

10 Things We Residents Can Do to Help Fight L Streets & Lake Highlands Crime

1. Turn on your porch lights at night, burglars hate to be seen.
2. Don't park on the street, but rather in your driveway, carport, or garage. Cars on the street are an easier target for "smash and grab" thefts.
3. Since many of us have a one-car garage, if you must leave your car outside, lock your car, close the windows, and take or hide any valuables. Don't leave anything in plain site to tempt a thief.
4. Borrow an engraving pen from your local police and put your driver's license number on valuables. If something is stolen, police can easily identify it at pawnshops and can more quickly return your belongings.
5. Keep your plants and bushes trimmed below three feet. Thieves and prowlers like to hide behind big bushy plants.
6. Get to know your neighbors. Who are they? What do they do? Do they work at home? Do they have frequent visitors? If you don't know this, you won't know when something is suspicious.
7. Call 911. This number can be used to prevent emergencies as well as respond to them. Call 911 when you see someone or something suspicious.
8. Join VIP, Volunteers in Patrol. This is a group of neighbors that drives around the neighborhood a couple of times a month keeping an eye out for you. Neighborhoods with VIP patrols have less crime, it's as simple as that.
9. Keep your garage door closed. Don't tempt thieves with your yard equipment and bicycles.
10. Become an active member of the L Streets Neighborhood Association. All neighbors benefit from the work of the neighborhood association in less crime and cleaner looking neighborhood, yet there are few volunteers.

DO YOU FEEL SAFE? Please provide the L Streets Neighborhood Association with your email address today to receive instant Crime Watch bulletins and Neighborhood News. If you don't have email, please call our Crime Watch HOTLINE to hear weekly crime updates. In CW 1089, we have 475 households — with about 1,500 residents total — but only 200 households participate in the L Streets' "private / non-published" Crime Watch email system. Instant communication is the key! Are your home and car vulnerable? **These are immediate precautionary actions you can take:** 1) Join VIP to be extra eyes & ears for police; 2) Call 911 on any suspicious activity; 3) Always lock your house & car and take inside your keys & valuables; 4) Sign up for Crime Watch emails at CrimeCrusher@hotmail.com; 5) Regularly call our Crime Watch Hot Line at 214.967.5092; and, 6) Watch out for each other.

2005 L Streets Accomplishments—We Need Your Individual Financial Support!

- As 2005 draws to a close, we want to share some of our financial accomplishments:
- * Placed road humps on Larchwood
 - * Successful Spring Fling and National Night Out Events
 - * Replaced VIP scanner
 - * Replaced VIP cell phone
 - * Purchased new magnetic car signs for VIP patrol
 - * On a day-to-day basis, we have maintained the Crime Watch voice mail and email systems, and the cell phone
 - * Purchased new informational perimeter signs and a Yard of the Month sign

Each of us is responsible for the financial livelihood of the L Streets and our dues money helps us all. Please renew your membership and encourage your neighbors to do the same. It's only \$25/family or \$15/single membership per year!. In 2006 we will focus on our Sign Topper project to add to the quaintness and coziness of the L Streets. Get involved in this worthwhile project and make a monetary donation.

New Neighbors? Do you know of a new neighbor who recently moved in on your street? To have a complimentary L Streets Welcome Basket delivered to them, please contact Amy Hardin, Welcome Committee Chairman, at CrimeCrusher@hotmail.com or VM @ 214.967.5092.

Dallas City Services

Having trouble w/ any of your City of Dallas services? Need your Bulky Trash schedule?

CW 1089 BULKY TRASH SCHEDULE:

- * **Set Out Bulky Trash** on Thursdays — Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 12
 - * **Bulky Trash Pick Up** by Friday week of — Nov. 25, Dec. 23, Jan. 20
- Note: A bulky trash fine (city gives us no warning) = \$250 + \$40 court costs/violation.

PINK COURTESY NOTICE: The L Streets encourages us to be aware of this area's bulky trash schedule. If you choose to put out your trash too early, too often or have other code violations, you may receive one of these friendly reminders. Be kind to your neighbors

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 8:** Election Day—Don't forget to **VOTE!**
- Nov. 8:** L Streets N.A. General Mbrshp Mtng — NE Police Station, NW Hwy, 7 — 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12, 13, 15:** VIP Training — Location TBA, call Jorge Chavez today at 214.967.5092 for an application, more details & location.
- Dec. 18:** Deadline Christmas Decor Contest.
- Jan. 10:** L Streets N.A. BOD Mtng., 7 - 9 p.m.

(Cont'd) **Neighborhood Beautification:** If you'd like to be involved with Neighborhood Beautification, please call our VM @ 214.967.5092 or contact CrimeCrusher@hotmail.com.

Great job to Debbie Thomas & her Yard of the Month (YOM) committee for administering the YOM program, meeting monthly April—October to vote on our seven annual YOM winners. Thank you!

- 2005 Yard of the Mo. Winners**
- Aug—9078 Longmont, The Hernandez
 - Sep—8611 San Souci, The Wallaces
 - Oct—N/A—No nominations received

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