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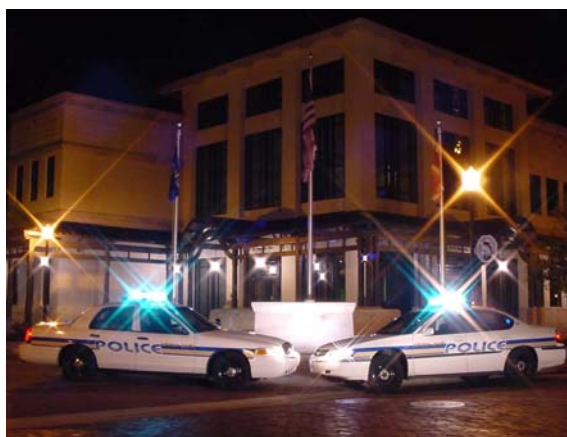
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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Protecting your neighborhood is a top priority with us. You are an important part of Winter Park and deserve the best in security and protection. The Police Department is very grateful for your help and involvement in protecting each other. As a way of honoring you, the Police Department is inviting you to join us for a very special evening. National Night Out is just around the corner.

NNO is designed to heighten crime prevention and drug awareness efforts, and also strengthen neighborhood spirit and the neighborhood's partnership with the Police Department. This event also sends a mes-

sage to criminals that, as neighbors we are fighting back and want to make our community an even safer place. Everyone who lives in a Neighborhood Watch area in Winter Park is asked to lock their doors and spend an evening with neighbors and the police at the Police Department. The usual night set for NNO is always a Tuesday evening. This year is no exception. The official date is Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and this year we are planning to



do something different.

**The Police Department is hosting an Open House for neighbors. Doors will open at 6:30pm. We will have a short presentation at 7:30 with Chief Ball and special guests.** Crime prevention will be the focus of the program in keeping with the National Night Out theme. Numerous displays will be set up and officers available to educate every-

## UP IN THE SKY, IT'S A BIRD, NO IT'S A HELICOPTER

Frequently we get phone calls from neighbors about helicopters flying around various neighborhoods late at night. Many of these calls are from people wanting to know if their neighborhood is safe while others want to

know if they should go outside or if they can help us catch someone. When a police call warrants the use of a helicopter, Winter Park uses either the services of the Orange County Sheriff's Office or the Seminole

County Sheriff's Office. During these types of calls, officers in the area are concentrating their efforts on locating a suspect, usually for a felony crime. Please do not call the communications center just to request

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Come have food and fun with us!

Tuesday, August 01, 2006  
6:30pm

Have you ever wondered:

How a detective investigates a burglary?

What happens when I call 9-1-1?

How can I protect my family and feel safer in my own home?

Find out the answers to these and all of your other questions at the Open House while sharing some light refreshments with us.

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one on the most current crime prevention techniques & applications. Take your time at your own pace and enjoy not only the great summer weather, but the company of your neighbors. We want to say Thank You for being the extraordinary people who make up Neighborhood Watch. We would love to see you and enjoy getting to know more of you. The message we want to

spread is neighbors looking out after neighbors and being the eyes and ears of the police. Sir Robert Peel, considered to be the father of modern policing, once said "The police are the public & the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence." We can't do it without you and appreciate your involvement.

Please accept my personal invitation to attend our Neighborhood Watch Open House Tuesday, August 1st from 6:30-9pm. We'll be serving light refreshments and beverages too.

Doug Ball,  
Chief of Police



This is just a reminder that the year is almost half over and some of you have not had an annual meeting with the police department. Should your Neighborhood Watch area be one of those groups please call us soon to set up a meeting. Officer Steve McDaniel can be reached at 407.599.3455 or [smcdaniel@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:smcdaniel@cityofwinterpark.org)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

## IN THE SKY, IT'S BIRD, NO A HELICOPTER

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information about what is occurring unless you have information that might be pertinent to the apprehension of the suspect. (i.e. hear or see someone running through your yard).

As you probably remember the Police Department has the CodeRed emergency

system. If a situation arose that we needed to contact the neighborhood, we would do so using that system. Our goal is to keep you safe and apprehend the suspect(s) of a crime as quickly as possible.



There are times when helicopters are used by law enforcement agencies that border Winter Park. Oftentimes for the helicopter to be effective the pilot must be able to observe a wide area. Even though it may be directly over your house, the pilot may actually be working another area nearby but outside the city limits. The Winter Park Police Department may, or may not, be involved. If we are not involved then we would not have any information to pass on to you.



