

West Seattle Blockwatch Captains' Network

Monthly Meeting: October 25th, 2011

'Soft Roll-Out' of the new **Block Watch Finder Tool**
Developed by Code For America

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Schedule for Roll-Out

- Soft roll-out to WSBWCN for feedback – October 25th
- Launch of Block Watch Finder Tool – November 4th
- Handoff from CFA to WSBWCN – November 7th

Timeframe for our group to test & submit feedback is between now & November 4th.

They may only be able to address high priority items before handoff, but will provide a “wish list” to Drupal developers with our requested features.

Email wsblockwatchnet@gmail.com, so we can consolidate & keep track of requests.

Block Watch Finder Tool

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://seattle.citygroups.org/blockwatch>. The page features a blue header with the CITYGROUPS ALPHA logo and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for HOME, MAP, LIST, ADD NEW, and CATEGORIES. The main content area is titled "Block Watch Captain Directory" and includes a sub-heading "Find the nearest Block Watch Captain." Below this, there is a brief description of the directory. Two main action boxes are present: one for "Are you a Block Watch Captain?" with an "ADD NEW" button, and another for "View Block Watch Captains" with "MAP VIEW" and "LIST VIEW" buttons.

CITYGROUPS ALPHA

A public directory of community groups.

Sign in

HOME MAP LIST ADD NEW CATEGORIES

Block Watch Captain Directory

Find the nearest Block Watch Captain.

The Block Watch Captain Directory lists basic contact information for Block Watch Captains in Seattle.

Are you a Block Watch Captain?

Help your neighbors and other Block Watch captains find you. [Add](#) your contact information and map your Block Watch community.

ADD NEW

View Block Watch Captains

Find a Block Watch Captain on the map.

