Crime Prevention Bulletin
FROM THE SANTA CLARA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Protect your vehicle, home and valuables with the following crime prevention tips.

Vehicle Break-Ins
◊ ALWAYS lock your vehicle - An unlocked vehicle is an open invitation to a thief.
◊ NEVER leave valuables inside your vehicle or TRUNK - If they can see it, they can steal it! Don’t be an easy target. Remove cell phones, laptops, GPS devices, iPods, etc.
◊ Use anti-theft devices - Alarms and steering wheel locks
◊ Park in visible, well-lit areas—Avoid parking in secluded and dark areas.
◊ Immediately report any suspicious activity or persons in the area.
◊ If you are a victim of a vehicle break-in, a police report can be filed online at scpd.org.

Home Break-Ins
◊ ALWAYS lock your home - Have a dead bolt and use it! Lock all doors and windows in front of your home and behind fenced areas.
◊ Daytime occurrence - Thieves know most people work during the day, so most break ins are occurring during day time hours.
◊ Be Alert - Don’t dismiss suspicious persons, vehicles or situations. Report them immediately! Look out for your neighbors. Get to know your neighbors.
◊ Use anti-theft devices - Alarms, dogs, lighting and defensible plants.

Mission City Scenes
National Night Out
America’s Night Out Against Crime
Plan an event in your neighborhood
Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Every August, neighbors throughout America come out of their homes to attend neighborhood events designed to increase awareness of crime prevention programs and strengthen positive police and community partnerships. As always, all neighborhoods in Santa Clara are invited to participate. Neighborhoods that register by July 26th to officially be part of National Night Out can schedule a visit from a representative of the Police or Fire Departments. Neighborhood events can vary with some of the most popular being potlucks, barbecues, ice cream socials, children’s activities and theme parties. Some neighborhoods organize block parties with street closures and amplified music. Street closures require a petition signed by all affected neighbors to be submitted to the City’s Business License Department, 1500 Warburton Ave., at
City Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, August 13, 2016

The second 2016 City-Wide Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, August 13th. Residents throughout the city are encouraged to hold garage sales on this date. Online registration of garage sales (individual, multi-family or block) will be accepted beginning, July 18th through 12 p.m. on Friday, August 12th. A City-Wide Garage Sale map will be available online showing participating households and the items being sold. A list of the addresses will also be posted online by 6 p.m. on Friday, August 12th. For information on registration, rules for sign placement, and great tips on how to have a successful garage sale, visit santaclaraca.gov/GarageSale, or contact us at environment@santaclaraca.gov or (408) 615-3080.

Dog Gone!

Help keep your pets SAFE!

Have you recently become the proud owner of a puppy or new adult dog? Many pet owners know that opened gates are invitations for runaway and sometimes lost pets. Please help the City of Santa Clara Meter Readers and keep your pets safe! Call the City’s Finance Department Customer Service number at 408-615-2300 or send an email to UtilityBilling@santaclaraca.gov so your account is updated to alert the Meter Reader of your new dog.

Sister Cities Annual BBQ

Come enjoy this annual Santa Clara Sister Cities fundraising event which includes 1/4 BBQ chicken, Gerri Gamma’s famous Portuguese-style baked beans, fresh salad and Elise DeYoung’s delicious garlic bread along with dessert and beverages. $11 for adults/$7 for children under 12/$6 for the young at heart over 65!

Street Dance

Franklin Square, at Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street
Friday, August 5, from 7-9:30 p.m.

This year the free Franklin Square Street Dance will feature the funk, soul, disco and Latin dance music of The Hitmen. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the event, or start the evening by making reservations for an early dinner at a Franklin Square restaurant. Don’t miss this enjoyable event, sponsored by the City’s Cultural Commission. For more information, call 408-615-2210.

Graffiti Watch

Graffiti can trigger a decline in property values and is seen as a factor in the overall deterioration in a community’s quality of life. Graffiti taggers consider themselves to be artists, but graffiti is not an art form. It is the deliberate defacing of public or private property without the owner’s permission. Rapid and continual removal is one of the best ways to discourage “tagging.” It denies graffiti vandals the recognition they seek and results in the area remaining graffiti-free for a longer period. The City of Santa Clara offers a $250 reward for information that leads to an arrest of graffiti vandals. To report graffiti vandalism, call the City’s Dial-A-Tip/Graffiti Hotline at (408) 241-9495. For more information on graffiti removal from private property, call the Public Works Department at (408) 615-3080.

Health & Wellness On the Go

Blood Pressure Clinic

Northside Library, 695 Moreland Way
First Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Know your “numbers” and meet the nurses from Santa Clara Senior Center’s Health & Wellness Program. For over 35 years, our RN Care Managers have been helping Santa Clara’s adults age 50+ live healthier, more independent lives by providing health coaching, screenings, referrals to community resources, and care management services. We’re at our table in front of the Northside Library on the first Tuesday of each month for free blood pressure checks and information, including Senior Center activities and services. Please stop by – we’d love to meet you!

Ice Cream Social

Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
Wednesday, August 31, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us on the Senior Center Patio for the Ice Cream Social. While enjoying a relaxing time with friends, take some time to meet the Senior Center staff, staff members from other City departments and other community partners. You can learn about the wide variety of programs and services available to City of Santa Clara residents ages 50+ and individuals with special needs. Price for ice cream is $1 for Santa Clara seniors, $2 for family members or seniors who live in other cities. Call the Santa Clara Senior Center at 408-615-3170 for more information.