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Crime Prevention Tips
Preventing Residential Burglaries

Residential burglaries literally hit close to home. There is almost nothing more personal than having one's home, and one's privacy, invaded by an unwelcome outsider.

Things a Burglar Looks For When "Shopping" for a Home:

- A home that looks unoccupied. Are there newspapers piling up on the lawn? Is the mailbox overflowing? Are the lights always on or always off? Are vehicles that are usually in the driveway not there, or vehicles in the driveway not being used for days on end?
- Can a burglar's access to the home be easily hidden? Are there high hedges that block windows? On the rear of the home, does a fence block sightlines of doors and windows? At night, does a lack of outside lighting make it hard to see what's going on around the perimeter of the home?
- Is there an alarm in the home? If a burglar eyes an alarm company sign or stickers, he'll usually think twice about striking that home.
- The schedule of the residents. Most residential burglaries take place during work hours, because often homes are unoccupied during these hours. When do the residents leave for work? When do they return from work? Do they come home for lunch?
- What's in the trash? Is the box from the new 60" plasma HD TV prominently displayed on the curb, awaiting trash pickup?
- During the holidays, window shopping takes on a whole new meaning. A holiday tree prominently displayed in the front window, complete with holiday gifts, makes for great window shopping for burglars.
- Open garage doors. Not only property to steal, but tools to use for this and future burglaries. Ladders, hammers, saws, drills....
- Dogs. Burglars don't like dogs. Even small dogs, with big barks, make a home a little less attractive to burglars. Remember: criminals don't like witnesses, and don't like noise.
- Unlocked doors and windows. Most homes have a window that the owner has forgotten to lock. Opening a door or window makes a lot less noise than breaking glass.
- Where is the spare key? Burglars know all the hiding spots.



Call 911



Summer is here and Crime is on the increase

Let's work together to keep Oakland Terrace Clean, Safe and Prosperous / Report any suspicious activity in our neighborhood

Dallas time-of-day watering restrictions resume

DALLAS – City of Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) is reminding customers that time-of-day watering restrictions resume April 1. Following the conservation ordinance guidelines will avoid possible fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. These mandatory time-of-day restrictions prohibit watering landscaping between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1 through October 31 every year.

Dallas' watering restrictions do not mean your landscaping has to suffer. Most homeowners water their landscaping too much and too often – unknowingly producing shallow root systems that struggle to survive freezing temperatures, heat and drought. By watering deeply (four to six inches) and infrequently (only when landscaping begins to show signs of stress, such as discoloration, wilting, or when footprints remain visible after being walked on), homeowners encourage their landscapes to develop deep, healthy roots that can endure Dallas summers, winter freezes, pests and disease.

“Given our climate and Dallas' growth, water conservation is a significant issue for our city,” said Carole Davis, DWU conservation program manager. “The time-of-day watering restrictions demonstrate Dallas' commitment to conserving water and how seriously the City takes ensuring we have enough of this precious and vital natural resource for future generations.”

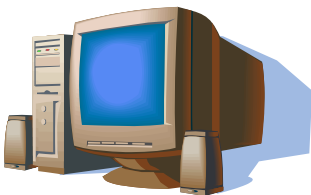
To avoid warnings, fines and a possible visit from a code inspector, DWU customers are reminded to adhere to the following guidelines:

- DO NOT water your yard between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. between April 1 and October 31. However, hand watering or the use of soaker hoses is permitted at any time.
- DO NOT water during any form of precipitation.
- DO NOT allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- DO remember that automatic sprinkler system owners are required to have rain and freeze sensors installed.
- DO maintain your sprinkler system. Repair any broken, missing or misdirected sprinkler heads.



For additional information on time-of-day watering restrictions, Water-Wise tips and links to reporting water waste, visit www.savedallaswater.com.

Be a Good Neighbor” Make Volunteering a Part of Your Day



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Have a Wonderful Summer



ATTENTION SENIORS!

There's a

***“Senior Resource Road Show” coming to
a location in your area!***

May 21 10-11:30 am
S. Central Police Station
1999 E. Camp Wisdom Rd.

June 25 10-11:30 am
The Senior Source
3910 Harry Hines Blvd.

August 26 10-11:30 am
Harry Stone
Recreation Center
2403 Millmar

Sept. 9 10-11:30 am
Pleasant Oaks
Recreation Center
8701 Greenmound

SPANISH PRESENTATION

Sept. 18 9 am-12 pm
Kidd Springs
Recreation Center

Join Representatives
From several
Social Service Agencies who
will share information
about
Community Services
and how you can
Access them

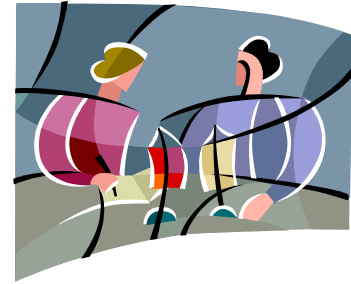
PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- Dallas Police
- Senior Source
- City of Dallas Housing/Community Services
And Seniors Affairs Commission
- Alzheimer's Association
- Area agency on Aging

To RSVP,
Call (214) 670-4894
Or (214)-670-5709

Save the Date!
Tuesday
May 11, 2010

Oakland Terrace
Neighborhood Meeting
7:00-8:00 pm
Polk Wisdom Library Auditorium



Make It A Priority To Attend the Monthly OTNA, Meetings!
Next Meeting September 14, 2010



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2009-2010 Elected Officers
And
Volunteer Committee Chairpersons
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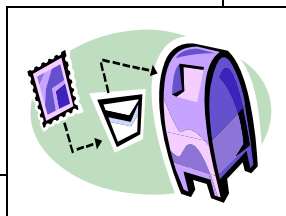
President	David Klempin	214/376-1544
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Fundraising	Frank Lewis	214/376-7958
Publications	Ruby Green/ David Klempin	

Block Captains

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	Jane Seibert	214/371-9867
Golden Trophy	Jackie Jones	214/375-1220
Highfall	Carol Greer	214/376-8543
Racine	Nigel Sabir	214/372-1535
Ridgegate	Sam Ferrell	214/376-9596
Shadymeadow	Alice Edwards	214/375-0540
Trailcrest	Frank Lewis	214/376-7958
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