



The "ShoA"

Shadowbrook Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Spring 2012

BABY IT'S WARM OUTSIDE...

We just experienced the warmest March in recorded history for Minnesota. It's nice to see all of us outside and enjoying that record. We have been contacted by a builder that the empty lot on Regent off of 109th Ave has been sold. Our empty lots will be down to 5 if the city approves their plans. Fingers crossed. Both the Northern part of Regent and all of Scott Ave N now belong to the "Neighborhood Watch" program. The Regent Ave sign was placed a few weeks ago. The watch groups must be done by block with each street

SPRING SAFETY TIPS

General Tips:

- Remember to **change those batteries** in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. How about making sure your windows and door **locks work properly?**
- Think about where you **store your ladders**. Make sure they're somewhere inaccessible to passersby!
- A property **crime occurs every 3.5 seconds*** and there are about two million residential burglaries occur each year. You and your neighbors don't have to be one of them! Crime prevention begins at home.
- Delaying a burglar for four minutes is generally considered sufficient to **prevent entry** into a residential dwelling.
- Good neighbors make safe neighborhoods! If you see something or someone suspicious by your neighbor's home, **report it** to law enforcement and **let them do the rest!**
- Taking that much needed vacation? Make sure to **have your mail held** and **don't publicize** that you won't be home, be especially careful about posting that you're away on sites like Facebook and Twitter.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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contacting Community Service Officer (CSO), Terry Dehmer, to coordinate. His #: 763-493-8277. This is well worth your effort! Finally, watch for the "little green men" to invade our neighborhood. Heed his warning and **SLOW DOWN** as you drive through our development. Our kid's lives depend on it!! Happy Spring to you all!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

More follow up on the Neighborhood Watch Program. These services are available for free from the city:

- Security audit. A CSO will come and walk your property and offer advice on how to make it safer. Contact, Terry Dehmer for more information;
- Sign up for the Neighborhood Alert Bulletin by visiting www.brooklynpark.org (see our website too!);
- There are several free classes offered by the city of Brooklyn Park to educate residents on improving a variety of city living ideals. We have posted this on the Community Tab of our website;
- Close/Watch your garage doors. This crime of opportunity in taking things from garages is the most common theft in Brooklyn Park;
- In Brooklyn Park, dialing 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity or actual crimes is the **only** recommended course of action. Note, this is not the same for every city in MN.

We encourage families living on 107th, 108th and 109th Avenues N, Perry Dr. N. and Regent Ct. N., to band together and form your Neighborhood Watch Program! We promise, it is a good time and a great way to get to know your neighbors.



HENNEPIN COUNTY CURFEW FOR KIDS

Age	Weekdays	Fri/Saturday
Under 12	Home by 9pm	Home by 10pm
12-14	Home by 10pm	Home by 11pm
15-17	Home by 11pm	Home by midnight

P.O. Box 43773 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

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SHADOWBROOK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

We have spoken to a number of residents within Shadowbrook to solicit feedback for ideas on improving our community's look. As we start to complete these projects in 2012, we again ask for your input and offer the following as options we are considering. They are:

Item	Estimated Cost	
Lighting of the Round-a-Bout	\$5,000	<i>We need your input! Call/ email a Board member with your ideas or thoughts.</i>
Raising Shadowbrook Boulders	\$2,000	
Additional Landscaping in Islands	\$2,000	

We are family, friends and neighbors, working together towards a common goal: a more robust community!!!

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

When foreclosed homes or vacant homes are left unattended it can affect us and our neighborhood. It's important that the owners of the property are held accountable if the property is not looked after. Take action early to stop problems from occurring or keep them from getting any worse. Organize a neighborhood watch. Take active and creative measures to preserve the property's aesthetics and prevent crime. Report any suspicious activity or code issues to the proper authorities. **If you see any suspicious activity please call 9-1-1.**

We're on the web:
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HOME LIGHTING TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

- Make sure that each exterior doorway to your **home is well-lit**. Don't make it easy for a burglar to conceal his activities!
- Install **motion sensor lighting**. Lights that activate when movement occurs make it difficult for a burglar to hide.
- Don't let your dark house announce that no one is home. **Use an electric timer** to turn lamps on in the evening and off at bedtime.
- Don't forget to **change the light bulb!** Keeping exterior entrances to your home well-lighted can deter burglaries.

HOUSEKEEPING

From the Declaration, Article V, Section 8:

"No dwelling, garage or other structure, nor any external addition or remodeling thereof, shall be made, erected, altered, placed, or permitted to remain on any portion of the premises...unless and until detailed plans...have been filed in writing with and approved by the (Architectural) Committee"

Have you external improvement projects approved by the Architectural Committee prior beginning the project.

From the Rules and Regulations, Section 7:

- Architectural Approval Process, see Exhibit A;
- no trailers may be stored on the lot unless the trailer is unable to be seen from the street.

Documents are found on our website, on the Documents tab! Or contact a Board member with questions!!

2012 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Through March 2012:

Fav/(Unfav) to budget: \$5,275

Uncollected Accounts: 12 or \$4,069.

Over 50% of the uncollected amount will be lost to 3 new foreclosures.

SHADOWBROOK DIRECTORY

Please add your name and contact information to our Shadowbrook Neighborhood Directory. The form is posted on our website! This is a great way for everyone to get to know the community. Share a little or share a lot about yourself and/or your family. Just "do it"!!!

HOUSING PERIMETER SAFETY

- Plan your landscaping with both **privacy AND security** in mind! Keeping doorways, windows, and porches clear removes possible hiding places.
- Garage doors should always be **closed and locked**. Entry into the garage allows a burglar to work on your house door undetected.
- Windows within 40 inches of door locks could allow a burglar to reach through and unlock the door. Make sure your **windows are secured!**

DOOR TO DOOR SALESPEOPLE

Any solicitor or peddler that goes door to door in Brooklyn Park must be registered with the City of Brooklyn Park or have a license. **If any peddler or solicitor comes to your door they must possess a license or registration for their activity.** Both the license and registrations contain photos on them of the individual. If a solicitor or peddler does not have the proper license or registration please call 9-1-1 and let the police deal with the individual.