

# FOREST Hills

Newsletter

## Forest Hills Residents Support Local Businesses

**A**re you packing up and going on vacation? Before you shut the door and leave your troubles behind, make sure your home doesn't look abandoned and available for burglary. With losses from burglaries averaging \$1,326 in Oregon, you should take precautions to protect your home, family and valuables. These basic mistakes are easy for a burglar to spot, but also easy for you to correct.

### Unlocked Doors & Windows

In 50% of burglaries, the thief gets in without picking, prying or breaking anything. And, most burglaries occur during the day. So lock up, even if you're running a quick errand!

### Insecure Strike Plates

Every exterior door should have a good deadbolt. However, a deadbolt is only as secure as its strike plate. Consider buying a maximum security strike plate. That way, the screws on the plate won't pull out with a few swift kicks to the door.

### Relying on Door Chains

Door chains can be yanked out with one good shove. Install a peephole so you don't have to

open the door.

### Poor Outdoor Lighting

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### Poor Indoor Lighting

For long vacations, you can plug timers into electrical outlets to automatically turn lights and radios on and off throughout the house, simulating your normal activity.

### Alarmed Homes Without Signage

Most burglars won't test a home that has an "MTC Security" sign in the yard. (Note: Many bur-

glars know which signs are false. If you have an MTC security system, make sure you use it and advertise it.)

### Hidden Doors and Windows

Burglars don't want an audience, so they like doors or windows that can't be seen from the street or from neighboring houses. Keep this in mind as you plan your landscaping and fence projects. You may want to trim existing trees or bushes that could provide cover for burglars. New homes can landscape with prickly bushes.

You can find inexpensive locks that have a pin to slide through the frames. Or, slide a nail (at an angle for better strength)

## President's Message

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and window contacts, a control panel, an outside siren and local 24-hour monitoring by a reputable security company.

### Sensors/Detectors

Every alarm system includes sensors that detect intruders

### System Options

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substantial protection, a complete alarm system installed by a security company is linked via phone lines to a monitoring station, which alerts police if the alarm is tripped.

A high quality system will to include internal sensors, door

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## Event Calendar

The following events are coming up in August:

- **Forest Hills Assoc. General Meeting**  
7:30 pm Alex Sanger Auditorium
- **Spillway Design Meeting w/ Mayor**  
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