Danville Police Division and Housing Authority staff to improve communication

Greater accountability on tenants for the behavior of their household members and guests; failure to do so can result in up to and including loss of lease

Enforcement of the NO TRESPASS list by the Danville Police Division to ensure those individuals visiting the properties are well-behaved and well-intended



Housing Authority of Danville

Mandatory community service, in the form of litter pick-up, for youth who are found participating in unsatisfactory behavior

Summer youth programs aimed at keeping youth engaged, educated, and out of trouble during the summer months

The Director and Board with the City continue to look for other opportunities as well.....



Mobile Data Terminals

Police are being equipped with new Mobile Data Terminals which provide them with far greater information than ever before available to them in the car.

- photos and information from the base system now available to them in their vehicle
- access to court-orders
- links to state and federal agencies from car
- silent dispatch



Video Cameras

In some places around the city there are video cameras which are being used to monitor and record activity. This video is reviewed when necessary to determine what criminal activity may have occurred, who was involved, and once identification is made, arrest.

These video cameras have been very successful in not only apprehending suspects, but also in their prosecution.

Ask that businesses continue to notify us if they have cameras available at their establishments.



States Attorney

Speaking of Prosecution.....

We have a great working relationship with the States Attorney and she has pledged to file highest level of charges in an effort to maximize sentences upon conviction, including working with federal agencies to move cases to a higher court

Already we have seen higher bonds and higher offenses charged keeping criminals off the street much longer

Organized meetings with community group for feedback and discussion of challenges



States Attorney

Her office has placed a high priority on victim advocacy, reaching out to victims, and strong communication with victims and families as cases proceed

Communication between States Attorney's Office, the Director of Public Safety, and law enforcement officers is tremendous and with the entities working together it makes for tighter cases and more convictions



Community Engagement

The City continues to work with Community Organizations who are sponsoring marches, activities, events, social occasions, or other gatherings to provide support and encouragement.

Summer Youth Basketball at Garfield; summer work program sponsored by Mt Olive Baptist Church possible

But, most importantly.....

Community Engagement

When asked what citizens can do to help, the answer is very simple.....

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING



The City also continues to promote the “See Something Say Something” campaign which is VITALLY important towards solving crime. EVERYONE must be engaged in keeping eyes and ears open to what is going on around them, and SHARE THAT WITH POLICE!!!!

Strategy

Other law enforcement strategies are being implemented but those will remain confidential at this time.



Questions?