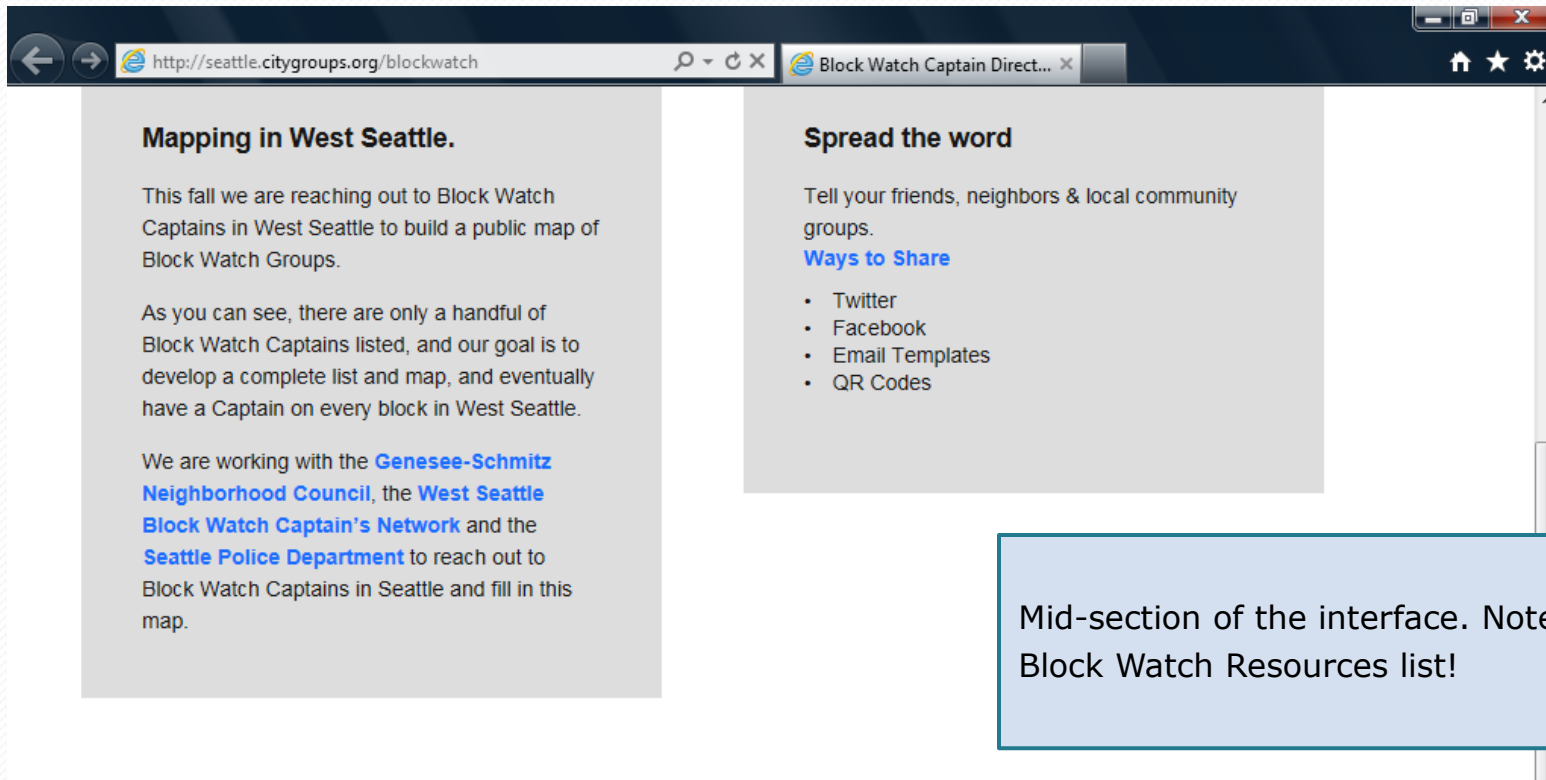
MAP VIEW

LIST VIEW

This is the home page. It's located at <http://seattle.citygroups.org/blockwatch>.

It is designed so that Block Watch Captains can enter their data or that those looking for a BW group can search.

Home page (continued)



What is a Block Watch Captain?

Block Watch is a national program that is based on the principle that neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime. The Captain is also the logical person to organize the efforts to prepare for a disaster or emergency like a major earthquake. Each household and every block needs to be prepared.

Get on the map

The Seattle Police Department estimates that there may be between 2,000- 4,000 Block Watch Captains in various Block Watch Communities throughout Seattle.

Block Watch Resources


Get connected to the Seattle Police Department and other local crime prevention & emergency preparedness initiatives.

» [See list of resources](#)

Home page (continued)

What is CityGroups?

We make it easy to find and share all kinds of groups in your city



Any group that has an e-mail, url or contact person can be listed. The idea is to list those little Facebook pages, twitter groups, mailing lists of people working to make your city better.

We made this tool because it was really hard to find these kinds of groups doing normal Internet searches. If you know of good resources, tell us and we'll work with those community directories.

Get on the map

Anyone can **add & edit** groups. Groups appear on the map - which makes it easy to find groups in your neighborhood.

Local Community Groups

We have all kinds of groups listed. If you don't see the kinds groups that you are looking for, **let us know.**

We have worked to make it really easy for you too add groups. You can even share them with us **using a spreadsheet.**

[About the Groups](#) [Get Involved](#) [API](#) [Contact](#)

Lower panel of the interface. Note that the Block Watch Finder is a subset of the Seattle CityGroups website, which lists over 900 community groups.

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Sign up for an account

CityGroups

A public directory of community groups.

HOME MAP LIST ADD NEW CATEGORIES

Sorry, unrecognized username or password. [Have you forgotten your password?](#)

YOU ARE NOT LOGGED IN.

I HAVE AN ACCOUNT **I WANT TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

USERNAME *

karenberge

E-MAIL ADDRESS *

karenberge@cbbain.com

CONFIRM E-MAIL ADDRESS *

karenberge@cbbain.com

PASSWORD *

CONFIRM PASSWORD *

WORD VERIFICATION *

Spaces are allowed; punctuation is not allowed except for periods, hyphens, apostrophes, and underscores.

A valid e-mail address. The e-mail address is used to send you notifications by e-mail. Please re-type e-mail address to confirm.

Provide a password for the new account in both fields.

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Start by signing up for an account... although you can enter your BW group anonymously.

You can get to this page from the home page or when trying to make edits.

