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CRIME WATCH

Leaving town? Please make sure your Block Captain or close neighbor is alerted with dates and phone numbers. This affords extra eyes and ears to help protect your property while you're gone. Stop newspaper and have someone pick up your mail daily if you do not have the post office hold it while you are away.

Recent article in the Indianapolis Star (2/24/10) advises caution about posting information on the internet about your upcoming trips. It mentions a new website (PleaseRobMe.com) which picks up information from social networks and compiles a list of recent empty homes. This could alert the bad guys about your plans. OOPs!

REVISED RESIDENT MANUAL

Only half of the 128 revised Resident Manuals have been distributed to date. In order to distribute the other half please call Jack or Jan Morehead (826-0017) to arrange either a pick up (bldg 17—11312 WW Ct.) or delivery to you. You will be asked to sign for your copy to ensure you receive one. Renters should also have a

copy for reference (JM)

SNOW REMOVAL

The last several snow removals have elicited a need to change the provider. As such, Riedling Services, located at 9802 E 56th St. this side of bridge near Lee Road) have been hired as the new provider. Most past complaints should be alleviated. Salting, as necessary will also be included. Residents may also hire Riedling for any additional needs beyond what the Association pays for, (at your expense). Their number is 895-8568. If a problem occurs please call Jeff Reynolds (our Property Manager) at 915-0407. Do not call Board members. They are not in a position to respond since some work and some may be on vacation in Florida or elsewhere. (JM)

LIGHTS, LIGHTS, LIGHTS

It should be not mystery when your pole light is not functioning properly. Please reveal it to Bob Bergdoll. He or his buddies can assist in most cases. Call 826-8812

PHONE DIRECTION CORRECTION

Richard Edwards—E-mail: rlekhe@att.net

Karolyn Edwards—E-mail rheog@att.net

NEW DIRECTORY BEING COMPILED

We're seeking current information in order to get started on a new phone directory and your cooperation is a vital part of this project. Additions, corrections or deletions which have not been published in the Villa Voice, should be sent to:

Mary Ann Kaplan 723-3954
maryann.kaplan@gmail.com

Jean Bergdoll 826-8812
bergdoll2@sbcglobal.net

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Kudos to good neighbor Barbara Lucas. During one of our latest snowstorms, the driveway of the Tichenors' was not plowed due to a car parked in the drive next to them and the restrictions of our old contractor. Much needed medicine became a problem until Barbara took

the initiative, and being a good neighbor made the trip to pick-up the medicines required. It's neighbors like this that make the Villas a great place to live. Thanks Barbara.

CONDOLENCES

The entire Villas community wish to express our sincere condolences to Ed Moss on the loss of his sister. Doris Biessel of New Rochelle Park New Jersey.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

COFFEE CHAT

Will be held on the 6th in the clubhouse at 9:00 A.M. Our hosts will be the Polins', Jeff & Betty.

MARCH DINNER

Our monthly dinner will be on the 20th, hosted by the Polins' with the main entrée being corn beef and possibly some pastrami. Please call 823-3135 for your reservation and choose which dish you will bring.

CARD GAMES

Card games will be held in the clubhouse on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. From 1:00 till 5:00 P.M.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Will be at 7:30 AM on the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th at Bob Evans Restaurant on Pendleton Pike

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

On the WEB—
www.CityofLawrence.org

Mayors Office—545-6191

City Clerk—549-8670

Lawrence Utilities— 542-0511

Crime Watch—549-9580

CRIME WATCH TIPS

The following information was taken from the City of Lawrence publication "Operation Identification, a citizens burglary prevention program is for use in homes and businesses. It involves the marking of property with identifying numbers as a means of discouraging burglary and theft."

The operation ID Program has two parts:

Mark your valuables with your Driver's License Number so that your property can easily be traced and identified as yours.

Display a sticker, which tells would be burglars that your property has been marked. (Contact L.P.D.)

What makes the operation effective?

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or re-sell. It can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. If a burglar is caught with marked property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

How to Participate

The best tool to use to mark your valuables is an engraver, which can be purchased at any hardware store. When marking your valuables, always use your drivers license number, never your social security number. After marking your property make a list of your valuables and keep a copy of the

list in a safe place. Of course some items cannot be marked and we suggest a photograph or video of these items. This will be of great help to the police department in our attempts to recover the stolen property

Once property has been marked and a list made, display an Operation Identification sticker on doors and windows, which might be used for entry. By advertising your participation in "Operation ID" in this way, you are announcing that your valuable property has been marked and will be difficult for a burglar to resell. Often the presence of a sticker alone is enough to deter a burglar.

For additional information contact:

Sgt Tom Ashcraft
Lawrence Police Crime Watch
317-549-9580
tashcraft@cityoflawrence.org

MARCH—supposedly is "in like a lion, out like a lamb". We can only hope!

