



The Cygnet

Crime Alert

By The Crime Watch & Safety Committee

Chief Elliston, Dallas Police Department North Central Division, issued this crime alert to provide updated information and remind everyone what residents can do to help prevent burglaries in their area. The Lake Forest Crime Watch & Safety Committee urges all residents to remain vigilant and to not hesitate to call the police.



THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SUGGESTING ALL HOMEOWNERS IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

SINCE MARCH 8, 2007, THERE HAVE BEEN 71 BURGLARY OFFENSES COMMITTED IN THE PRESTON/FORREST AREA SOUTH OF LBJ FREEWAY. THESE OFFENSES APPEAR TO BE RELATED BY THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- **TIME OF DAY** – MOST OF THESE OFFENSES HAVE OCCURRED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 12 AM. SOME HAVE OCCURRED WHILE THE HOMEOWNER IS HOME.
- **POINT OF ENTRY** – REAR OF RESIDENCE, USUALLY UNLOCKED DOORS AND WINDOWS. HAS ALSO SMASHED WINDOWS.
- **ITEMS TAKEN** – MAINLY JEWELRY FROM THE MASTER BEDROOM. THE SUSPECT HAS OFTEN BARRICADED THE BEDROOM DOOR WHILE INSIDE TO PREVENT BEING CAUGHT BY THE HOMEOWNER.

- IF YOUR HOME IS EQUIPPED WITH A SECURITY SYSTEM, KEEP IT ACTIVATED EVEN WHEN YOU ARE HOME.
- KEEP ALL OUTSIDE DOORS, WINDOWS AND GARAGE DOORS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.
- INSTALL ADEQUATE OUTDOOR LIGHTING IN THE REAR AND SIDES OF YOUR HOMES.
- TRIM/REMOVE EXCESSIVE FOLIAGE FROM THE REAR AND SIDES OF HOMES, INCLUDING ALLEYWAYS.
- CLOSE BLINDS WHEN NOT AT HOME AND DO NOT LEAVE PURSES AND VALUABLE ITEMS IN VIEW FROM OUTSIDE WINDOWS.
- TURN ON INSIDE LIGHTS, ESPECIALLY IN BEDROOMS TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE SOMEONE IS HOME.

CITIZENS ARE URGED TO CALL 911 TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS INCLUDING VEHICLES AND PERSONS THAT LOOK OUT OF PLACE.



The Lake Forest Annual Meeting will be held on November 8, 2007, at Hillcrest Church. Information will be mailed to you shortly.