

SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 17 ELDRIDGE WEST OAKS

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 10
6:30pm

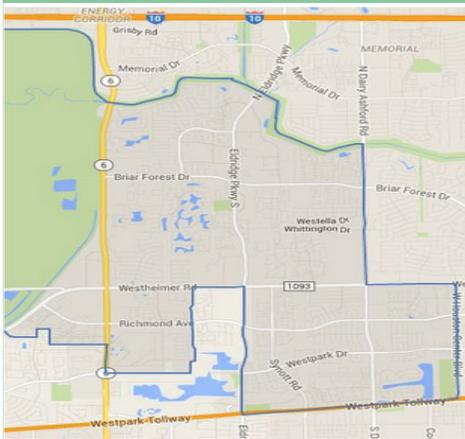
Eagle's Trace Retirement
Community

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Houston, 77077

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SN17 Boundaries

There have been many reports of Thefts from Motor Vehicles. In fact, it is one of HPD's most commonly reported crimes. We all hear that we should lock our cars and keep things out of sight, yet we continue to hear of car break ins, which in fact are not a break in. The vast majority of items being stolen from cars are taken from vehicles which were left unlocked. The most common approach is for one or several people to go through a neighborhood, usually between 2 AM & 5 AM, going from driveway to driveway, pulling on the door handle of every car. If the car is unlocked, they quickly go through it opening the glove compartment(s), scattering papers, looking for cash, credit cards and anything of value. These suspects do not take the time to even look into the car for valuables, they only pull on the door handle, and move on if it is locked. These suspects often wear a backpack to hold the items that they steal.

One important thing to note, statistics show that they are not actually breaking the glass to get into these cars. That is a different type of crime. If the suspect is aware of something being in the car, knows that the person carries a gun, they can see a purse, backpack, laptop case, etc. in the vehicle, then they will break out glass to get to it. But this crime is much less common than the ones where they hit multiple cars the same night. In breaking out the glass, they are guilty of a more serious crime, not to mention the noise made by the breaking glass, increasing their risk of getting caught or even getting shot.

What can you do to avoid being a victim?

- **Park in the Garage**-Many of us use our garages as a mini-warehouse. Clean out your garage, getting rid of things that you will never need again and park your vehicle in it. The added benefit of doing this is that anyone that knows your habits will not be able to tell if you are home or not.
- **Light up the area**-Criminals hate people being able to see them, they love working in the dark. There are a variety of options out there, the new LED bulbs use very little energy. Consider a dusk to dawn light on your front porch or garage exterior. If you have floodlights, consider changing them to the newer style motion sensing LED Floodlights. Many of these even have a built-in camera to record

movement in your yard. Low voltage lights in your garden not only add beauty, but they serve a purpose in enabling people to see what is going on in that area.

- **Keep any valuables out of sight**-Some thieves do look in your car, especially in parking lots, but sometimes at home as well. Eliminate anything that could be construed as a valuable or containing a valuable. Do not leave bags, backpacks, laptop cases, purses, billfolds in your car. If they see it, they may smash out your window to grab it.
- **Do not put items in your trunk when you arrive at your destination**-Some thieves watch parking lots for someone to get out of their vehicle, open the trunk and put bags or other items in the trunk. They know that these items are of value or you would not be doing that and they also know that you will not be coming right back, so they wait for you to go into the store and then pry open your trunk.
- **Lock your Vehicle**-This is the best tip, so we will close with this one. Get in the habit of locking your vehicle. How many of you leave your vehicle unlocked, as you don't want to risk getting your window smashed and have a garage door remote in your car? If you have an attached garage, do you always lock the door that leads into your house? Are there valuable items in the garage?

Please remember statistics show that the vast majority of theft from cars is from unlocked cars. They do not break into locked cars at random just to go through them. If they break in, they usually know that there is something in there they want.

~Jeff Baker

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

“The approved Harris County \$2.5 billion bond money will not go to any improvements for Buffalo Bayou at this time. Michael Huffmaster will present a case for a number of projects along the Bayou that will go a long way to remedy flooding in general and to protect home and business owners from another Harvey rain event. We invite all those who have experienced flooding or the threat of flooding over the years due to Buffalo Bayou's inability to drain adequately to this talk by Michael Huffmaster.”

