

### AGENDA

•Background & Purpose

Security Area Definitions

•Suggestions and Actions by Security Area

#### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

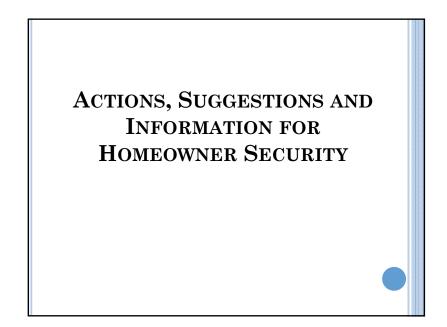
Based upon a suggestion presented at the Dec 8<sup>th,</sup> 2015 Homeowner's meeting, a group of volunteers formed a "security task force" to brainstorm and research ideas to increase homeowner and neighborhood security.

#### **3 SECURITY AREA DEFINITIONS**

 Homeowner – The property and dwelling of a person or family

Homeowner's Immediate
 Vicinity – The properties and
 dwellings within view of one's
 property

 Neighborhood – Cherry Blossom Village and Estates



#### HOW TO DETER BURGLARS

HTTP://WWW.ASECURELIFE.COM/HOW-TO-DETER-BURGLARS/

- 1. Install security technology (http://www.asecurelife.com/best-homesecurity-system/)
- 2. Avoid Mentioning Travel Plans Online
- 3. Deadbolts on doors make your home a more difficult target to break in to,
  - 1. Buy high quality locks (http://www.asecurelife.com/best-doorlocks/)
- 4. Dog Ownership
- 5. Home safes
- 6. Record your valuables

### HOW TO DETER BURGLARS

- 7. Well Lit area
- 8. Place a hold on mail delivery or have a trusted neighbor collect mail if you are going to be away for an extended period.
- 9. Living in a neighborhood that enforces neighborhood watch
- **10. Sliding doors security**
- 11. Timing devices used all the time

# HOW TO DETER BURGLARS

- 1. Request GPD monitoring
- 2. Lock your parked car
- 3. Keep your garage closed
- 4. Reference web link
  - 1. <u>http://www.asecurelife.com/how-</u> <u>to-deter-burglars/</u>

# HOMES WITH SECURITY SYSTEMS

•3 times less likely to be targeted by criminals

> Burglar-Proof Your Home. By: Roberts, Amy, Good Housekeeping, 0017209X, Oct2010, Vol. 251, Issue 4

### WEBSITE COMPARISONS OF SECURITY SYSTEMS

o<u>https://besthomesecuritycompan</u> ys.com/

Strong recommendations for some home DIY systems that you install but has 24/7 monitoring
Rates the companies (like ADT or BATES)

#### LOCAL HOME SECURITY SYSTEM PROVIDER INFORMATION

Provider	Yrs in Business	Install	Contract Period	Monthly Monitoring Fee	Type of Service
Frontpoint	7 +	Self- installed	3-years	\$34.99 to \$49.99	Via -celluar
ADT	100+	\$0 to \$199	3-years	\$19.99 to \$99	Mobile devices and Apps
Protect America	20 +	\$0 Self - Installed wireless	3-years	\$19.99 to \$42.99	Via - cellular
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Vivint	20 +	\$0 to \$399 plus activatio n fee \$99 to \$199	4 – 5 years	\$39.99 and up	Mobile App iOS an Android
Protection 1	25	\$ 0 Self - installed	3 -years	\$24.99 to \$49.99	Via – cellular
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Provider	Yrs in Busines s	Install	Contract Period	Monthly Monitoring Fee	Type of Service
Comcast Xfinity	5 +	\$50 to \$349	2- years	\$29.95 to \$49.95	
Bates	31 +	\$195 free consult		\$39.95 (2/9/16) 3 months free	Via – cellular
Bluegrass Home Entertainm ent	20+	\$50 trip \$75- \$130/hr Install Free consult	1 - year	\$300 / year	Via - cellular
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# DO IT YOURSELF (DIY) HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS

- DIY home security systems have several advantages:
  - Lower cost-for equipment/installation
  - Most have no monthly contract fees
  - Work off home's current wireless system
  - Can be installed quickly with basic hand tools
  - Easily customized to fit individual needs
  - Usually comes with base station, audio alarm, motion detector(s) , contact sensors for doors/windows
  - notification system to your cellphoneadditional features can be purchased as needed

# DIY HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS

- Drawbacks of DIY Home Security Systems:
  - Require some basic installation skills
  - Most don't have the added security of professional outside monitors to contact authorities
  - Most systems depend on home wireless network-might not work during power failure without battery backup
  - Basic package may not have a sufficient number of sensors without purchasing extras

# **DIY COMPANIES**

- iSmartAlarm.com: Very basic inexpensive system (cost ~\$200 plus options)
- Piper Pro (Getpiper.com): flexibility and greater coverage (cost ~\$389 plus options)
- Iris by Lowes (IrisByLowes.com): Best for larger house and has optional home automation for lights, thermostat, water heater, etc. (cost ~\$59 for hub, \$99 for basic package, plus additional cost for extras)

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### **DIY COMPANIES**

• SimpliSafe.com: If you don't want to monitor the system yourself but want low monitoring costs-hybrid DIY/professional offering with no contract (cost ~\$259 for basic equipment plus a \$15-25/month fee

• There are other DIY security companies that can be found on the internet

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE https://www.ncjrs.gov/works/who ledoc.htm

- Hardening of target (house) doors, locks, and window enhancements
- o~ 60% Reduction in Burglaries

### RECOMMENDATIONS

•Buy and install a security system with monitoring component

**•TURN IT ON!** 

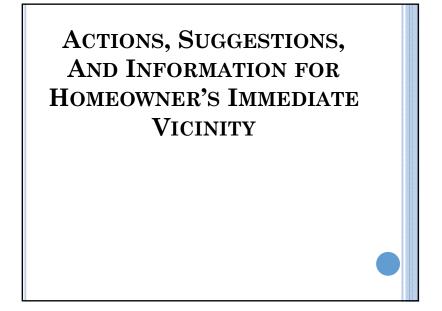


•Buy and install high quality key deadbolt locks for door



### RECOMMENDATIONS

• Home owners in good standing will receive a \$50.00 credit toward their HOA that currently have security system or have documentation of installation of a security system in 2016



### **RECOMMENDATIONS HOW TO DETER BURGLARS**

- •Get to know all your immediate neighbors
- Report suspicious activity in your immediate vicinity
- Pick-up your neighbors newspaper if you suspect they may be out of town
- Report street light outages to the city and HOA

ACTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, AND INFORMATION FOR CHERRY BLOSSOM NEIGHBORHOOD



oRandom Patrols

 Volunteers Organized Neighborhood Watch

• Request Additional Patrols by Georgetown Police

# SURVEILLANCE CAMERA STUDIES

- Performed in urban cities
- Large # of camera installed in high risk neighborhoods
- Expensive (millions)
- Actively monitored
- Equivocal results
  - Some neighborhoods benefited other not • Urban Institute
    - http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/pu blication-pdfs/412401-Evaluating-the-Use-of-Public-Surveillance-Cameras-for-Crime-Controland-Prevention-A-Summary.PDF

