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Burglary Prevention Tips

### By Ofc. Jeffrey Binder

With summer approaching, there have been some burglaries of residences and vehicles reported in your area. The best prevention is for residents to be vigilant and follow some simple guidelines.

The most common time for residential burglaries is during the daytime hours when most people are at work. Be observant—If you see a suspicious person or vehicle in your neighborhood, call 911 immediately. Try to give a good description to the 911 operator. For a person: race\sex\height\weight\description of clothing. For a vehicle: color\make\model\license plate.

Another strong deterrent is when people get to know their neighbors. You should have the best knowledge of who doesn't live in your area, so build a good relationship with your neighbors and help keep an eye on strangers.

When it comes to vehicle burglaries, most often criminals will target a neighborhood, with multiple incidents in one night. With the sheer size of Austin, it is unlikely that an officer will be driving by and catch a burglar in the act. There are some easy steps you can take to lessen the likelihood of becoming a victim.

Always lock your vehicle, even when it is parked in your own

driveway. Oftentimes, car burglars will walk down the street trying car door handles. Many burglaries of vehicles involve no forced entry due to the doors being left unlocked by the owner. In addition, install motion-activated lights in your driveway—burglars prefer the cover of darkness.

Do not leave anything of perceived value in your vehicle in plain view (cell phones, tablets, laptops, iPods, GPS units, purses, wallets, or backpacks, even if empty). Either place items in the trunk, or make sure they are out of sight/covered, or take the items with you. If possible, have items already put away before arriving at your destination; auto burglars may be watching. This tip is especially important when going to the gym. Gyms are prime locations for auto burglaries due to people often leaving purses and wallets in their vehicle while they are working out. Also, leaving GPS dash mounts installed gives burglars a hint that there is possibly a GPS in the vehicle even if it is not in the mount. Finally, never leave your keys inside your vehicle, and never leave your vehicle running and unattended. Not only is it illegal under Texas law, but insurance companies could consider this owner-assisted auto theft if your vehicle is stolen.

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What paint colors can I use? What if I need a new roof? Can I have a chicken coop in my backyard? If you've tried to find answers on the Sendera HOA webpage, sometimes the jumble of information can be hard to navigate. Here is a handy list of file numbers to important Sendera documents on www.senderahoa.org. Or ask your question on Nextdoor and you should get a fast answer from someone on the HOA Board.

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#### CORRECTION

The article on swim lessons (April issue) stated incorrectly that residents must try to schedule lessons first with Safeguard Aquatics before scheduling private lessons. Residents must instead follow guidelines 2 through 5. https://www.peelinc.com/newsletter.php?newsletter=SN

### SENDERA RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWS MAY 2017

Submitted by Suzann Vera

#### Mark your Calendars- Sendera Events......

- June 10 Dive In Movie
- July 8 Dive In Movie
- August 12 Dive In Movie
- October 14 Fall Festival and Chili Cook Off
- TBD Fall Garage Sale
- October 27-29 Halloween Decorating Contest
- December 15-17 Christmas Decorating Contest

Event details can be found on:

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# In the Garden

by Pamela Kurburski



is heating up. Sunny areas are no fun when the temperature goes above eighty and the humidity begins to climb. Small wonder we gravitate to the shady side. But what to plant in the shadows that will grow well and give us some color? Is there anything that blooms in the dark?

Summer is upon us and the garden

There are night blooming plants like Moon flowers and Night Blooming Cereus, but there are many other plants that really blossom (pun intended) in full shade. If it's flowers you want look for Katie's Dwarf ruellia. They come in white, pink and purple and bloom

Yellow Columbine

spring to fall. Also good for color are Turk's Cap and Cedar sage (red), Blue Mistflower and Black & Blue Sage (blue, of course), Columbine (yellow and red varieties), and Rock Rose (hot pink).

For leaf color you can't beat Persian Shield. Its wide leaves are iridescent purple and silver. It can really light up shady corners. To provide texture and fill up space, use Winter Honeysuckle, Inland Sea Oats, and Variegated Ginger.

Lots of annuals do well in shade like Caladium, Coleus and Impatiens. They come in an amazing variety of colors and shapes. I also love the look of sweet potato vine, especially mixing the cut leaf forms of Margarita (lime green) and Blackie (really dark purple) in hanging baskets.

So, if you have deep shade, don't think there is no way to have beautiful blooms in your garden. What's listed here is only a small part of the possibilities. Go to the Central Texas Gardener website and look for Mick's Shade List.

Sendera Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like to join us, please call me at 512-940-8430 to find out when and where our next meeting will be held.

# SENDERA ¢ASTER \$HOTO (JALLERY

Hello Nabr hosted this fun Sendera event on April 1, providing music, a bubble machine, a bouncy house, and lots of fun prizes. The Easter Bunny was also there to help out.









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