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Holiday Security Suggestions

If you happen to see any cars parked at the end of Sesnon Boulevard just past Longacre Avenue late at night, these may be the criminals who have been attempting to break into the mailbox stack for the past five months, so please call the police non-emergency number: **(877) 275-5273**.

Tell the dispatcher that the neighborhood has experienced multiple break-in attempts at our mailboxes, and that there is a suspicious vehicle or vehicles parked at the intersection of Sesnon Blvd and Longacre Ave that look like the occupants are waiting for the right time to strike.

DO NOT flash your headlights at these cars, approach them on foot, take flash photos of the cars, stop before turning onto Longacre in order to write down their license plates, or do anything that antagonizes the vehicles' occupants. Let the police handle the surveillance and arrest! (If you happen to have an eidetic memory, by all means write down the plates once you get home.) We want them to be *caught*, not scared away before the police arrive.

As of this writing, the Board is considering a bid from a security company to provide community covert surveillance over the holidays. The LAPD has also promised to try and send a patrol car to the neighborhood more often in the wee hours of the night in the hopes of catching the criminals in the act.

Remember to use light timers on one or more rooms visible from the street if you're going to be out of town, and make sure your alarm monitoring company is aware of your absence too. Ask a neighbor to pick up your newspaper if one is regularly delivered, and to take out your trash on Monday.

Have a safe and happy Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Solstice, Holiday, or Secular celebration!

Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Aliso Homeowners Association *Annual Meeting of the Members* will be held on **Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:00pm**. This meeting will be used to elect your Board of Directors, approve that annual IRS tax thing that nobody ever understands, and discuss any other items of importance to all who live here.

You will receive your official ballots in the mail around mid-January. You may wait to fill it out at the meeting, or you can vote right away and mail it back to Euclid. Remember to sign the upper left corner of the outer envelope!

If you don't want to trust the Post Office with your vote, or you haven't mailed your ballot by February 1st, you are more than welcome to turn it in to Board President Eric Rosenberg at 12458 Longacre Avenue (Lot 9) . . . or just wait for him to come knock on your door as he canvasses the neighborhood to secure a quorum of ballots for the meeting!



IMPORTANT INFO

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Emergencies: 911

Non-emergency: 311

Dept Water & Power

(818) 342-5397

The Gas Company

(800) 427-2200

City Hall

(818) 756-8121

Councilman Greig Smith (District 12)

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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

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Update on Community Issues

• **TURNOVER UPDATE:** The Board passed several motions at the November 11th meeting dealing with the turnover of all common areas from K. Hovnarian to the HOA. The Board also approved a preliminary reserve study funding plan at the December 9th meeting.

The HOA also hired a landscape architect as a consultant to advocate on behalf of Aliso residents, to help determine where KHov has fallen short of adhering to the City-approved landscaping plans for the community.

As a result of this consultant's report, and further investigation by the Board, a motion was passed to accept the turnover of all common areas except for the entrance areas, on the condition that all outstanding issues are resolved by KHov.

One unanswered question is whether or not a City-required equestrian access trail will have to be installed where we currently have flowers and shrubs planted at the entrance. While it appears to be on one version of the community plans, another set of plans which were approved by KHov's landscape architect do not show it.

• The Board and Neighborhood Watch are compiling a priority contact list of e-mail addresses and phone numbers of all interested homeowners who want to be informed immediately in case of an emergency, or who want to receive Board agendas/minutes electronically.

To have your name included on this list (which will *not* be shared with any other group or organization), please send an e-mail to eric@alisohoa.com.

Remember, the best deterrents against crime in our community are concerned and vigilant residents.

As you travel about our neighborhood or observe out your windows, please take note of any people whose activity may be suspicious. If appropriate, you may want to alert your neighbors, the Board, the Neighborhood Watch, or the police. We can make our community safe by working together!

• **Mailboxes Update:** The new, more-secure mailboxes have successfully thwarted two subsequent attempts by criminals to break in. While some cosmetic damage remains, all of your mail remains secure and safe.

The Board is investigating a better solution for the parcel lockers, since the locks currently installed present a security risk when used.

• For weekly crime statistics updates in our surrounding area, sign up for the ePolicing newsletter from the LAPD: http://www.lapdonline.org/e_policing

• The next **Board meeting** will be on Wednesday, January 13th @ 7:00pm. at 12458 Longacre Ave ("Lot 9").

• The next **Landscape Committee meeting** and community walk-through with LDI will be on Tuesday, January 12th @ 4:00pm, meeting in front of 12458 Longacre Ave ("Lot 9").