

WATTERSON PARK RESIDENTS:

There is a lot of buzz going around the neighborhood regarding the car break-ins over the past weekend, and it is your City Council's job to keep you informed. First, let me say, if your car/garage isn't locked, it isn't a break-in; it's a give-away. It is your property, but thieves don't care.

On Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9, between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., someone went through the neighborhood trying to open car and garage doors. Any that were unlocked were probably accessed, so check for your belongings. There were two vehicles stolen because the keys were left in another vehicle on the property. There were no forced entries.

On numerous occasions, we have distributed flyers about security on your property. LMPD crime notifications are posted on our city website, **WattersonParkKy.com**. And, we have requested more Police visibility. There isn't much more we can do. It is up to you.

- If your car is outside, lock it. Don't leave anything valuable in your car.
- If your car is in the garage, still lock your car and lock your garage door.
- Keep your overhead garage door closed during the day. Thieves are known to walk by and take a look at what you have.
- If you have gate access to your backyard, put a lock on the gate.
- Invest in a motion light or dusk-to-dawn light.
- If you are working in your yard, lock your doors and keep a key with you.
- Lights and locks discourage thieves.
- As the police have said, a barking dog is the best alarm.
- Talk to your neighbors and look out for each other.
- Install a camera. In the recent break-ins, there was some video captured, which Metro Police viewed.
- If you see someone whom you don't recognize walking through the neighborhood, monitor his or her movements.

It is up to you to protect your property. Hopefully, by keeping things locked, you will discourage thieves from coming around. It's sad to say, but this is happening everywhere, and it probably will not go away. (**NOTE:** Ring.com has a great home security device.)

If you see suspicious activity, call Police Dispatch at 574-2111 or 574-7111. Tell them you are in the 6th Division, Beat 3, and you need an officer as soon as possible. **If you witness a crime in progress, call 911.**

LIGHTS ON AND LOCK UP – We can't say that enough. Stay safe.

Your Mayor and City Council