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Residents

### Crime Watch Signs Installed

Thank you for participating in the Crime Watch meetings. By now you should have noticed we have 10 new Crime Watch signs throughout the community.

Keep in mind **those signs can't talk!** That is why I am asking EVERYONE to please take a moment and **put this number in your cell phone**

# 817-952-2127

and save as "**Crime Watch**". **CALL THIS NUMBER** *IF* you see **ANY** suspicious activity. Better to be safe than sorry. You would want YOUR neighbor to call that number if they saw a suspicious person lurking around YOUR home! I'm really proud of this community pulling together in the neighborhood crime watch program!

### Safety Feature

I still have some 3" screws available on a **first come first serve basis** to those needing to swap out the short 3/4" screws from their deadbolt strike plates with the longer 3" screws to make any attempts of someone trying to kick your door in much more difficult. Let me know if you need them- 2 for the front and 2 for the back doors. Be sure and go to Home Depot or Lowes and buy sliding widow locks for all your downstairs windows. (see below)

### PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

1. One of **least expensive ways** you can **protect your home** is to **replace the 3/4" brass screw** in your **strike plate** for your **dead bolt** on **all entry doors** with a **3" STEEL screw**. Below is an **actual size** photo of the screws I removed from my strike plates and the screws I replaced them with. The longer screw fastens deep into the 2 x 4 beyond the door molding, thus making it much more difficult to kick the door in.



### **What's new?**

You will soon notice **new flowers** being installed and we are also adding a **stone walkway/ park bench** with **tree lighting** on the pie shape area on Oak Leaf. Please take advantage of the new area but also help keep it litter free as there will not be a trash can.

The board, along with Carol Moran's help (PMG), has found an insurance company that has reduced our annual premiums by **\$600.00**...which more than paid for the signs!

I am really proud of this board and their commitment to help make Village of Oak Park a safer and more attractive place to call home.

Respectfully

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