

Tahoe Tyrol President's Newsletter - 2008 - #5

This is the 5th newsletter of 2008, focused on a discussion of the recent break-ins and burglaries in the neighborhood. We encourage you to contact us via e-mail or by telephone if you have comments, questions, concerns and/or recommendations!

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Home Break-ins: On Tuesday, 11/18/08, Board members Richard Evon and Tim Halloran met with Capt. Martin Hewlett of the South Lake Tahoe Police Department to review the home break-in situation in Tahoe Tyrol. As many of you know, home break-ins are continuing in our neighborhood and the perpetrator(s) seems to be getting bolder, with one of the most recent break-in occurring while someone was at home. We have had 7 break-ins since the summer months, with 4 occurring in October and early November – the most recent of which was today!. These break-ins generally occur via forced entry by way of broken glass windows and sliding doors, or kicked in front entry wood doors. They seem to occur at various times of the day and night. Capt. Hewlett explained to us that the South Lake Tahoe Police have increased patrols of our neighborhood, assigned someone to track and investigate these break-ins to identify patterns and possible suspects and increased awareness of the problem with the officers on patrol. Capt. Hewlett also reiterated the importance of the steps we, as homeowners, can take to protect our homes and assist the police in identifying and catching the people involved. Some suggestions include:

- Secure your entry doors with dead bolts & strong attachment hardware which secures more than the relatively thin door frame wood.
- Be sure to use a pole of some sort to prevent sliding doors from being forced open.
- Consider installing security designed storm doors which must be opened out, making it much more difficult to kick the entry door in.
- Make your home look occupied by using light timers and radios on timers.
- Use motion detector lights on the outside of your home to light up areas where prowlers may hide or attempt to break in.
- Consider installing a monitored alarm system. Be aware that false alarms to the police department can result in fees.
- Store ladders and stepladders inside your home so as not to provide ways for burglars to access decks and windows.
- Be vigilant and observant of anything or anyone that looks out of place or unusual.
- Report your observation of something which may be a crime in progress to the police. Dial 9-1-1.
- Report anything or anyone that appears suspicious to the police. Dial (530) 542-6100. Identify yourself as from Tahoe Tyrol.
- When in doubt call 9-1-1 and explain what you are seeing. They will direct the call accordingly.
- Report anything even remotely suspicious or unusual to the police. We are their best source of information and leads.
- Do not try to apprehend anyone suspicious yourself. Call the police. Stay safe. Do not force a confrontation with anyone.
- Share these notes and thoughts with your property management folks and/or renters. Make them aware also.

Our police department is actively investigating and working these break-ins affecting our neighborhood. They are taking the situation seriously. As we learn more from them, we will communicate any developments to you.

Important Dates to Remember—Mark your calendars NOW! Also check <http://www.tahoetyrol.org> for updates.

Function	Date	Time	Location
Board of Directors Meetings	Saturday February 7, 2009 Saturday May 2, 2009 Saturday August 1, 2009 Friday October 2, 2009	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Tahoe Tyrol Clubhouse
Open Forum	Friday, October 2, 2009	6:00 PM	Tahoe Tyrol Clubhouse
Annual Homeowners meeting	Saturday, October 3, 2009	9:30 a.m. Registration/Brunch 10:00 a.m. General meeting	Tahoe Tyrol Clubhouse
Tahoe Tyrol BBQ	Saturday, October 3, 2009	1:30 p.m.	Pool/BBQ area