

# The San Ignacio View

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## Security Issues within our Subdivision

As a result of a presentation by the Sheriff's Department to the Board at their January meeting we convey to you the Deputy's recommendations for your information and guidance.

- The most effective thing we can do as a community is to **dial 911 to report all illegal activity** that is witnessed. You will be asked "*what is your emergency?*" to which you should reply "*I have several suspicious persons in my area that don't belong here and I need someone to check this out*". When you use the term "**suspicious**" the department MUST respond.
- Average response time is running between 7 to 15 minutes if there is not an emergency delaying arrival, and deputies will not report back to you as to their findings and actions taken they must respond to all complaints.
- If you call the Border Patrol they are likely to turn the call over the Sheriffs Department for initial investigation because the BP is more involved with drug traffic, although the BP will be more responsive in light of adding 670 to 680 new agents.
- The presence of additional patrol cars in the area will force the traffickers to use other areas, but these patrol cars must be seen during the nighttime hours when the activity is taking place. That is why it is important to place the call.
- Gates, private security and lights have all proven to be ineffective over time. There is a universal code that will open gates for emergencies. Private security is costly and as soon as you discontinue the guard new groups will begin using the area. Lights will be vandalized.
- Illegals are more interested in food or water than in robbing you.
- A dog tied outside may deter activity but you have to weigh the annoyance of having a barking dog outdoors during the night.

Things that you should do:

- **Dial 911 to report all illegal activity.**
- **Lock your doors** and put your garage door down - don't give easy access to your home.
- If you leave a vehicle outside, make sure that it is locked.
- If you are hiking and you have water or food in your vehicle, put it out of sight or in the trunk as it will be less likely to tempt a break-in.

In summary, the Deputy said that although Green Valley is seeing more activity it is still the most desirable place to live.

## SAV Offers FREE Driving Evaluation

The Green Valley Sheriff's Auxiliary is teaming up with AAA in offering drivers a new self-evaluation tool, (a computer program) that aids seniors in assessing their driving ability.

The program is NOT connected to ADOT's Motor Vehicle Division or the Sheriff's Department. It is meant to increase the driver's OWN awareness of his or her driving abilities.

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The computer program is interactive and easy to use. It evaluates eight areas of a person's physical and mental abilities that have been identified as **crash risk predictors**. The eight screening tests take about 40 minutes combined. Upon completion, the program rates the driver's level of skill and recommends additional action for those with "serious" crash risk.

Some of the screens are similar to simple video games, and the whole program is guided by a narrated video tutorial as well as written instructions. A SAV facilitator will also be on hand to assist with the computer. SAV is hoping that drivers will look for ways to improve their skills as a result of this program's evaluations.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, call 547-6744 to schedule an appointment. Thank you, RUTH GROSMAN, Scheduling Chairperson

## **Survey Results – Neighborhood Garage Sale**

Question: Would you be in favor of holding a yearly neighborhood garage sale in SIV?

Answer:	Yes:	101	No:	28	No Opinion:	65
Time of Year:	Fall:	23	Fall or Spring:	19	Spring:	33
					No Opinion:	28

It appears that the consensus is for early Spring when the weather is still moderate and there is more activity in Green Valley. We will keep you updated when a time has been chosen and give you plenty of notice so that you can scour the closets and garage for those unwanted items that may be somebody else's treasures. With so much on the agenda for this year it is doubtful that any sale could be scheduled anytime prior to March.

## **Watch for FLYING Stones...**

During performance of maintenance on the common areas, weed whackers could kick up stones causing potential damage to vehicles parked on the street. It would be wise to put your car in the garage when you see crews working on the common area near your property.

## **Social Events?**

I live at 4662 S. Desert Grove Court and would like to see how many people would be interested in getting together for a social once every month. I know that we get together once a year, however I have talked to many people in various sections of Green Valley and their get-togethers are quite successful. Everyone brings their own drinks and an appetizer to share. The person that hosts the event supplies the paper plates, cups, and napkins. In this way no one is taxed by having it at their house. I would like to send an e-mail to everyone to see who would be interested in participating in this once a month get-together.

If you are interested, contact: Monique Collins email: [memerecollins@earthlink.net](mailto:memerecollins@earthlink.net) or call her at 625-3791,

If you would like to see either a social function for your particular street or for the whole subdivision let's see what we can get organized. It might be difficult to get a room for 2006 but it isn't too soon to start thinking about 2007. Either email: [info@sivhoa.org](mailto:info@sivhoa.org) or call Marianne Bishop at 625-4924.