Add a new Block Watch

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://seattle.citygroups.org/node/add/community-group?secti>. The page header includes the CITYGROUPS logo and the tagline "A public directory of community groups." Below the header is a navigation bar with buttons for HOME, MAP, LIST, ADD NEW, and CATEGORIES. The main content area is titled "Add & Map a Block Watch Group" and includes an update notice: "UPDATE: We are testing this feature this week - 9/21/2011". A sidebar on the left contains a vertical list of blue arrow-shaped buttons: START, PRIVACY, CONTACT *, DETAILS, CATEGORIES, and MAP. The main content area under the "START" button contains the following text: "Thanks for taking the time to share information about a Block Watch Community in Seattle. Before you begin, you might want to have this information on hand." followed by a bulleted list: "• Name of your Block Watch Community (ex. 8500 Block Dead End Crew, or 900 Block Admiral Way)" and "• Public email address (if you have one. If you meet in the street, that is also OK)". Below the list is a checkbox labeled "OK, I'M READY. NEXT STEP.". A light blue banner at the bottom of the form states: "By submitting this form, you accept the [Mollom privacy policy](#)." At the bottom of the page are two dark grey buttons: "Save" and "Preview".

Note the column of blue arrow-shaped buttons at the left (START, MAP, etc.); these will walk you through the steps to add your BW group.

Key thing to be aware of is that the "SAVE" button currently publishes your entry. We've asked for a separate "Publish" button...

Also, you need to check the "OK, I'M READY, NEXT STEP" button.

Add a new Block Watch

Add & Map a Block Watch Group

UPDATE: We are testing this feature this week - 9/21/2011

START

PRIVACY

CONTACT *

DETAILS

CATEGORIES

MAP

DETAILS

CALENDAR URL

(OPTIONAL)
If you have a link to an event calendar, you may add it
(Most Block Watch Communities do not have an event
calendar.)

ENTER THE URL THAT POINTS TO THE CALENDAR.
http://yahoogroups.com/calendar/8700-Block-Watch

DESCRIPTION

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Remember all data is public, but you may want to add general info about your group here, as well as contact info for any Block Watch Co-Captains.

Map your Block Watch

Add & Map a Block Watch Group

UPDATE: We are testing this feature this week - 9/21/2011

START

PRIVACY

CONTACT *

DETAILS

CATEGORIES

MAP

MAP

THIS GROUP IS CITYWIDE

LOCATION DESCRIPTION

(Optional) Enter a description for the location of this group.

Map this Group

Then set a point or draw the area of the map.

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Enter your street address or the block address (i.e. 5000 36th Ave SW) in the Map This Group field, then click the button to the right.

The map will then appear in the box below; it is smaller than typical Google Map. We've asked CFA to make it larger.

Map your Block Watch (continued)

MAP

LOCATION DESCRIPTION

(Optional) Enter a description for the location of this group.

Map this Group

5000 36th Ave SW, 98126

Then set a point or draw the area of the map.

MAP AREA
Click the buttons to add geographic information.

Note the 3 mapping tool buttons in the upper left portion of the map. To begin drawing your Block Watch area on the map, click the button to the right... or, you can use the middle button to "pinpoint" your Block Watch area.

Map your Block Watch (continued)

MAP

LOCATION DESCRIPTION

(Optional) Enter a description for the location of this group.

Map this Group

5000 36th Ave SW, 98126

Then set a point or draw the area of the map.

DRAW SHAPE
Click to start drawing a shape. Double-Click on the last point to set the shape.

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To begin drawing your Block Watch area on the map, click the button to the right...

The procedure is to single-click at each corner or point where you want to turn, then double click the last corner or point to enclose the area.

When you are finished drawing, the enclosed area will be filled in as shown.

Map your Block Watch (continued)

ADDRESS

(Optional) Enter the address of this group.

ZIPCODE

(Recommended, if you know it.) What zipcode does this group serve?

CITY

(Recommended, if you know it.) What city is this group in?

STATE

(Recommended, if you know it.) What state is this group in?

Save Preview

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This section of the interface will populate itself based on the address you added above.

Remember that Save = Publish currently, so when you have finalized your entry, click Preview to double-check that it looks okay; then click the Save button if you are ready to have your entry be visible to the public.

