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Subject: Auto Burglaries - River Oaks

Neighbors in River Oaks have recently been victimized in a series of auto burglaries (3 separate nights). I have been in communication with Diane Cibrian's office, as well as with Officer Middleton. We are going to have a neighborhood meeting 11/18, and one of the Safety (?) officers is going to attend. I would like to make a recommendation, however. We have recently learned that prior to the River Oaks neighborhood getting "hit," Well Springs, Summit and at least one individual on Tioga also had auto burglaries. Yet no one in our neighborhood was aware of the trouble. Recommendation: Automated phone calls to members of the community alerting them to events such as auto or home break-ins, so these individuals can then alert their neighbors. This worked very well when I lived in "hurricane country" and was used for evacuations. It is also a very cost effective means of more people being on alert.

I also have a question relative to these burglaries. I understand that officers will not be coming to the scene - all the thieves were also made aware of their "free pass" when Chief McManus made his announcement on TV. My question is, is someone in the department (as they happen) identifying these instances by neighborhood so they know it is ongoing and not a single instance when it is called in or emailed?

For the Vance Jackson Neighborhood Association: why are these occurrences, and other neighborhood incidents, not reported in the newsletter? This would be a great service to local residents. (a la "Police Blotter")

Thank you,

Susan Bailey

Comment by Ted Trakas:

A 'Police Blotter' column would be an excellent addition to our newsletter, but I need someone to volunteer to write it.