

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter

November 2009

Keep Your Doors Locked

Waunakee has recently experienced several burglaries to homes. These incidents have taken place during nighttime hours when the homeowner was in the residence. The following suggestions make your home a safer place.

Tips on Home Security

Light the outside of your home to make it more visible to your neighbors. Outside motion detector lights are a great idea.

Trim bushes near doors to reduce hiding places for burglars.

Lock your doors. Many burglars are opportunistic, and are simply looking for an open/unlocked door. It only takes a couple minutes for a burglar to enter through an unlocked door and take your valuables. Install dead-bolt locks on all outside doors. Make sure you can unlock all doors from the inside without a key to allow a quick escape from a fire.

Install peepholes in all outside doors.

Don't keep expensive jewelry, collectibles, or large amounts of cash in plain site in your home.

Keep a list of your valuables and their serial numbers. A videotape, photograph, or sales receipts will help for documentation.

Install locks on windows. All sliding doors should have "ventilation locks". Screens and storms should be latched on the inside. Include locks on garage and basement windows.

Don't advertise your absence. Never leave a message on your answering machine that says you are away for a few days or on vacation. Before you leave, set timers so that lights, TVs, and radios go on and off. Have someone pick up the mail and newspapers, set out trash, mow the lawn or shovel snow.

Close your garage door. An empty garage says you're not at home. Thieves can easily steal bikes, lawnmowers, snow blowers and other valuables. Burglars can close the garage door and take their time burglarizing your home.

Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight. Don't store the title for your car in the glove compartment.

If possible, install a garage door opener with a light. A remote opener and a lighted garage will help you enter and leave your home safely. Test the door to make sure it reverses easily when it hits something.

Citizens are strongly urged to call the police anytime they see suspicious activity. Waunakee Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Parking In Village Parks

Recently several citizens have raised issues in regards to vehicles parking in village parks. The main concern was the number of vehicles which continually park outside of designated parking areas. Not only is parking outside of designated parking areas against village ordinances, it can be a safety issue. When vehicles are parked outside of designated parking areas (especially in Ripp Park) this can create visibility issues for motorists traveling through the park. When using the village parks please park in designated parking areas.

Alternate Side Parking

Alternate side parking begins on Sunday, November 1 and ends on Thursday, April 1, 2010. Alternate side parking is enforceable between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. On even numbered days between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., vehicles should be parked on the even numbered side of the street and vice versa for odd numbered days.

A rule of thumb is to figure out the next day's date if you are parking your vehicle before midnight and leaving it until morning.

Hunter's Sight In

The Dane County Sheriff's Department will be hosting a "Hunter's Sight In." Citizens will be able to take their rifles to the Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center to have them sighted in, in a safe and controlled environment. The program will run daily from November 7 thru the 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the first gun and \$5 for each additional gun.

Additional services offered include; bore sighting, scope alignment, scope mounting (if time permits), miscellaneous weapon repairs, open sight adjustment, weapon operation instruction, and disposal of old ammunition.

On November 14th and 15th there is a free health screening provided by Meriter Hospital.

For more information contact:

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Questions can be sent to newsletter@waunakeepd.org. Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.