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FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 453

Next Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 17th October 2018

Flagstaff Hill Golf Club Guest Speaker: Detective B/Sgt Tom Jepps - Avoiding Scams

ALL WELCOME!

A Xmas Dinner for our group of Neighbourhood Watch will be held at the Golf Club on 19/12/2018 Further details and bookings, Ray Henderson 0412409521

The AGM of Neighbourhood Watch SA will be held at 10.30am on 17/11/18 at 4 Milner Street Hindmarsh. All Welcome

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Police Attendance: Ph 131 444

DIAL 000 to report a crime in progress or has just been committed

SCAMALERT

An elderly resident was recently contacted by a person falsely stating that they were from Telstra.

The resident was deceived into purchasing iTune gift cards in order to protect his computer from being hacked or scanned.

The resident purchased a large number of cards valued at \$11.700 from a number of locations and gave the male the unique identifying codes of those gift cards.

The victim had been contacted by bthe scammer on his home and mobile phone.

Police remind residents to check with family or friends before providing banking details, transferring money or purchasing items at the request of strangers.

Sergeant Kym Foster Crime Prevention Section, Sturt LSA



Crime Trend: Local Break-ins via Garage Doors

Southern District Police advise of a significant number of break-ins where access has been gained via the garage

In the past month, 40 properties have been broken into with offenders gaining access via the roller door. In addition to roller door being forced open, a number of these offences were due to roller doors being left unlocked.

A variety of property has been stolen, including bicycles, tools, sporting equipment and property from vehicles.

Home owners should secure/lock roller doors, even when they are at home.

Consider the use of sensor lighting, alarms and CCTV to enhance your building's security.

Use quality locks and chains for bicycles, lock vehicles and mark your property.

Police encourage marking personal property with your driver's licence number preceded by 'S' for South Australia. E.g. S123456.

Photograph your property and identify any markings or distinguishing features.

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Personal Safety & Security: Some Useful Tips

Out and about

- Be alert, walk confidently and keep to well-lit and populated areas.
- Walk against the flow of traffic and if possible, walk with another person and carry a personal safety alarm or mobile phone.
- Let someone know where you are going and the time you will return.
- If you feel unsafe, head for a well-populated area.
- Be wary if someone in a car stops and asks you for directions. Keep a safe distance from the car.
- Be aware of your increased vulnerability when wearing personal headphones.

ATM banking

- Do not use ATMs in isolated or dark locations and avoid withdrawing large amounts of money.
- Memorise your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not write it down and do not let anyone see you enter your PIN.
- If you feel unsafe at an ATM and you have already keyed in your details, press the CANCEL key and remove your card.
- If you lose your card, report it immediately to your financial institution.

Celebrations

- Organise safe transport to and from the venue before going out.
- Stay with your friends and look after each other.
- Set a drinking limit for yourself, stick to it and have soft drink or water between alcoholic drinks.
- Say "No" when you have had enough to drink, don't let others top up your drink.

NHW Bin Sticker

SAPOL State Community Engagement Section and Neighbourhood Watch have designed a bin sticker to be provided to residents to encourage



the reporting of suspicious behaviour.

The sticker (top) is designed to be placed on the side of the council bin so it can be seen by drivers and pedestrians as they travel along the street.

If you would like a free bin or house sticker come to our next meeting or email raymondhenderson007@gmail.com.

Personal property

- Don't carry large amounts of money and never display how much money you have.
- Keep your bag, wallet and mobile phone where you can see them at all times and don't leave them unattended. When shopping use the child safety harness to help secure your handbag to the trolley.
- Carry your bag securely on the side furthest from the road. Don't let the strap hang.
- Shoulder strapped bags should be worn across your body. If someone attempts to grab your bag, it is best to let go, to avoid injury.
- Secure your bag in your car before loading or unloading your shopping.

For further crime prevention tips please visit: https://www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/crime-prevention-and-security

RFID Card Shield Sleeves

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or come to our next meeting. We also have UV Pens available for \$5!

