



Village Voice

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It's been a busy quarter for the Board members – what with the coming of summer, pool schedules, grass/tree maintenance and notwithstanding the inordinate amount of donated personal time, they have assembled this “special” issue of the Village Voice to make you aware of these problem areas, discussed below, involving you, your possessions, and your safety. They believe that your being informed is half the battle!

On The Street

Car break-ins have continued. We had hoped that the announcement of the thefts in the last issue would have alerted you to be vigilant, and in that same vein, kept your car locked. To our frustration, we continue to receive reports of cars being broken into, mostly on Fridays or Saturdays. The smartest way to deter such activity is to lock the car and keep valuables (GPS system, digital radio, smart phones, etc.) out of sight. Keeping front porch lights on overnight may also help. Just as important, if you are a victim of a break-in, you need to immediately call Orange PD (714-744-7444) and get a report on file. In these times of cut back services, such reports provide the justification the police require to increase patrol of our village. Hopefully you will act on this reminder – as the number of incidences being reported is on the rise. Don't be a victim – lock up!

Strangers at The Pool

Unauthorized use of the pool by non-residents is also on the rise. We can understand the lure of the refreshing look of a new pool and spa. For example, last week, 3 teenage boys jumped the fence and were in the spa in their underwear. This was an easy call, but knowing who belongs and who does not could be a lot more difficult to manage, so the Board is asking for your help. The Board is asking that you be forewarned and not be offended if your guest(s) (unknown to the Board or its representatives) is questioned as to what home owner he/she is associated with. The aim of the questioning is not to accuse them of wrongdoing but only trying to establish ownership and thus preserve the unique opportunity offered only to our residents and their guests. Our pool rules require that all guests of a homeowner be accompanied by some one from the homeowner's family over the age of 14. Said another way – all pool guests must be accompanied by an adult member of the resident's family! This may simplify the identification and dismissal of non-guests.

Oh Rats!

Furry critters, about 6 inches long with a tail almost as long, have been spotted throughout the Village. They travel along wooden fences, usually a little after sundown. Pet owners must be aware that pet food and animal droppings serve as rat food and their control is rat control. No food no rats! Not sure how bad the infestation is but the Board will continue to be sensitive to all reports -- short of having the Pied Piper in.