

## HOLIDAY SAFETY WHILE TRAVELING

The two most common travel times are during the summer or winter holidays when families can spend some time away from the home together. Of course the point of any vacations to have fun, relax and get away from it all, but it is important to take a few safety precautions to make sure your trip and return home is trouble free.

1. Make sure that a friend or trusted neighbor knows where you are going and how long you will be gone. That way if you are not back when you should be, they will have an idea that something may be wrong. Give them an emergency contact number in case they need to reach you.

2. Arrange for someone to drop by your home now and then to check on it, and give that person a key so they can get inside.

3. Have newspapers and mail delivery service temporarily stopped while you are away. This is done to prevent your home from looking vacated. A criminal who passes by your house and notices a full mailbox or several days worth of papers on the lawn will realize that you are not around, and may view it as an opportunity to break in.

4. Purchase timers for your lights and television. These will turn on at a pre-determined time each night so someone who is stalking your home will believe somebody is home. You can also turn on a radio talk station to emulate the sounds of a conversation going on in case a criminal comes close enough to listen.

5. Make sure the ringer on your phone and answering machine are turned off. A phone that is never answered will arouse suspicion, and may cause the law breaker to perform a more thorough inspection.

6. Contact your Orlando Police Department Community Liaison Officer, who is Master Police Officer Karen Long. She can be reached at 407.246.2489 or Karen.Long@cityoforlando.net

7. Schedule a free residential home security survey (407.246.2461).

Making yourself less of a target is simpler than you might think. So before traveling, be sure to look at your home and take a few actions to target-harden your home from a would-be burglar.

## REAL ESTATE UPDATE

The listings and sales for Lake Eola Heights for July 1 through September 30, 2014, as shown by the multiple listing service, are:

<u>Active Listings</u>	<u>Bed/Bath</u>	<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>List Price</u>
607 E Harwood	2/2	1,424	275,000
405 Ruth #30	3/2/1	1,860	284,997
212 E Concord	4/2	1,974	334,900
519 E Amelia	4/2	1,956	375,000
306 E Harwood	2/1	1,900	385,000
525 Highland	3/2	1,440	389,000
202 E Concord	6/5	3,320	399,900
809 E Amelia	2/2	1,718	424,900
446 Highland	6/4/1	3,417	447,500
1010 E Livingston	3/2	1,937	459,900
722 E Concord	4/3	2,179	539,000
615 E Concord	5/4	2,984	639,900
636 Hillcrest	4/2/1	2,954	800,000
300 E Harwood	5/5	4,317	1,000,000
307 E Harwood	5/5/1	3,961	1,150,000
335 N Hyer	5/6/1	5,014	1,295,000

### Pending Sales

613 Hillcrest #2	3/3	1,550	154,900
432 Highland	3/1	2,331	189,900
719 E Livingston	3/2	1,917	365,000
627 N Hyer	6/4	3,202	429,000
632 E Amelia	4/4/1	2,921	599,900

### Residential Sales

			<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>
613 E Ridgewood #3	1/1	685	114,900	110,000
613 E Ridgewood #6	1/1	685	114,900	110,000
129 Hibiscus	2/1	822	154,900	151,900
619 Broadway	3/3/1	1,800	244,900	240,000
621 E Ridgewood	3/1	1,190	299,000	299,000
723 E Ridgewood	4/2/1	2,162	359,900	345,000
715 E Livingston	4/3	1,633	380,000	362,500
5 Broadway Court	3/3	2,318	469,000	440,000

Average days on the market: 94.

Sale price was an average of 97% of list price.

We are available to answer any questions you may have regarding this report. Let us know if we can assist you with your real estate needs.

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