

Neighborhood Watch Update

As the winter season is winding down here is an update on where we stand on developing our Neighborhood Watch Program. We have heard back from our insurance provider and they are onboard with us developing it. We are waiting to hear back from our association's attorney for any advice, warnings etc. concerning setting up the program. Once we hear from them we will be contacting everyone to let them know the status of the program.

On another note we thought we would pass along some safety and security tips for securing your condo to those who will be heading back north. Here are some ideas you may want to consider as you go about preparing your condo for the summer:

1. Leave a light on a timer that can be seen from the outside. Set the timer to come on at 7:00 pm and go off at 11:00 pm.
2. Lock both locks on door.
3. Make sure deadbolt lock striker plate is secured with at least 3" screws.
4. Stop mail delivery.
5. Stop newspaper delivery.
6. Have a fellow resident check your condo from time to time.
7. Remove all items outside your condo including under the stairs.
8. Arrange for the Vero Beach police department to regularly check your condo for you.
9. Make sure all windows are securely locked.
10. Did I mention to leave a light on??? A well lit place is your best protection from someone breaking into your condo. Please leave your porch light on when you leave. The LED bulb we leave on 24 hours per day costs \$2.11 per year to operate.
11. Do not announce on Social Media (Face Book etc) that you are leaving for an extended period of time.

Please have a safe and happy summer and we will see you in the fall.

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