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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The July Board of Directors meeting will take place at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7600 Cahill Avenue, Inver Grove Heights. All homeowners are welcome.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST.

FENCE INSTALLATION UPDATE

Installation of the new fences is anticipated to begin on or around July 13, 2015. Schedules will be sent out to all homeowners in advance so that everyone can plan accordingly. As mentioned in previous Newsletters, any furniture or garden ornaments should be moved away from the existing fences prior to installation. Plants, shrubs or trees coming into contact with existing fences should be trimmed. Lastly, all hangings and hardware must be removed from the existing fences prior to installation of the new fences. Information concerning reattachment of these items will be sent out prior to the installation. Stainless steel screws will be required in some cases. No downspouts from gutters will be allowed to be attached to the new fences.

LIFE AFTER FENCES

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH ANYTHING TO YOUR NEW FENCE ONCE IT HAS BEEN INSTALLED. THE BOARD WILL NOTIFY HOMEOWNERS OF APPROVED METHODS FOR HANGING OBJECTS ON THE FENCES. DAMAGE TO FENCES DUE TO THE USE OF UNAPPROVED METHODS MAY VOID OUR WARRANTY.

ADDITIONALLY, THE PAPER BOXES WHICH ARE NOW ATTACHED TO THE FENCES WILL BE REMOVED AND REHUNG BY THE ASSOCIATION AS PART OF THE INSTALLATION PROJECT.

RECENT BREAK-INS

INVER GROVE POLICE HAVE REPORTED A RASH OF RECENT CAR BREAK-INS IN OUR AREA. PLEASE REPORT ANY PERSONS ON ASSOCIATION PROPERTY WHO DO NOT BELONG HERE, ESPECIALLY IN CARS OVERNIGHT, TO THE INVER GROVE POLICE IMMEDIATELY. ALSO PLEASE E-MAIL THE ASSOCIATION WITH DETAILS.

See tips on preventing thieves from breaking into your vehicle.



Tips to Prevent Thieves From Breaking Into Your Vehicle

As the weather warms up, people become more active. As people become more active, the number of car break-ins begins to rise.

It takes less than a minute for a thief to enter your unlocked vehicle. It takes even less time for the thief to break your car window and snatch an item of interest such as an iPad, iPod, laptop, GPS, or purse on the front seat.

Car break-ins happen millions of times a year in the United States. While it is virtually impossible to totally prevent a car break-in, there are ways to decrease the possibility that your car will be the subject of a break-in.

Break-ins don't just happen at night in bad neighborhoods. They happen in broad daylight in all kinds of neighborhoods, parking lots, parking decks, and on the street.

The Inver Grove Heights Police Department would like to remind residents that as warmer weather arrives, these types of incidents increase. Please take a minute to review the following tips in hopes it will prevent you from being victimized.

Each year, over a billion dollars in personal items and accessories are stolen from vehicles. For every theft, experts estimate there are several break-ins and attempted break-ins.

Tips to Help Prevent Vehicle Break-Ins

1. Lock your vehicle. Locking your vehicle helps prevent break-ins. This goes without saying, but sometimes people think they are just going to be a minute at the convenience store, etc., but it only takes a few seconds to remove valuables from an unlocked car.

2. When away from your vehicle keep windows and sun-roofs closed and doors locked.

3. Hide your valuables. Don't leave belongings visible inside the car. In other words, don't tempt fate. Leaving valuables or what may appear to be valuable, inside your car in plain-view is asking for trouble. Many break-in thieves act on impulse, so keeping your items out of sight helps.



If you can, keep your items with you or in a locked trunk. Don't count on the glove box; thieves know to look there, and they're easy to break into.

4. Plan ahead. If you plan to leave your purse in the trunk of your car while at a restaurant for instance, place your purse in the car trunk before you arrive at the restaurant, even if it means stopping someplace a few minutes before you arrive.

You don't want to be seen putting your purse in the car trunk at the location where your car will be parked because you will be announcing to anyone watching that your trunk has something valuable inside.

If you have open cargo area such as a wagon or SUV, use a retractable fitted cover to keep your items out of sight.

5. After you've put your items out of sight, don't forget to stash power plugs, adapters, and GPS-system mounts. Break-in thieves know most people who have these items in plain sight probably have the items somewhere in the vehicle.

6. Keep your car visible. Park in well-lit areas. Depending upon the neighborhood, this may or may not be a deterrent, but there are other safety issues to be considered as well. Choosing a parking place that is well lit is always good practice.

7. Avoid having your car concealed by larger vehicles, or barriers such as fences or foliage; break-in thieves like to work in private.

8. Trust your instincts. If you see suspicious activity, find another spot to park. If you're concerned, report your suspicions to police by calling 911. You may be helping keep another person from being a victim of a car break-in, or worse.

Help prevent vehicle theft. Many vehicles are broken into with the intent of stealing the vehicle itself. Using anti-theft devices such as steering-wheel locks, steering-column collars, or brake-pedal locks may discourage the would-be thief from breaking in and trying.

Dos and Don'ts

TRASH CONTAINERS

If you put your garbage out in containers, please label the container with your house number.



NO AUTO REPAIR IN DRIVEWAYS

Please remember that our driveways are not auto body shops. Do not work on cars, motorcycles or other vehicles on the driveways. Also, be careful to drive only on tarred surfaces, especially at corners.

Oil stains can be removed with Oil-dri, available at home stores, or similar product.



Help Us Keep Our Driveways Nice!!!

GUTTERS

PLEASE REMEMBER: Gutters are the homeowner's responsibility and any damage caused by clogged gutters is yours to repair. If you have "helicopters" or an arboretum growing in your gutters, please get them cleaned out. Debris can build up and clog the downspouts, which can cause water damage to your roof and fascia (the board behind the gutter). Water pouring over the gutters or from leaks can end up next to your home's foundation or crawlspace.

SAFETY FIRST

Cleaning or attempting to repair your gutters from on top of the roof is not recommended. Clean your gutters while standing firmly on a ladder. Avoid standing on the top three rungs and don't reach past the side rail - no farther than your belt buckle. When working from a ladder, use one bucket for gutter debris and another for carrying tools. Use wire hooks to attach the buckets to the ladder. Make sure the area below the gutter is clear.



The neighbor's mail

Should you receive your neighbor's mail, please give it to them personally or return it to the post office. DO NOT PUT MAIL ON TOP OF THE MAILBOXES.

THE LAST WORD

REMINDER: The plants along the lakeshore were planted by Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights to improve the water quality of Bohrer Pond and prevent erosion of the shoreline. The plantings also help to keep geese off the lawn. They are maintained with yearly spot weeding and a burn every three years, paid for by our association and Lakebridge 1, 2, 3. Please enjoy the lakeshore from the lawn side of the plantings and do not dump anything in the plantings or the lake.

