

Security Alert

Charbonneau Country Club (CCC) reminds you to make sure your cars are locked and garage doors shut. Also, don't forget to lock your side entry garage door. While Charbonneau is considered very safe, in the last few weeks we have heard about an estimated six car and garage break-ins.

The CCC uses First Response Security to patrol our neighborhoods every night. During one of their patrols they reported a suspicious car to CCC. CCC staff took this information to Wilsonville Police and this was the tip the police needed to get an arrest. They found many stolen garage door openers and other items in the car. Wilsonville Police are asking if you had a recent break-in, to make sure you have filed a police report. There is no way to connect people back to their stolen items without a police report. In your report, make sure to include the date and time period and any serial numbers or descriptions of your stolen items.

We would like to commend our top notch security officers and the value they add to our safety. The CCC also received phone calls from homeowners and this is a great reminder that if you see something, say something. Together First Response Security and the CCC helped assist in the arrest of these criminals.

Even though these criminals were caught, you should still practice the following tips, especially this holiday season:

- If you have a break in always call First Response AND Wilsonville Police to file a report
- If You See Something Say Something
- Don't leave valuables in your car such as purses, bags, laptops, wallets, credit cards or cell phones. Anything that's left in plain view is like an advertisement to potential thieves
- Hide accessories and chargers that indicate you have a mobile phone, GPS or other device kept in your car
- Remove key cards, garage door openers and work or house keys from your vehicle that could otherwise give a potential burglar access to your house
- Always roll up your windows, remove your keys, lock your door and set your car alarm (if you have one). If you don't, consider installing a security system
- If you have a break-in, document the scene: take photographs of any damage to your vehicle and make a list of all stolen items. Keep in mind that along with electronics and money, thieves also take things like auto parts (rims, tires or catalytic converters) and license plates. Be sure to take note if any of these things go missing

Again, Charbonneau is a very safe community but we need to be reminded of things we can do to keep it that way.