

## **Neighborhood Watch Newsletter**

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## We are Neighbors Helping Neighbors

This newsletter contains information for the month of December 2023. The police reports have been reviewed daily and, as of December 24, in Solera there were no burglaries or thefts reported. Ya-hoo! That's good news. There was one assault report but we could not verify that it was not a fight. Remember, we track break-ins, burglaries, and thefts, not family disturbances. Be aware, there are numerous crimes in the neighborhoods around us, so continue to be vigilant and report suspicious activity to the police and your Block Captain.

## **Help Wanted:**

Ideas for future articles. What do you want to hear about?
Do you want these newsletters continued?
Block Captains are still needed for some streets.
Block Captains, please share these newsletters with your street.

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First Tuesday Reminder: the January 2 meeting will not be an in-person meeting. Instead, it will be virtual through the LVMPD page on Facebook at 5pm.

Recently, I asked for articles and suggestions for future newsletters. It worked, and since we are at the end of 2023, I will share several of these with you this month. Most were submitted in December. All comments touch on safety in one way or another. Our pets deserve that we try to make sure they are safe too! Names will not be used, just initials to protect privacy.

The items below were received from some of our residents in December 2023.

1. Here is one from M.R.:

"Please include an article on how important it is to contact Code Enforcement to report homeless groups, messy properties, and other things near by. Solera residents should call Code enforcement (702) 455-4191) when they see tents and encampments of homeless people around Las Vegas and outside of our community. It is important to prevent encroachment onto our private property. Our property values depend on it...and, the code people are nice, prompt people, and the caller can remain anonymous."

- 2. R wrote "we appreciate the newsletter/flyer and hope you can continue it.

  One concern our street on Equine has is the constant fireworks and gun shots going off during the night. This has been going on and off and on all year. In addition, fireworks start going off a few weeks before and after the 4th of July and then the same with New Years."

  Lynne is seeking information from LVMPD on behalf of Neighborhood Watch and will report back.
- 3. Another request by R was this: "REMINDER--KEEP CATS INSIDE! Also, do not leave any animal food outside because it attracts unwanted critters. We have coyotes and they attack our pets. Report stray animals. She suggested a sign in Solera stating Watch out for Coyotes."
- 4. Don't forget your property camera could help identify a criminal. Let the LVMPD know you have security cameras by signing up with them..
- 5. AO wrote—"I REALLY get what you are asking for. As we get older, there seems to be more negativity and a lack initiative--just let someone else do it. If so few of our residents show appreciation for the time-consuming work being done by our board and volunteers, it may

prompt some to stop volunteering their time.

For our community to thrive, we need willing volunteers who help in positive ways. AO went on to share the information about **Burglars** below.

In each of the upcoming months, we shall share a few

## "Things-Your Burglar Won't Tell You"

- 1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
- 2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
- 3. The two things I hate most are loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
- 4. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
- 5. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, when you're not home, I hit the jackpot and can walk right in.
- 6. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
- 7. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
- 8. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AT SOLERA ABOUT SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, NOT ALARM YOU