



Working In Neighborhoods

Neighborhood News

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Because safety is always a concern, we've put together a few safety tips that you can share with your neighbors.

Burglary prevention tips

Burglaries in Tulsa neighborhoods cost residents over 1.3 million per year in loss of property alone. Most burglaries in your neighborhood are being committed by youths 18 and under. They are not skilled professionals, but they will take advantage of an easy target. Don't make it easy for them.

1. Install a deadbolt lock.

Deadbolts are usually locked with a key from the outside and a thumb turn on the inside. The cylinder should be pick resistant. Lock your doors every time you leave the house, even if you're leaving for just a few minutes during the day. The most popular times for residential burglaries are weekday daylight hours. In over 1/3 of burglaries, there is no forcible entry--someone forgot to lock the doors.

2. Install solid doors.

Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood and at least 1 3/4 inches thick. Frames must be made of equally strong material and each door must fit its frame securely.

3. Keep garage doors closed and locked.

4. Secure sliding doors and windows.

Cut a broom handle to the length of the bottom track so that the window or door will not slide open when forced. Also, drill one hole through both casings and sliding window and insert a nail or pin.

5. Secure sash windows.

To prevent wooden sash windows from being pried open, drill a downward sloping hole into the top of the bottom window through and into the bottom of the top window and insert a pin or nail. To prevent aluminum sash windows from being broken into, purchase a track lock that blocks the window track.

6. Mark your property.

Mark your valuables with an engraver. Marking your property serves as a deterrent to would-be burglars and it helps police in identifying and returning stolen property. Make a property identification list. Put warning stickers on doors and windows.



7. Purchase a burglar alarm.

A home alarm system can be a very effective burglary deterrent and fit into many people's needs. Remember to test your system monthly.

8. Leave a light on.

When leaving on trips, leave a light on in the bathroom. In the bedroom, attach a lamp and radio to a 24-hour electric timer set to go on at dusk and off at your bedtime. Close bedroom drapes or blinds.

9. Use proper exterior lighting.

Place a light over every door. Double cones lights on each corner of the house will also light up windows.

10. Work together with your neighbors.

When you are going to be away, tell trusted neighbors and ask them to watch your property. Have neighbors maintain your yard. When on vacation, have someone cut grass. Shrubbery should not hide neighbors' view of windows or doors. Have someone pick up newspapers and mail. Tell neighbors to call police if they notice anything suspicious.

CELEBRATION PLANNED TO MARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OWEN PARK

On Saturday, August 8, the Owen Park Neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods will participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of Owen Park, Tulsa's first park. There will be a wide variety of activities for all ages to enjoy starting at 8:00 a.m. ending at 6:00 p.m. The celebration committee is asking residents and former residents to submit their memories of Owen Park before or on the day of the event. You may send your submissions to Bob Hendrick at bobhendrick@cityoftulsa.org.

Also that morning construction will begin on the new KABOOM playground equipment with labor provided by volunteers. There will be a "Teen Town Reunion" dance on Friday, August 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for all the folks who enjoyed Teen Town back in the 70's. Admission is \$5 per person. The event will be held the Recreation Center, 520 N. Maybelle. The band New Greeks will provide the music.

Everyone is invited to come celebrate with us.

LEARN MORE AT WORKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS UNIVERSITY (WIN U)

Registration continues for the WIN U classes. The next scheduled class is **Saturday, August 8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.** The topic of discussion will center on "*Aging Issues and Assistance*". Staff from the Tulsa Area Agency on Aging will be conducting the meeting. For a complete schedule of our available Leadership Development and Training classes offered by the City, please visit www.cityoftulsa.org and look under the Community Programs tab and follow the Neighborhood Services link.

All classes are free. Classes are conducted at the Centennial (Central) Park Recreation Center located at 1028 E. 6th Street. You may register at neighborhoods@cityoftulsa.org or by calling 596-1292.



CITYWIDE BLOCK PARTY DAY 2009

Every year the City of Tulsa has a citywide Block Party Day. These block parties provide a good way to get together and meet your neighbors. Block parties can vary from elaborate celebrations complete with children's activities to small picnics. The Department of Working in Neighborhoods can arrange for visits from the Tulsa Fire Department and the Tulsa Police Department, and provide barricades to block your streets during the party. This year, the Citywide Block Party date is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009. You can [register your block party online here.](#)