Viewing BW group listings

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://seattle.citygroups.org/blockwatch>. The page header includes the CityGroups logo and navigation links: HOME, MAP, LIST, ADD NEW, and CATEGORIES. The main content area is titled "Block Watch Captain Directory" and includes a search bar and a "Dashboard | My Account | Logout" link. The page content is organized into four columns:

- Are you a Block Watch Captain?**
Help your neighbors and other Block Watch captains find you. [Add](#) your contact information and map your Block Watch community.
[ADD NEW](#)
- View Block Watch Captains**
Find a Block Watch Captain on the map.
[MAP VIEW](#)
[LIST VIEW](#)
- Mapping in West Seattle.**
This fall we are reaching out to Block Watch Captains in West Seattle to build a public map of Block Watch Groups.
As you can see, there are only a handful of Block Watch Captains listed, and our goal is to develop a complete list and map, and eventually have a Captain on every block in West Seattle.
- Spread the word**
Tell your friends, neighbors & local community groups.
[Ways to Share](#)
 - Twitter
 - Facebook
 - Email Templates
 - QR Codes

The browser window also shows a user logged in as "Hello karenberge" with a "Log out" link. The page is displayed at 75% zoom.

We are now back to the Home page for the Block Watch Captain Finder tool... Choose Map View or List View to see the directory of Block Watch groups and view the entry you have just published.

BW group listings: List View

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://seattle.citygroups.org/blockwatch/list>. The page header includes the CityGroups logo and navigation links for Home, Map, List, Add New, and Categories. The main content area displays a list of Block Watch groups. The first group is titled "3600 & 3700 - 55th Ave. SW Blockwatch" and is located in Seattle. It has 11 members and is categorized under Block Watch and Crime Prevention. The second group is titled "8400-9th Ave SW BW" and is also in Seattle, with 11 members and categorized under Block Watch and Crime Prevention. A search bar and a neighborhood dropdown menu are visible above the list. A blue callout box on the right side of the page contains the text: "This is 'List View' of the directory of Block Watch groups in the Block Watch Captain Finder tool."

0 / 1 Hello karenberge Log out

CITYGROUPS
A public directory of community groups.

HOME MAP LIST ADD NEW CATEGORIES

List

Block Watch

11 OF THESE

Search Categories Neighborhood

- Any - Search Clear

3600 & 3700 - 55th Ave. SW Blockwatch

CITY: Seattle

CATEGORIES: Block Watch Crime Prevention

[Edit information about this group.](#)

8400-9th Ave SW BW

CATEGORIES: Block Watch Crime Prevention

[Edit information about this group.](#)

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List View (continued)

Browser address bar: <http://seattle.citygroups.org/blockwatch/list>

[Edit information about this group.](#)

Boeing Hill Neighborhood

NEIGHBORHOOD: West Seattle
CITY: Seattle
CATEGORIES: Block Watch Crime Prevention

[Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) [More](#)

[Edit information about this group.](#)

Dick Miller

NEIGHBORHOOD: Genesee-Schmitz
CITY: Seattle
CATEGORIES: Block Watch Crime Prevention

[Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) [More](#)

[Edit information about this group.](#)

Hansen View (5000 block of 35th, 36th, & 37th Ave SW)

URL: <http://hansenviewblockwatch.wordpress.com>
NEIGHBORHOOD: Fairmount
CITY: West Seattle
CITY: Seattle
CATEGORIES: Block Watch Crime Prevention Emergency Preparedness Community Building

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[Edit information about this group.](#)

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More "List View" entries. Note that you can make changes or additions to your listing from this page; use the Edit link below the social media buttons.

Edit listing from List View

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://seattle.citygroups.org/node/6064/edit>. The page header includes the CityGroups logo and navigation links: HOME, MAP, LIST, ADD NEW, and CATEGORIES. The main heading is "Edit Community Group Hansen View (5000 block of 35th, 36th, & 37th Ave SW)". Below the heading are tabs for View, Edit, and Revisions. The "Add a Community Group" section contains a form with a sidebar of blue arrow-shaped buttons: START, PRIVACY, CONTACT*, DETAILS, CATEGORIES, and MAP. The main content area under "START" provides instructions on contributing information and includes a checkbox labeled "OK, I'M READY.". At the bottom of the form are "Save" and "Preview" buttons. The footer contains links for "About the Groups", "Get Involved", "API", and "Contact".

