

July 8, 2021

National Chocolate with Almonds Day

Community Update

By George Crum, Chief of Police

Given all the frightening headlines about crime being on the rise, and in some cities at historic levels, it is easy to forget about the old-fashioned threats to our homes and property. Each year, there are over 2.2 million burglaries in the US, which means that every 15 seconds, a burglary is committed. Home burglaries account for 70% of these crimes, and typically, they spike during the summer months (July and August) as many people choose these summer months to vacation away from home. As your police chief, I offer these eight easy tips to help protect your valuable property and make your home less vulnerable to burglars.



1. Home security systems are great tools for preventing burglaries, they can also be quite expensive. For a more affordable alternative, place a home security sign in your yard without obtaining the service. The sign convinces would-be burglars that your home is in fact protected by a security system, which makes them less inclined to target your property.
2. Garages are a common entry point for burglars. Open garage doors serve to advertise your belongings to people passing by, which could increase the likelihood of theft. I recommend homeowners make sure their garage doors remain closed anytime they are not present.
3. Neighbors can play a key role in preventing home thefts. Homeowners on friendly terms with their neighbors are less likely to be victimized by other members of their community. At the same time, closely knit neighbors are more likely to call the police if they see someone suspicious poking around your property.
4. A burglar on the hunt for valuables in a home will make the master bedroom their first stop—since that's where the cash and jewelry are usually stored. If you do keep such valuables on your property, find another room to store them.
5. Burglars prefer to target homes that have hiding spots and escape routes in the yards as abundant bushes and trees make for great cover. Yards with less shrubbery and more open spaces near windows and doors are not particularly appealing targets.

6. Install lights with motion sensors to help deter nighttime break-ins. Many homeowners install motion sensors on outdoor lights that turn on automatically if someone triggers them.
7. Noise helps prevent burglaries as well. Leaving a radio or television on when away from your home gives the perception to a burglar that someone is home. Homes are more likely to be burglarized during the day because they think the home occupants are away.
8. Inventory your property. I recommend keeping a detailed record of any item in your home that has a serial number or other identifying information. Maintaining such a detailed record greatly assists your police department in potentially recovering stolen items. If you want to take it a step further, photograph your valuable items as the pictures will assist us in identifying and locating stolen property. Homeowners should be sure to remember the basics of home-theft prevention and keep windows and doors locked at all times.

By following these great eight tips, you can reduce your risks of being victimized by a home burglary.

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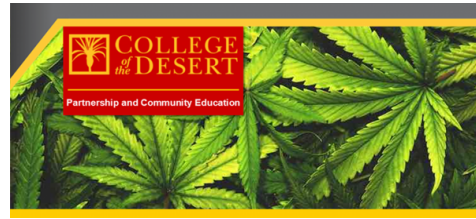
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The cannabis industry is literally growing in Cathedral City. Jobs in this industry range from entry level to advanced degree level. College of the Desert is offering certificated educational programs on a variety of cannabis job related topics starting in August. Enroll now to learn more about this industry by going to ... [Read more.](#)



Excessive Heat Warning this Weekend

The National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Warning for the Coachella Valley starting on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 9:00 am through Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 10:00 pm. Temperatures are expected to range from 115 degrees to 120 degrees. Excessive heat for those working or exercising outdoors can cause heat related illnesses, such as heat stroke ... [Read more.](#)

Two Videos Now Available for the Public Bench Beautification Project

Last week, the City Council honored 15 local artists who created art murals on 15 public benches. 14 of the 15 benches are located at the Cathedral City Public Library and the final bench is located at Memorial Park. Cathedral City resident Emiliano Vazquez has created a documentary-style video that interviews many of the artists and shows their progression ... [Read more.](#)

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Dinner with Patsi Fundraiser for Cathedral City Police Officers Association



Patsi is looking to raise some "green" for the Cathedral City Police Officers Association during the monthly "Dinner with Patsi" charity benefit. Prior to Wednesday, July 21, call Runway Bar & Restaurant at (760) 537-7800 and order your meal choice, then on July 21st, go to Runway Restaurant to dine-in or pick-up your dinner(s) curbside between 5 pm and 8 pm. ... [Read more.](#)



First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road

Looking for an opportunity to walk and view some amazing art at the same time? Then come wearing your face mask and social distance at the First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road from 5 pm to 8 pm. The nine art galleries are located at 68845 & 68895 Perez Road in the "H" and "I" buildings. [Read more.](#)



Halloween Spooktacular

Cathedral City's Halloween Spooktacular features trick or treating with over 40,000 pieces of candy! Join friends, neighbors, and family for a Spooktacular time including activities such as Halloween costume contests (two bikes given away each hour), police and fire exhibitions, music, and family games. Presented by Crockett Law Group and sponsored by the City of Cathedral City, Cathedral City ... [Read more.](#)



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