

officers) time to give talks on crime prevention to various groups in the community, she says.

"We're going to walk one of the neighborhoods through it," Norman says. That process includes setting up meetings, designating "block captains," training volunteers to do home inspections, and generally creating more neighborhood awareness of crime and its prevention, she explains. Meetings involving all 20 neighborhood organizations will also be held.

"We're hoping eventually to kind of turn it over to the citizens," Norman says.

Community-organized patrols are not included in the plan. "We're going to discourage that," Norman says. However, "We can't say why you can't go out into your neighborhood and drive around."

Neighborhood watch participants will be given stickers for their home windows. Such visible organization has been shown to deter crime, Norman explains.

"Which is the same thing we teach the women in

self defense classes," Maclean says. "We try to teach communities to do that too."

She expresses regret that WUN don't have more time to help small businesses in the neighborhood with crime prevention. But, she adds, WUN does have links with area small businesses in which "we keep (exchanging) information back and forth."

"The businesses at this point are mostly are concerned about the transients panhandling in front of stores and harassing costumers," Maclean says.

The number of commercial burglaries in the neighborhood dropped from 85 in 1980 to 77 in 1981. But total non-forced entries rose from 15 to 20.

Reported robberies in 1980 fell from 1979 both city wide and in the west University neighborhood. Robberies in the west University neighborhood decreased from 35 in 1979 to 19 in 1980 and to 17 last year.

The program is funded through a community development "block" grant which continues for one more year. "I don't know what will happen after that,"

Maclean says. Without another grant, volunteer facets of the program could continue but parts involving expenses — such as the lock program — will probably end, she says.

Maclean feels her job is "having an impact. My concern is that it's targeted in one area. To have an effect, crime prevention has to be done on a city wide level, because all we're doing is just moving it around."

The frustrating part is "getting people involved." Because of the University neighborhood's high population turnover, "getting people to volunteer anytime is a little difficult," Maclean says.

But the self defense class presents no trouble there. "If anything, we have to keep expanding because we can't accomodate everybody," she continues.

The classes meet for two-hour sessions once a week for eight weeks.

Although the November-October series is full, registration for the following series is now open. Class fee is \$15. For more information, call WUN at 687-5366.

Nuclear

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States propose to the Soviet Union "that both countries agree to immediately halt" nuclear weapons development and deployment "in a way that can be checked and verified by both sides."

George Boehnke, Lane County Republican Party chairman, says he knows of no group formed to oppose the measure, but has noted that "all the news stories try to make it a Republican-Democrat difference, when it isn't."

Boehnke says he personally sees it as a "political ploy" which is only an ineffective "public opinion poll" costing thousands of dollars to go through the ballot measure process.

- The Land Conservation and Development Commission, long embroiled in controversy over its state-wide land use powers, would be abolished by Ballot Measure 6.

Local planning, including maintenance of a master land use plan, would continue.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development and Land Use Board of Appeals would also be abolished. Committees would be formed to advise on state-wide goals, although county and city plans would not have to conform to them.

Appeals of local land use decisions would go to the circuit courts.

It is estimated the measure would reduce General Fund expenditures by \$550,000 over the next three years.

The 1,000 Friends of Oregon are opposed to the measure, while Oregon Citizens for Fair Land Planning, Inc., has coordinated its creation.

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