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## Thirteen 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.

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### JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day
- 1-4 CFISD Holiday
- 13 Maintenance Board Meeting
- 17 Martin Luther King (CFISD Holiday)
- 24 Seniors Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:30 pm

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 10 Maintenance Board Mtg.
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 President's Day
- 22 Washington's Birthday

### MARCH

- 10 Maintenance Board Mtg.
- 13 Day Light Savings (Spring ahead)
- 14-18 CFISD Spring Break
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6pm
- 22 Homeowner's Meeting @ Clubhouse 7pm

### OFFICE HOURS

*January 2011*  
**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday 5:00 – 7:00 PM**  
**Wednesdays 10:00 – 2:00 PM**

*The office will be closed on January 3, 2011.*

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### 13 Things You Burglar Won't Tell You - (Continued from Cover)

3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. 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..
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. 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.)

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10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television.

## 8 More Things a Burglar Won't Tell You

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: *Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs crimedocter.com; and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book Burglars on the Job.*

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### Our next meeting dates will be as follows:

Monday January 24, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Monday February 28, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

### Other Senior Happenings around Town:

Cy-Fair AARP Chapter #4543 meets the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am at Village on the Park located at 12102 Steepleway Blvd., Houston, Texas 77065.

We gather for coffee, rolls, and fellowship about 9:30 am. We take the precinct 4 bus for trips every month. We have a bus trip scheduled for January 20, 2011 and February 12, 2011. For more information on the AARP group please call Helen Sliepka @ 281 469-8351

## Happy January Birthdays:

*Amanda Hamm 26*  
*Maddi Abbondandolo 24*

*Happy Birthday!*

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE LEAVING:** \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM **DATE RETURNING:** \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

**VEHICLES:**

COLOR	YEAR	MAKE / MODEL	LICENSE #	DRIVEWAY / GARAGE
		/		/
		/		/
		/		/

**LIGHTS LEFT ON** YES / NO **TIMER ON LIGHTS** YES / NO

**IF YES, WHAT ROOM LOCATIONS:**

**ALARM:** YES / NO **PETS:** YES / NO **TYPE:**  
**WHERE:** INSIDE OUTSIDE GARAGE

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1. Dog owners/parents are responsible for picking up and disposing of all of their dogs waste and any hair caused from brushing or trimming your pet.
2. Dog Park hours are 5:00 a.m. to dusk.
3. All dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the park.
4. All dogs must have current rabies and all vaccinations as required by the Harris County Public Health Department and should be healthy and free of contagious diseases and parasites.
5. Dogs must wear current license tags in the Dog Park.
6. Dog owners/parents must carry a copy of the dog's rabies vaccination certificate while in the Dog Park.
7. Never leave dogs unattended.
8. Dogs must be in view of and within voice control of their owner/parent at all times.
9. Dog owners/parents must carry a leash with them at all times while in the Dog Park.

10. Dogs in **HEAT** are **prohibited**.
11. Dogs showing any signs of aggression must be leashed and immediately removed from the park.
12. Dogs under 4 months of age are **prohibited**.
13. All dogs must be under the control of an adult.
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