RAA Protect your house to protect your car

Vehicle thefts have seen year-on-year reductions over the past ten years, with better security technology and better awareness of what Australians can do to protect their own property. However, last year there were still 52,000 vehicles stolen nationwide, and some of this could be preventable if we are more mindful of securing our keys within our home.

Vehicle immobilisation technologies have made a major contribution to reducing vehicle crime. By 2017, almost 8 in 10 stolen passenger and light commercial vehicles had an engine immobilizer fitted. However, as the prevention measures change, the behaviour of thieves is also changing leading them to enter residential properties to find the keys, according to RAA's manager for Secure Services, Ben Nottage. "There is a very real upside for criminals – they are able to access later model cars more easily if they have a key, and without the risk of damaging the car," he said.

"Nationwide industry and police analysis shows that there has been an increase in residential burglaries that have the primary purpose of accessing the keys of these secured vehicles, and some of these are occupied homes. The majority of these thefts were done without the resident's awareness that a burglary was underway, with very few cases where the resident saw the intruder. This indicates that the criminal is attempting to commit the crime without being discovered," Mr. Nottage said.

"There are key things that residents can do to best protect their homes and their cars," Nottage said. "Lock your doors and windows, even when you are at home. There are opportunistic burglars who will notice a front door open and take a look around. It's wise to close all opportunistic avenues, so lock your tools and ladders away so that you aren't aiding them."

"Many families will share a vehicle, and so will leave keys in clear sight of a door or window, such as on a table in the entry-way or hanging on a hook in the common areas of the home. These should never be in-view."

RAA's Home-Car safety checklist

- Check you've locked your car before entering the home
- · Lock your door or your screen door
- Keep your tools and ladders in a locked shed
- Never store keys in an area that is visible from a door or window

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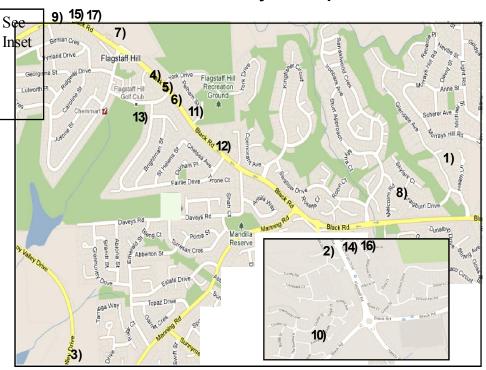
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Police Incidents 10 July - 10 September 2018



Date

Details Location

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 03/08-06/09/2018 Craigburn PS School property damaged.

2. 01/04-01/05/2018 Vendale Drive Vacant house entered and damaged.

3. 21/06/18 Happy Valley Drive Person threw thrown rock at vehicle driving

north on Happy Valley Drive. Damage caused.

THROW MISSILE

4. 01/08/2018 Black Road Eggs thrown at vehicle. Nil damage. 5. 01/08/2018 Black Road Eggs thrown at vehicle. Nil damage. 6. 01/08/2018 Black Road Eggs thrown at vehicle. Nil damage.

THEFT

7. 16/07/2018 Lilford Way Trailer stolen overnight.

8. 27/07/2018 Craigburn Drive Entry gained to vehicle and property stolen.

9. 12/08/2018 Broadmeadow Drive Number plate stolen overnight.

10.18/08/2018 Evergreen Parade Entry gained to vehicle and property stolen.

TRESPASS/SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Break in)

11.12/07/2018 Community Centre Offender/s entered the Community Centre.

12.13-17/07/2018 Black Road Shed entered and property stolen. 13.24-26/07/2018 FH Golf Course Shed entered and property stolen. 14.13/08/2018 Bexley Street Home entered and property stolen. 15.02/09/2018 Platina Court Home entered and property stolen. 16.06/09/2018 Lovely Valley Road Home entered and property stolen.

17.07/09/2018 Lysander Place Home entered and property stolen.



REPORT DANGEROUS DRIVING TO POLICE

Traffic Watch 131 444