



RHHA Crime Watch



Royal Highlands Homeowners Association November 1 , 2024

Burglary on Ferndale

Burglar(s) broke into a home on Ferndale between 9 am and 3 pm on October 31. They forced open the front doors and rummaged through closets and drawers, stealing several valuable items.

This crime has several troubling features. It was daytime on a busy street. The perpetrators forced open the front doors, possibly knowing the homeowner was at work. A dog in the home didn't deter them. Police are investigating.

What can we do to make our homes and neighborhoods safer? Could you check your double front doors and make sure the locking bolts are firmly in place? This might be a good time to upgrade your locks and invest in a video doorbell.

In a couple of days, we'll set back our clocks one hour. It will get dark earlier and night is the burglar's friend. Make sure you close garage doors and lock vehicles.

A personal note. Two days ago, a workman rang my bell to see if I wanted my address painted on the curb. He said he worked for the Wilsons up the street. He wore a hard hat, knee pads, and a safety vest. We just had our address repainted a couple of months ago, and I don't know of a Wilson family on my street. Was he a burglar in the disguise of a workman?

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