

SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

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HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

- The Neighborhood Crime Watch Program is designed to reduce burglaries and criminal activity in neighborhoods, through citizen involvement. This can be accomplished by citizens being observant and reporting suspicious activity to the Garland Police Department.
- What may seem normal to a passing police officer, two men loading household items into a car or truck, but you don't recognize the vehicle or persons and therefore can request the police investigate.
- Your Neighborhood Watch Team will provide updates to the HOA community thru newsletters and HOA meetings about the security and safety of our community. A copy of the Neighborhood Watch policies bulletin is posted in our website [To be arranged by our board]

WHO TO CALL

When reporting any suspicious person, vehicle, activity, crime in progress or emergency, call 911. When reporting anything to the Police or Fire Department:

1. Call immediately.
2. Be prepared to listen for and answer any questions asked by the emergency operator.
3. Tell the operator what is happening in a concise, brief manner. If available have a description of the person or vehicle (including license plate number) ready to give the operator.
4. Tell the operator your name, address and phone number. Advise the operator at the time you call if you wish to be contacted by the officers responding to the call. Some type of calls do require officers to obtain further information to take enforcement action.

If you need to report a non-emergency, such as an abandoned vehicle or have a question, please call 972-485-4840.

Remember, your participation in crime prevention will make our neighborhood and Garland a safer place to live.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GOALS

- To reduce incidents of crime and potential crime in our neighborhood.
- To increase citizen awareness and reports of crime in our neighborhood.
- Increase citizen involvement and become additional eyes for the police department.
- To become better informed citizens who are knowledgeable about the laws of Texas and ordinances of the City of Garland.

SHOAL CREEK RESIDENTS ROLES

- Keep your home locked at all times
- Ensure that your front entrance lights are turned on from sunset to sunrise so that our neighborhood is well lit during nighttime; Emphasize a dark neighborhood is potential place for unwanted persons who do not belong to our HOA.
- Use and improve your home's security. Activate alarm system regardless of the amount of time you may be away from home.
- Keep an inventory of your possessions, including serial numbers.
- Share phone numbers of neighbors on each side and behind your home.
- Consider sharing your home, cell and work phone numbers with your block captain, if you're going to be out of town.
- Consider notifying your neighbors and the block captain when your having work done on your home (inside or outside).

SHOAL CREEK RESIDENTS ROLES

- Keep a lookout for unfamiliar vehicles and report their description and license number to the police and block captain.
- Report suspicious activity to the police and be prepared to give a detailed description of persons, vehicles and activity occurring.
- Consider notifying block captain and police department when you're on vacation.
- Always make sure your home looks occupied with indoor lights and arrange for someone to retrieve newspapers and door hangers when you are gone.
- If you are reporting an incident to the police about our community, please ensure that you inform the Neighborhood Watch team.

HOMEOWNER BENEFITS

- Improved partnerships with Garland Police Department and our Shoal Creek neighbors
- Reduction in crime, safer neighborhood and city
- A better prepared and more unified neighborhood
- Improved and more consistent communications among our neighborhood

CRIME REPORTS

- Monthly crime data and statistics may be reviewed on the Garland Police website.
 - garlandpolice.com