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City Notes

Burglaries, car entries on increase in area

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The Oakwood community is seeing an increase in criminal activity with the holiday season upon us. In the past several weeks, there have been three residential burglaries or attempted burglaries throughout the city that were reported by residents to the Safety Department. These locations included Wiltshire, Runnymede and Ridgewood Road. Garages were also reported entered on Shafor Circle and Acacia. Numerous vehicles were entered on Volusia, Shafor Circle and one on East Schantz Avenue. While forcible entry was made or attempted on the burglaries, most of the vehicles were left unlocked with valuables in plain sight.

The trend is for criminal activity of all types to increase during the

holidays. To protect yourself and your property, the Oakwood Public Safety Department would like to suggest the following crime prevention and safety tips. If going out, park in a well lighted area, lock your vehicle and remove all valuables and place them out of sight. Upon returning to your vehicle, know where you parked and attempt to stay with other shoppers when in parking lots. Have your keys ready as you approach your vehicle and scan the area for suspicious persons or activity. Return to the store if at anytime you do not feel safe. Ask for security or the police to be called for an escort if necessary. Do not leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart even for a few seconds. Do not give out your personal information to anyone you do not know. Identity theft is a growing

problem with many unsuspecting victims. Carefully review all credit card and bank statements to make sure you authorized the transactions on your accounts.

At home, keep doors and windows locked. Do not open your doors to strangers. If going away, stop your deliveries or have a neighbor retrieve all mail, newspapers and packages daily. Consider leaving lights on timers both inside and out. Have a neighbor watch your home and consider requesting the Safety Department conduct vacation house checks while you are away. This is a free service provided to our residents as an extra crime prevention measure and to provide some added peace of mind to you while you are away from your home.

At home, park your cars in a well lighted area or leave outside

lights turned on. Lock car doors and remove all valuables, including loose change, from the interior. Crime prevention measures work to deter criminals who are in many cases opportunists looking for quick easy cash or valuables they can sell. Preventing and deterring crime takes a community wide effort and a partnership between residents and the Safety Department.

Most crimes are deterred and criminals apprehended when alert citizens see suspicious activity and call 911 immediately to report it. Never hesitate to report what you believe to be suspicious or illegal activity to the Safety Department so we can investigate and take the appropriate action. By following these simple safety tips, we can hopefully all enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday season.

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Holiday Spirit Shop Sale

Wednesday, December 2
11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 3
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

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Located in the front lobby of Oakwood High School Auditorium

All proceeds benefit Oakwood Athletic Boosters

'Holiday at the Homestead' Dec. 13

Join the Oakwood Historical Society for "Holiday at the Homestead" on Sunday, Dec 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Long-Romspert Homestead, 1947 Far Hills Ave.

Come one, come all to this open house and enjoy traditional holiday decorations, treats and music. There will also be kitchen activities with society members in period costume.

There is limited parking behind the Homestead and visitors are encouraged to use nearby on-street parking or enjoy a walk to this historic Oakwood landmark.

It's a great way to spend the afternoon before Oakwood's "Holiday of Lights" event that evening!

We hope to see you on Sunday, Dec 13th.

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Dec. 12 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. See *Santa* from 2-5 p.m.
Dec. 13 - Noon-6 p.m. See *Santa* from 2-5 p.m.
Dec. 14 & 15 - CLOSED
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Youth wrestling program starts Wednesday

The Oakwood Youth Wrestling team will begin practice this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakwood High School Wrestling Room. Any Oakwood student in grades 2-6 may sign up. Wrestlers may sign up at the door.

Program seeks volleyballers

The Sports For Youth Foundation. is currently accepting player applications from Canadian and American boys and girls, age 15 - 20, who are accomplished high school or club volleyball players. Applications are available from our website at www.volleyballtours.com

For further information: Sports For Youth Foundation, 6101 110th Ave SE Bellevue, WA. 98006; Phone (425) 255-8102; email: info@sportsforyouth.com.