

## ATTENTION! MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS CRIME ALERT

## **How to protect your property from theft:**

- Trim back any overgrown vegetation so that your home's windows, porches and doors are visible to neighbors and passersby.
- Be sure not to draw undue attention to your home by discarding empty boxes at the curb with your trash.
- Secure (lock) your cars. Do not leave valuables in vehicles.
- Adequate nighttime illumination is critical, because a dark or poorly lit property makes it easier for a burglar to go about unseen.
- Invest in a home security system.

Neighbors, I am writing to inform you of the recent risein criminal activity in OUR community. Some of OUR neighbors have had property stolen or damaged. Thieves have targeted OUR community, along with other nearby communities. We must be proactive in securing OUR community and OUR property.

American homes are victims of burglary about every 15 seconds, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

The typical homeowner suffers a loss of nearly \$2,000 in stolen goods or property damage.

With the national economy getting worse, burglary is again becoming a more common crime. Immediately contact the local police department if you notice or suspect you are a victim of crime.

