



# ❖ CLYDE HILL VIEWS ❖

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## Special Edition—Community Crime

### Community Crime – Time to be Vigilant

You live in one of the safest cities in the State with some of the quickest police officer response times. But that doesn't mean there is no crime in the City or that you shouldn't take precautionary measures to protect your family, your property and your neighbors. The Police Department is working hard every day to keep Clyde Hill a safe community and wants all residents to know about current trends and what they can do to help.

During the past few months there has been an increase in the number of burglaries and car prowls in Clyde Hill and especially in the surrounding communities. West Bellevue, and the areas close to Clyde Hill have been hit extremely hard. Most times these tend to be crimes of opportunity, where unlocked doors and valuable items left visible in cars become magnets for this behavior. Although more recently, the area has also experienced "smash and grab" incidents, where sliding or glass doors are used for quick access, leading to the loss of easily accessible jewelry and cash...all occurring in less than a few minutes.

The good news is that the Clyde Hill police continue to work closely with all surrounding police departments and through these collective efforts, some of the criminals have been caught. However, these arrests don't mean any one of us should let our guards down. There are others out there trolling the neighborhoods looking for easy opportunities. Our collective goal should be to take some basic and immediate measures to keep ourselves and the community safe.



### What the Police are Doing

- ▶ Significantly increased City-wide patrols
- ▶ Added new officers with an imminent new hire and a recently graduated officer from the State Academy
- ▶ Daily coordination with the Medina and Bellevue Police Departments (so far this has led to the arrest of 2 burglars in the past 3 months)
- ▶ Increased outreach to residents with accurate, helpful and timely information using the Police Department's weekly e-newsletter, *The Sentinel*

### The Sentinel A Free, Weekly, Police e-Newsletter

**Every home in Clyde Hill should sign up for the free Police Newsletter.**

The Sentinel serves as a police crime alert system, provides information on crime prevention, emergency preparedness and shares actual information on the more intrusive and serious offenses within Clyde Hill.

By providing this weekly information, residents will become better informed, improve their security and will increase their awareness of activities within the neighborhood.

### What You Can Do

- ▶ Sign up to get The Sentinel delivered to your email box
- ▶ Always lock your home and car
- ▶ Never leave items visible in your car, especially your keys
- ▶ Call 911 immediately if:
  - \* You are a victim of a crime;
  - \* If you notice *any* unusual and/or suspicious activity (this is very important)
- ▶ Consider purchasing a security camera system
- ▶ Consider purchasing an alarm system...and always use it
- ▶ If you have an alarm, tell your alarm company to contact 911 before contacting you in the event an alarm is triggered
- ▶ Install motion-sensing lights near the doors of your home
- ▶ Never leave spare keys hidden around the outside of your home or car
- ▶ If you have a security gate, always use it
- ▶ Maintain a 3-foot wide gap between your home and any landscaping
- ▶ If you are leaving your house for an extended period of time:
  - \* Let your neighbors know, ask them to keep an eye out and report any suspicious activity, and have them collect your newspapers
  - \* Submit a house watch form to the Police Department
  - \* Put a timer on your home lights, use it to keep your lights on between 6AM and 8AM every morning and 4PM and 10PM every night
  - \* Submit a hold mail request with the U.S. Postal Office
  - \* Never leave your trash bins out

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**Help prevent  
flooding!!**

**Clean off the tops  
of the storm drains  
near your home.**



# The Sentinel

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to receive the Police Department’s free  
weekly e-newsletter,  
*The Sentinel*.**

**To sign up for The Sentinel:**

- Go to [www.clydehill.org](http://www.clydehill.org)
- Click the button that says “Police Sentinel  
Newsletter”
- Fill out and submit your information

The Sentinel will be delivered to your email in-  
box approximately once a week.

## The Clyde Hill Police Sentinel

January 13, 2017



### Your Weekly News & Updates

As I stated last week, we have started the new year strong. We have not had any more of the glass smashing burglaries in a few weeks; in fact, we've had very little criminal activity in Clyde Hill and Yarrow Point over the last several weeks. However, we have had a new development that is concerning. Over the past weekend we had someone(s) break into tool sheds and an unattached garage. They have pried open the doors or cut padlocks in their search for a specific item - yet no property has been stolen. My advice is to ensure your tool sheds are locked with a good padlock. If you hear any strange / suspicious noise at night, please don't hesitate to call 911. Because these thieves' focus is garages, things like open garage doors or vehicles left unlocked or open become prime targets for theft. We believe that this current trend is not related to the burglaries during the last few months of 2016. All members of the police department are committed to putting in strong efforts to make 2017 a better year in preventing crime in the community.



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