

# Neighborhood Troubleshooting Tip-Sheet

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We can use the self-help tips on this sheet to solve problems in our neighborhoods. This is just a start: we'll keep adding to this list. Help your neighbors by sharing your questions, tips, and ideas.

## 1. How do I find out what crimes have happened on my street?

- Call Lakewood Police Department, (216) 521-6773. They can run a report specific to your area of interest, and in a few days you can pick up a printout for the police desk.
- For certain requests you may also contact the Police Record Room, (216) 529-6785, at City Hall (12650 Detroit Avenue). You may need to go to the record room in person. M-F 8-4:30.

## 2. How do I find out who owns a rundown home on my street?

- You can look up homeowner information on the County Auditor's website:
  - <http://auditor.cuyahogacounty.us/repi/default.asp>
  - For rental properties, try typing both house numbers
- The Auditor maintains "complete historical record of all property transactions"; call (216) 443-7010 for more information. Their offices are in Cleveland, 1219 Ontario Street.

## 3. What can I find out about a vacant home on my street?

- You can search sales of foreclosed homes (via the Sheriff's auction) online at <http://sheriff.cuyahogacounty.us/propertysearch.asp>
- For general information on sales of foreclosed homes, see: <http://sheriff.cuyahogacounty.us/faq.asp - foreclosurefaq>
- To request city help with upkeep of yard/house exterior while the home is vacant, contact the Lakewood Building Department, (216) 529-6270.

## 4. What can I do about stray cats and dogs?

Call the Lakewood Animal Control & Shelter, (216) 529-5020, 1299 Metropark Drive; phone answered until 4 p.m.; animal control warden on duty until 5 p.m. After hours *for emergencies only* call the Lakewood Police, (216) 521-6773.

## 5. How do I find out about sex offenders living in my neighborhood?

You can look up information about registered sex offenders, where they live, and the restrictions on where they are legally permitted to live online at Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department:

- <http://sheriff.cuyahogacounty.us/sou.asp>
- <http://sheriff.cuyahogacounty.us/faq.asp - soufaq>

**This is a growing list.** Help your neighbors by adding your own questions, tips, and ideas. We'll keep growing this list. Contact Tom at 216-337-1318 or [tom@tombullockforlakewood.com](mailto:tom@tombullockforlakewood.com) to get an updated copy or to share your ideas.