This is the Edit screen where you can make changes to your group's listing. Use the column of blue arrow-shaped buttons (START, MAP, etc.) as you did when you first created your listing.

View revision history

http://seattle.citygroups.org/node/6064/revisions

Revisions for Hansen View (... x)

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Dashboard | My Account | Logout

HOME MAP LIST ADD NEW CATEGORIES

Revisions for Hansen View (5000 block of 35th, 36th, & 37th Ave SW)

View Edit Revisions

Revision	Operations
2011-10-25 16:12 by DebGreer	current revision
2011-10-25 16:07 by DebGreer	
2011-10-23 12:40 by DebGreer	
2011-10-23 11:38 by DebGreer	
2011-10-23 11:35 by DebGreer	
2011-10-18 23:17 by Anonymous	

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You can get to this Revision History page from the Edit screen.

Note that if you did not register or were not logged in when you created your listing, it will appear as Anonymous.

View published entry

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HOME MAP LIST ADD NEW CATEGORIES

Hansen View (5000 block of 35th, 36th, & 37th Ave SW)

View Edit Revisions

Added by Anonymous on Tue, 2011-10-18 23:17

URL: <http://hansenviewblockwatch.wordpress.com>

CONTACT: Our group has 3 co-captains; email us at hansenviewblockwatch@comcast.net to get in touch!

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Occasionally

AUDIENCE SIZE: 50-100 People

OWNERSHIP: Community

TYPE OF GROUP: E-mail list

CATEGORIES: Block

Watch Crime Prevention Emergency Preparedness Community Building

LOCATION DESCRIPTION:

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Here's a view of the entry we've just published.

Beware the “Home” button!

The screenshot shows the CityGroups website at <http://seattle.citygroups.org/home>. The browser's address bar shows the URL and the page title "Home | CityGroups". The website header includes the CityGroups logo, a search bar, and navigation links: "Dashboard | My Account | Logout". Below the header is a row of buttons: "HOME" (blue), "MAP" (magenta), "LIST" (blue), "ADD NEW" (magenta), and "CATEGORIES" (blue). The main content area features a search section with "MAP VIEW" and "LIST VIEW" buttons, a "Know community groups" section with an "ADD NEW GROUP" button, and a "Spread the word" section with a "Twitter" link. A callout box on the right side of the page contains the following text:

