



MONTAGE HIT BY PROWLERS & BURGLERS

Break-ins unfortunately seem to now be commonplace in our subdivision. However if residents commit to being more of a cohesive neighborhood watch we can safeguard our properties against these perpetrators. There is concern about home invasions and break-ins in our neighborhood. Six incidences took place between November 20-28 resulting in three Cathedral City Police Department reports, two for home invasion and one for illegal entry and theft. These incidences took place on Artisan Way and Dali Drive with identification of two suspects. A meeting was held on Nov. 27th, four homeowners were present. They drafted these preventive measures which each and every homeowner must seriously consider addressing.

1. Padlock your side gate immediately. Lock your courtyard gate.
2. During the night, keep the outside light on above your front door, the side door of your garage and in your backyard patio.
3. Make sure your doorbells are in working order, front gate and front door.
4. Keep a light on in your casita near the window at night.
5. Take your phone/camera with you when you are walking in the neighborhood should you see a suspicious person take a picture. Do not approach the suspect.
6. Keep the two lights on over your garage, they are on sensors.
7. Arm your burglar alarm-consider a motion sensor with a sound device.
8. Install motion detector lights in your backyard.
9. Keep one neighbor informed of your phone number if you plan to be out of town.
10. Do not keep your garage door open and unattended.
11. Do not leave old newspapers in your driveway.

If you suspect an intruder or witness any unusual activity do not approach this person. Call the Cathedral City Police Department at 770-0303

The following actions have been discussed for possible future implementation:

1. Surveillance cameras at both gates
2. Drive by patrol
3. Master Email list to alert each homeowner of suspicious activity or a police report.

4. Color coded passes for guest cars to be placed in windshield when parked on street
5. Enforcement of the 72-hour parking rule for guest vehicles

If you have any additions to this working list please contact Pam Price at pamprice57@gmail.com or cheateauF@aol.com. Remember to forward your email to either so we can organize a Neighborhood Watch master email list.

MONTAGE NEWLETTER TO BE QUARTERLY (Maybe)

Personalized Property Management has proposed and the Board has approved the issuing of dues payment coupon books for 2009. This means that they will no longer be mailing monthly dues notices to homeowners.

They are considering reinstating the PPM Quarterly Newsletter. If they do, we will be able to provide a one page Montage Newsletter in each publication.

This again reinforces the need for homeowners to frequently visit the Montage website for current news and information. For example news about the break-ins was posted on December 1st.

Logon to ppmineternet.com, click on Access My Association Website and enter Montage

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting has been changed to January 15, 2008 at 5:00PM at Personalized Property Management offices at 68950 Adelina Road, Cathedral City (1 block South of Vista Chino off Date Palm). The meeting room is small and seating is limited.

Check the community message board on the wall by the retention basin or the web site for the agenda and location. It will be posted at least 4 days before the meeting.

The Annual Homeowner meeting & pot luck will be at the Children's Discovery Museum of March 21, 2009. We will be discussing Home and Neighborhood Security. Mark you calendar.

Tom Tousignant, President
Board of Directors