



## Southwest Precinct Public Safety Newsletter

August 9, 2007

Dear Community Friends,



### **Picnic at the Southwest Precinct is August 18, 2007 from 1-4 pm!**

All Southwest Precinct community members are invited to 2300 SW Webster St. to enjoy a day of dancing, music, food, magic, balloons and raffles! Meet your local officers, SWAT and other specialty units and get a chance to take a precinct tour!

### **Remembering "Night Out", A Big Success**

There was an increase this year in the number of Block Watch Night Out events over last year. It was a great opportunity for neighbors to meet new neighbors and long time neighbors to share stories with everyone.



Please send us digital photos of your event, along with permission to use them. Please send to [benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov](mailto:benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov) along with caption information if available. They may be used online or in a variety of publications.

### **Double Duty for Auto Alarm System**

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will go set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. It is a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist will not stick around, because after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminals do not want that to happen.

And, remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way anywhere. This is something that

should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual crime.

### **Burglaries**

**Most Burglaries occur during daytime** and a second burglary often takes place in the next few days or weeks within one block of the previous burglary.

### **Immediately report anything suspicious**

**person to 911**, such as would be prowlers in a neighbor's yard, loitering, going door-to-door, the sound of breaking glass, or any appearance of a suspected break-in.

### **Ideas To Prevent Burglary**

- q Make sure your trusted neighbors watch your home in your absence.
- q Keep your doors and windows locked at all times.
- q Do not open your door to strangers, no matter what they say.
- q Each and every time that you go out lock, all windows and doors. Don't just pull them shut - *lock them*.
- q Do this even if you are leaving your home only for a few minutes to talk with a close neighbor. It does not take a burglar long to go in and out of your home.
- q Do this also if you are working in your garden. While you are engrossed in pulling up weeds at the rear of your house, you do not want a thief entering by a carelessly left open door at the front.
- q Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- q Neighbors please check the welfare of the seniors on your block and review these safety precautions with them.
- q Tips to make your home look and sound occupied: use timers on inside lamps, use motion sensors or keep front and back porch lights on all night and place a radio near door/window tuned to a talk show.

### **Police Blotter, Megan Sheppard, West Seattle Herald**

<http://www.westseattleherald.com/news/police%20blotter/>

This web page is update every week on Wednesday.

### **Seattle Police Department main web page**

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/>

### **Southwest Precinct Web-page**

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/Precincts/Southwest/default.htm>

### **Seattle Police Crime Statistics**

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/police/crime/stats/pur170/200612y.htm>

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