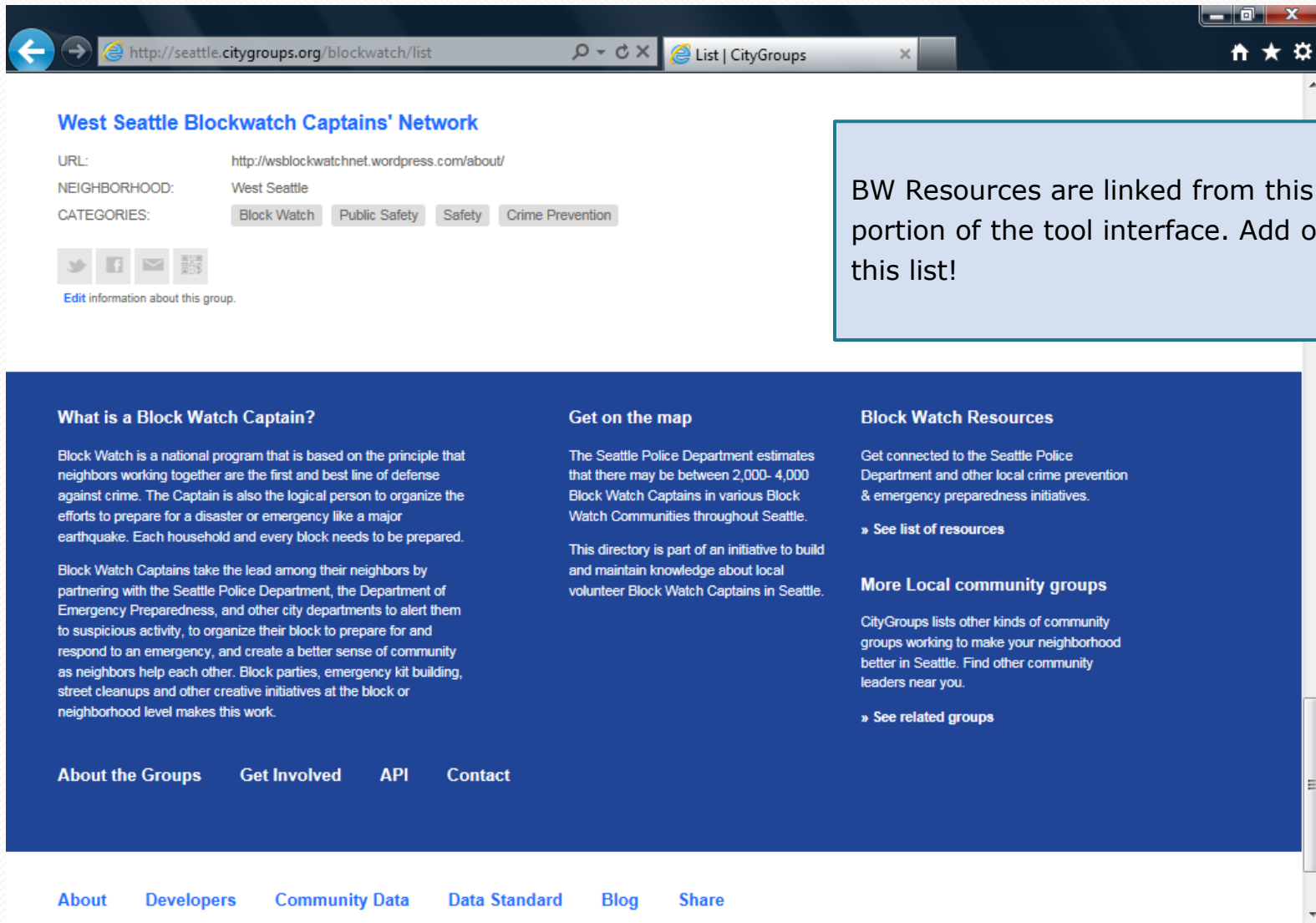
Beware: the home button (the left button in the row of horizontal buttons) currently takes you to the CityGroups home page, OUTSIDE of the BW Finder Tool. The magenta button color, rather than blue, should alert you.

If you add your group from here, it could be categorized as a general group and not appear in the BW directory.

To get back to the Block Watch Finder, click the Categories button, then choose Block Watch.

Or, change the URL in the address bar to <http://seattle.citygroups.org/blockwatch>.

Block Watch Resources



BW Resources are linked from this lower portion of the tool interface. Add others to this list!

West Seattle Blockwatch Captains' Network

URL: <http://wsblockwatchnet.wordpress.com/about/>
NEIGHBORHOOD: West Seattle
CATEGORIES: [Block Watch](#) [Public Safety](#) [Safety](#) [Crime Prevention](#)



[Edit](#) information about this group.

What is a Block Watch Captain?

Block Watch is a national program that is based on the principle that neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime. The Captain is also the logical person to organize the efforts to prepare for a disaster or emergency like a major earthquake. Each household and every block needs to be prepared.

Block Watch Captains take the lead among their neighbors by partnering with the Seattle Police Department, the Department of Emergency Preparedness, and other city departments to alert them to suspicious activity, to organize their block to prepare for and respond to an emergency, and create a better sense of community as neighbors help each other. Block parties, emergency kit building, street cleanups and other creative initiatives at the block or neighborhood level makes this work.

Get on the map

The Seattle Police Department estimates that there may be between 2,000- 4,000 Block Watch Captains in various Block Watch Communities throughout Seattle.

This directory is part of an initiative to build and maintain knowledge about local volunteer Block Watch Captains in Seattle.

Block Watch Resources

Get connected to the Seattle Police Department and other local crime prevention & emergency preparedness initiatives.

» [See list of resources](#)

More Local community groups

CityGroups lists other kinds of community groups working to make your neighborhood better in Seattle. Find other community leaders near you.

» [See related groups](#)

[About the Groups](#) [Get Involved](#) [API](#) [Contact](#)

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Key Points

- Block Watch Finder Tool is located at <http://seattle.citygroups.org/blockwatch>
- Sign up (so you aren't anonymous)
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