~Jack O'Connor

SPEAKERS:

October 10, 2018 6:30pm

Council Member Dr. Steve Le

7:00–7:45 pm on the state of District F & specifically SN17

SNA President Michael Huffmaster

7:45-8:30pm on projects to help draining on Buffalo Bayou

FUTURE SPEAKERS:

Lisa Kasianowitz of the Park Board

A city representative on the use of 311

Mayor Turner's Special Assistant
to the Homeless

Help Shape our SN17 Newsletter Content

We ask all of our monthly newsletter recipients to complete our new "Topic Survey" form at this web-link
<https://www.123formbuilder.com/form-3710631/SN17-Topic-Survey>

The form asks only for your name and email address, which we need to send out the newsletter. No other personally identifying information is requested. The form also asks you to state whether you are an SN17 resident or live outside, and whether you represent an agency, institution or business in relation to SN17.

The TOPICS part of the survey closely matches the portfolios of committee chairs within SN17. If enough of the recipients of our newsletter will complete this form, it helps to guide topic and speaker selection for future meetings. It also helps guide what topics we feature in the monthly newsletter, which is designed to inform those who were unable to attend the last meeting.

Communication Options

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736728451#/login>

<http://www.houstontx.gov/citizensnet/>

<http://energycorridor.org/news/enewsletter>

<https://www.123formbuilder.com/form-3710631/>

<http://www.SN17.org/files/newsletter.pdf>

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/aenedkhnzncsusecrmdd>

<http://www.houstontx.gov/council/f/>

<http://www.houstontx.gov/council/g/>

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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

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Wednesday, September 12
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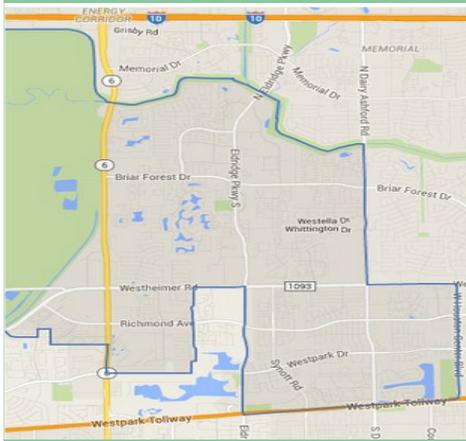
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When community gets together to demand change, things get accomplished. The northern part of District F worked together to make such a change. It started in 2017 with a nuisance business. The residents in the area requested police presence and HPD Westside got involved watching this business. The residents wrote letters to the elected city officials and sent petitions to make sure they knew about the business. The city attorney got involved. The HOA escalated the issue to SN17 who then contacted city officials and HPD on the behalf of the community. With all of this help, the nuisance business was closed down by order of the court.

Street and Traffic Remedies

On Eldridge at Whittington, there was a danger of people turning off Whittington left onto Eldridge. Even with signs saying "no left turn", people still turned left and put lives in danger. With the HOAs and SN17 working with the city, there are now curbs and turning lanes that prevent left turns.



Westhollow neighborhood had speeders that made it dangerous for residents walking to the bike and hike trail and for students waiting for the school bus. With the help of the HOA and SN17's relationship with the city council's office staff, Westhollow got speed bumps installed. The Westhollow HOA and the city split the costs on this project.

A current project is in the northern part of Ashford Park. There are two entrances to the neighborhood off Westheimer. Both have an esplanade dividing the two sides of the street. Often drivers pulling out of the shopping centers will not acknowledge the esplanade and will be in the wrong lane trying to turn onto Westheimer. There is also a left turn lane on Westheimer turning onto Ashford Park. This is a potentially dangerous situation and one we are working to alleviate with the help of Councilman Steve Le's office.



WHERE IS YOUR PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY?

See what changes you can make happen by joining with your community. SN17 welcomes all residents, businesses and community centers (church, school, etc.). Each neighborhood gets one voting delegate, but all are welcome to help build a better community. Find your place in SN17 to make a difference.

Join your neighbors on Nextdoor.com

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/aenedkhnzncsusecrmd>

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

“In our meeting on September 12th, we will have a review of SN 17’s homeless and panhandling and a general discussion on our path forward. The two are more different than alike. We look forward to the input from our members and residents.”

~Jack O’Connor

SPEAKER:

September 12, 2018

State of District G
presentation

by Councilman Greg Travis
& he will join the discussion
on aggressive panhandlers
and the homeless in our
area.

**ASHFORD PARK INVITES ALL OF OUR
NEIGHBORS TO OUR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY ★ OCTOBER 2, 2018

7:00 PM

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