

We All Contribute To Community Safety

Because we live within a community association, the potential to solve the kinds of problems that plague individual homeowners is very good.

Take community safety for instance. An individual homeowner can do very little to deter a burglary other than hire an outside security company to install an alarm which will notify the authorities *after* the break-in has occurred. More often than not, there is no way to communicate with their neighbors about security issues, there are no Neighborhood Watch Programs and the community is lacking in any enforceable rules and regulations that prohibit unauthorized parking and/or guests. All of which effectively deter residential burglary and crime.

As residents of a community association, you are given the opportunity to communicate with your neighbors (this newsletter is a good example), form a Neighborhood Watch Program, and benefit from community rules that our Board of Directors ensures are enforced.

The only thing that keeps us from taking control of our community and eliminating vandalism, burglary and other community-based crime is 100% participation by all of the members of our community.

If we all kept an eye out on our neighbors house while they are away, reported suspicious activity and/or persons, and complied with our rules & regulations, then we would virtually eliminate the causes of neighborhood crime.

It can be easy to complain about the restrictions and lack of personal freedoms that living within a community association entails. Instead, we should be focusing on *how* we can use our association to help improve the quality of our lives. Let's start focusing on the positives...and working together to preserve community safety. It is a great place to start!