

Dear River Oaks neighbors,

February 4, 2019

As many of you are aware, we have seen a significant increase in auto break-ins and theft over the past year, including last night. We have asked for additional patrols from the Brentwood Police Department. The number one way to prevent these incidents is to REMOVE valuables from sight and to LOCK your car doors. We are working on other ideas. If you have suggestions, please send them to [riveroaksbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:riveroaksbrentwood@gmail.com).

We want to encourage all of our neighbors to help us LIGHT UP RIVER OAKS. Consider leaving your outside lights and possibly a few lights inside of your home ON during overnight hours. The entrance lighting for our Bridlewood and River Oaks Road entrances will be fixed and updated in the next few weeks as well.

If your streetlight is out, please fill out a form online through NES or call NES and let them know. NES has certain conditions (depending on if there is already a transformer box or pole present, etc.) to add lights to certain streets. The neighborhood association can't do this. Homeowners must request this. Please contact NES for more information. 615-736-6900.

Here are additional reminders/suggestions:

ALWAYS lock the doors to both your house and cars.

- Never leave valuables in cars sitting outside.
- If the street lights around you are out, contact NES so they will come out and fix them.
- Keep the outside of your home well lit and with motion sensor lights.
- If you have an alarm system, consider advertising that you do at the top of your driveway and close to your home.
- Consider installing security cameras.
- Consider establishing a text group system for your street or block. Tupper Place has done this successfully. Most of the time it is nothing, but it helps to know neighbors are keeping an eye out for each other.
- If you happen to get up in the middle of the night, take a look outside your windows and just check things out.
- Let neighbors know if you are planning to have a house sitter, cleaning person, or repair person at your house.

As a review, the following is some information that was shared at our annual HOA meeting last summer:

Many thanks to Officer Mark Wood with the Brentwood Police Department (BPD) who came to the ROHA annual meeting August 23rd! Officer Wood gave us some great info to share with our residents. BPD offers many services to help us stay safe and aware. You can find info and links on all of these on the [BPD website](#).

- Schedule a **Home Security Survey** through Officer Wood to help give you pointers on keeping your home safe.
- BPD offers **Crime Mapping** so you know where crime is happening in our city and surrounding areas.
- Fill out a family safety profile through the BPD's **Smart 911** - if you ever have to call 911, the info you provided through the safety profile can save valuable time in an emergency.
- Sign up for instant alerts through the BPD's **NIXLE** program - you can receive text messages regarding severe traffic situations, bad weather, missing persons and more.
- BPD suggests our homeowners use a program like **ReportIt**. **ReportIt** lets you securely store serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts so that your items may be more easily identified in the event of theft or loss.

Find these links, as well as many more tools to help you stay safe and aware, on the [BPD website](#)!

Thank you,

River Oaks Homeowners Association Board