# VACATION CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

The Winter Park Police Department strives to bring current information regarding prevention topics to our residents. Please use these prevention tips to promote safety while you are on vacation.

## House Numbers

House numbers on your homes are important. They can save police officers and fire fighters valuable time. Numbers should be color that stands out against your house and be easily seen from the street. Four (4) inches is the minimum height.



## Landscaping

**Trees and shrubbery:** Should be trimmed 6-inches below windows and at least 3-feet away from doors. Shrubby such as rose bushes or other thorny varieties serve as a good deterrent to people looking in windows.

**Landscape rock:** Large landscape rock (golf ball size or larger) can be used to damage your property. Small landscape rock (smaller than golf ball size) is both decorative and, if someone walks on them, they will be easily heard.

## Lighting and radios

**Dusk to dawn lighting** is a strong deterrent against criminal activity, and it constantly lights up your entry doors and possible obstacles that would otherwise be unseen. Motion detector lights can also be used.

**Motion detector lights** are very effective in deterring crime. They light up an area where the motion sensor is positioned whenever someone enters the field of view.

**Landscape lighting** is low voltage lighting that can highlight your property line, light up your sidewalk and also light up the exterior of your win-

dows – making your home a less attractive target to night time burglars.

**Interior lighting** using light timers makes a home look occupied. Good lights to leave on are bedroom and/or bathroom lights.

**Radios and televisions** are also good items to have on timers. If a radio playing a talk station is heard from the outside of a home, it gives the appearance that a conversation is being carried on and someone is home. The perception of someone being home greatly reduces the possibility of a burglary.

## House Check Program:

*This is a very popular option for our residents and we encourage you to take advantage of this.*

If you are out of town more than a few days the Police Department will stop by your home (work load permitting) and check the exterior of it to ensure it is secure. If any problems are found, your emergency contact will be notified. This service is free. Contact the Police Communications Center at (407) 644-1313 to set it up.

## Locks

**Deadbolt locks:** The deadbolt lock has a bolt that must be activated by a key or thumb turn. It offers good security because it is not spring activated and cannot be opened with a credit card.



## Window Locks

**Auxiliary locks:** Pin your windows or add an auxiliary lock to your double hung windows. This type of mechanism will allow you to secure your window when you open it (5-inches or less) for ventilation. Newer windows have higher quality locks while older double hung windows are easily jimmied or pried open. Double hung windows can be secured by taking these simple, inexpensive precautions:

- Drill a hole at a downward angle through the first sash and into but not through the second sash. Then pin window by driving a nail into the hole. Pinning braces the window against prying. More holes can be drilled to pin the window open for ventilation.

- Keyed locks offering effective protection are available for windows. These inexpensive, easy to install locks should replace thumb turn locks that offer little security. If you decide to install window locks you should master key all of them and show children how to use them. Do not use keyed locks on windows in sleeping areas.

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## **Quick Phone List of Government Departments**

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<i>City Planner</i>	407.599.3217
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<i>Permits &amp; Licenses</i>	407.599.3237
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We're on the web!

[www.wppd.org](http://www.wppd.org)

Find out what crime is doing in your area. Log onto the web for residential crime statistics

## MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS

Please help us welcome Officer Shuvon Franklin who was sworn in on June 20, 2005. Officer Franklin comes to us from the Sanford Police Department where she served as a full time officer for three years receiving numerous law enforcement training certificates. Shuvon decided after extensive research, to join the ranks of the Winter Park Police Department because of the great pride and immense support the residents have for this city. She is impressed with the cultural diversity of the community, its unique atmosphere and environment and its focus on the family through all the parks and organized activities. She felt our agency would allow her to be proactive in solving crimes and issues that conflict with the betterment of the community.

Officer Franklin is interested in pursuing a position with our vice unit and ultimately would like to be assigned to the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation or D.E.A. Taskforce. She feels as if she just embarked on her career and is ready for the challenges.

Shuvon enjoys exercising and staying fit, bike riding and spending time with her family when she is not on duty. In addition, Shuvon is dedicated to being a role model and reaching out to the youth she makes contact with everyday. She volunteers at a local community center and has publicly spoken at local churches and community centers to further that goal.

If you see Shuvon out there, please stop her and say hello.

