



## West Smyrna Neighborhood Newsletter

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### Our Mission:



Our newsletter is now focused on gaining resident participation in being 'in the communications loop' in order to work together against crime in our area. In the future, we would like our newsletter to not only work against crime, but also send out the image of a light hearted, beautiful, wonderful place to live with great advantages and opportunities.. thus the idea of this logo.

In olden days the king of a given countryside would summons a jester to come and give him the serious news of the land in a lighthearted manner and also to entertain. Hopefully the West Smyrna Jonquil Jester can do just that! Bring us serious, important news but also bring other information of a more lighter fare and promote an image of the good life!

#### West Smyrna Jonquil Jester distributed to:

Cash Farms  
Churchhill Downs  
Cooper Lake Hills  
Cooper Lake Woods  
Enclave at Cooper Lake  
Hickory Mills  
N. Cooper Lake Rd. (west end)  
Nowlin Dr.  
Vinnings Oaks  
Westbrook Park

### Progress is definitely being made

in the attempt to bring our neighborhoods together through communications that will make our area a safer place to live, work and play. To our knowledge, two neighborhoods have already had their initial formal Neighborhood Watch meeting. They are Hickory Mill and Enclave/Nowlin Dr.

**Churchill Downs will have their meeting Tues., Jan 12 @ 7:30 at West Smyrna Swim & Tennis Clubhouse.** When

your subdivisions secure their date/time/ location for their meetings, if you would let us know, we will be glad to post those to our members only sites. We can also send a text message & email reminders to your registered residents! WSNW has established communication vehicles that could mean the difference in

protection of your property and person, on a timely basis. With social media being the established wave of the future, we have put in place the use of these mediums

to notify you of various activities that affect our area. We are certainly maintaining a protective perspective in this process and they have already proven effective in an incident on the night before Thanksgiving. You will have to request to be on the sites as they will be for members only in our subdivisions.



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### Approximately 200 Homes

We have approximately 200 homes in the, at present, designated WSNW area. We would love to have 100% participation. No one benefits more from this organization than YOU. With the opening of the new park in only days, more visitors will be venturing into our streets. Some will be welcomed and

perhaps some not. With our 'landlocked' position we've only had to be concerned with the E/W Conn being a great 'get-a-way' route for our area, not to mention the various assaults that have happened on our section of the Silver Comet Trail. But the new park, certainly by spring and

summer will be 'tried' by those with not so good intentions. We need to 'be' connected to quickly send out the messages that we're together back here and we will not make criminal activity easy for anyone!



**Proof:** The night before Thanksgiving someone walked up into my next door neighbors driveway, which is only separated from mine by approximately 5 feet of grass. They went in their cars and stole an iPod, cell phone chargers and various other things of that nature. We put out a notification on our systems and received notice that the same thing had happened on Nowlin Dr. the same night. Now this is the amazing part...all while the residents were home in their homes AND AWAKE...one prior to 10pm and the other between 8pm-midnight!

**Result:** We now know this wasn't just a random one hit crime, but that there were obviously folks out there roaming OUR neighborhood streets and brazen enough to walk up into our driveways and steal our things! Will your car be next? Probably not, now that you know what has happened!

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## Tip of the Month:

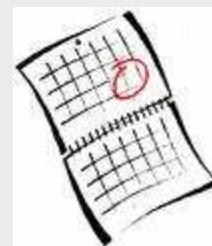
Don't chat or post on any sites information about a trip you are GOING to take. When you're home....you can tell what you want to tell but NOT before you go. Also, never post photos or offer information about any 'special purchases' you made on your trip. Flat screen TV's are the biggest invitation for a home robbery. Place them in your home so that they cannot be seen from street view. But remember, as our story above clearly displays, some criminals are brazen enough to walk up and around your house looking in windows, etc. Close your blinds or curtains if you can see a flat screen TV through them even in the daytime or when you are not home.



## Upcoming Events

**Jan 12, 2010—7:30 p.m.**  
Church Hill Downs  
Neighborhood Watch  
Meeting at the West  
Smyrna Swim &  
Tennis Club

**Attendance is extremely important**



Please send us your  
upcoming events to  
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## Close the Door !

The next time you drive down your street, take note of how many of the garage doors are open. Maybe the homeowner just got home and is unloading groceries from the car. Maybe they got home a couple of hours ago and simply forgot to close the door. Or, they are dropping off the kids at an activity and will be gone for "just a few minutes".



The bad news here is that this is all the time it takes someone to walk into your garage and take whatever might appeal to them. Remember also that by leaving the garage door open you may be providing direct access to your home.

So, please pay attention to your garage door and close it when you leave.



## Have you changed your email address?

Have you recently changed providers and/or changed your e-mail address? Email is a fast way to get information to you about neighborhood news and crime trends. Please notify us of any changes. If you would like to be included and receive future alerts, send us your e-mail address. You can send it to:

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Neighborhood Watch wants to  
Wish you and your family a  
Happy New Year**

## Something to Say ?

Do you have neighborhood news or a story to share?  
Tips for homeowners?  
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