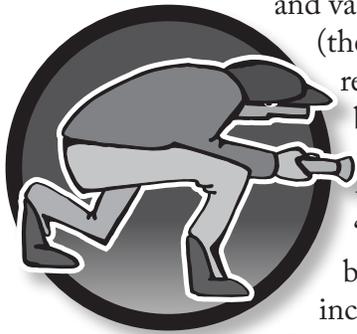


Sunriver Crime Spree

By Ray Fox, Communications Director

Over the last several weeks, the good people of Sunriver have been plagued by a rash of car break-ins and vandalism. The Sunriver e-Group (the SNA's e-mail forum for registered members) has been buzzing with reports of stolen stereos, smashed windows, punctured tires and "keyed" paint jobs. There have been well over a dozen such incidents reported on the e-Group just since the end of January.



One resident, after leaving his car to warm up in the driveway one frosty morning, returned just in time to prevent a thief from driving off with it. Others, not so fortunate, awoke to find their cars vandalized, broken into, or just plain gone.

ON THE CASE

To combat the recent criminal activity, the newly established Rancho Cordova Police Department has been working night and day. A new Problem Oriented Police (POP) Officer has been assigned to Sunriver. Deputy Kim Love-Munoz has been on the force for nearly a decade. She has served as the East Division Gang Coordinator and has worked closely with gang and narcotic detectives, the County Supervisors Office, Code Enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, and neighborhood associations like the SNA. In light of recent events, Deputy Love-Munoz will be a guest speaker at the March 28 Neighborhood Meeting to introduce herself to the people of Sunriver and answer any questions you may have.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

So what can homeowners do to thwart the thieves

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Sprucin' Up Sunriver

By Ray Fox & Troy Konarski

Even though spring has barely shown her face, it's time to do a little spring cleaning here in Sunriver. Saturday, March 25, volunteers from throughout the neighborhood will work together to give Sunriver a bit of a facelift. At the tip-top of the list of chores is a revitalization of the Truckee River median. Last fall, Jean Fox saw to the planting of three Chinese Pistache trees in the median. Now, with the help of several volunteers, we hope to complete the task by amending the soil, planting draught-tolerant plants, and applying a layer of decorative bark mulch. An existing shrub needs to be removed, and hopefully a volunteer with a winch-equipped vehicle will step forward to help yank it from its spot.

At the same time the median renovation is taking place, other volunteers will be doing a neighborhood clean-up, strolling through designated areas of Sunriver picking up trash and debris. Sunriver Park and the newly renovated areas along Sunrise

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Join us at the next Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, November 28

Sunriver resident Nicki Batchelor will be making a presentation on disaster preparedness and Sacramento County Regional Parks Director Gary Kukkola will discuss the proposal to move American River Raft Rentals into the Parkway just north of the Sunriver Neighborhood. Please join us at Sun River Church, corner of Trinity River and Klamath, room GF1 from 7 to 9pm.

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and vandals roaming the streets of Sunriver? Simply parking your car in the garage at night is one sure way to protect your vehicle. Do a little spring cleaning and make enough room to squeeze your cars in.

If you must park on the street, make sure you don't leave **anything** in your car. A cell phone, briefcase, or stack of CDs is an open invitation for a criminal to make your car his next target. Even leaving something as trivial as school books or a pair of sneakers in your car can lure a thief your way. Don't think for a moment that locking your car is going to keep any thief from accessing its contents. A pro can Slim Jim his way into your vehicle in a matter of seconds, while a rookie might just break the window to gain access and be gone before the glass stops falling.

Cars routinely parked on the street should have a car alarm installed. Be sure it has a visual indicator such as a blinking LED as well as window stickers to discourage thieves from selecting your car.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Another effective line of defense is teaming up with your neighbors. Neighborhood Watch groups have long been active in Sunriver, but more are needed to fully canvas the area. Forming a Neighborhood Watch group is a powerful way to protect your block and is easier than you might think. So how do you get started, you ask? The RCPD's Crime Prevention Specialist, Shelley Pai, is a wealth of information. Give her a call at **875-5852** or drop her an e-mail at **spai@sacsheriff.com**.

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

If you see a crime in progress, dial **9-1-1**

immediately and report the situation. But what if the situation doesn't quite qualify as an emergency, yet you're still concerned or suspicious? Lieutenant Dan Dailey of the Rancho Cordova Police Department suggests calling **875-5111**. "This number should only be used for problems that are in progress and need immediate attention, but short of a 9-1-1 situation," advises Lieutenant Dailey. "Our dispatchers are required by law to answer 9-1-1 calls within 3 rings or 10 seconds. After 9-1-1 calls, the 5111 number is next to be answered, followed by the non-emergency lines of **874-5115** or **364-5115**."

As disheartening as it is for our neighborhood to experience these problems, progress is being made at reducing the criminal activity in Sunriver. Juvenile vandal suspects have been identified and law enforcement,

Neighborhood Watch groups and individuals alike are working together to put an end to our neighborhood's crime spree. ☀

**Join us at the March 28
Neighborhood Meeting!**

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Sprucin' Up

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Boulevard and Coloma Road occasionally need a little neighborhood assistance to keep them looking great. And that's what Sprucin' Up Sunriver is all about!

And speaking of Sunriver Park, our neighborhood meeting place will be seeing some significant improvements over the next several weeks. A wealth of suggestions and ideas for enhancing the park were submitted on the Sunriver e-Group and passed on to Greg Foell, District Administrator of the Cordova Recreation and Park District. Included on the list of park enhancements are renovated pathways to provide those with disabilities better access to the playground, drinking fountain and picnic tables. Also, neighborhood children will finally get their long-awaited swing set with the installation of a brand new playground!

Sunriver residents have one more opportunity to make suggestions for park improvements. At 11:30, immediately following the Sprucin' Up Sunriver event, residents will meet with representatives from the Park District to brainstorm additional ideas for improvements. Attendees will be encouraged to

explore the park grounds, taking note of any elements needing improvement, and jotting down ideas for enhancement. The group will then reconvene to pool their ideas and discuss them with the park representatives. For more information on the park improvement project contact

Troy Konarski at (916) 852-8426, or by e-mail at tkonarski@sunriveronline.org.



New trees are the first step in a volunteer effort to renovate the Truckee River median.

Of course, in order to make this Sprucin' Up Sunriver project a success, we need your help. If you can help out with either the Truckee River median renovation or the neighborhood cleanup, drop us a line at feedback@sunriveronline.org.

Or simply show up and lend a hand. Sprucin' Up Sunriver kicks off at **9:00 am, Saturday, March 25**. We'll meet at the picnic tables in Sunriver Park.

Don't forget to dress in layers

and bring work gloves and a bottle of drinking water or two. If you're helping out with the median, bring a shovel, rake and/or other gardening tools. If the event is rained out, we'll aim for April 1 as a backup date.

Take pride in Sunriver and come lend a hand. Together we'll make visible improvements to our neighborhood that will last for years to come. ☺

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SNA Welcomes New Steering Committee Member

Every organization needs to breathe some new life into itself every once in a while, and the SNA is no exception. We are pleased to introduce the newest member of the SNA Steering Committee, Dr. Ginger Enrico. Ginger and her husband Roy are new additions to the neighborhood, having recently moved here after living the last 30 years in Dallas, Texas. Ginger is a psychologist with her own private practice, seeing couples, children and adults.

In the seventies, Ginger attended U.C. Davis. She student-taught at Cordova Villa Elementary here in Rancho Cordova, and at Yolo Alternative High School in a program for teenage mothers in West Sacramento.

Ask her what she loves most about Sunriver, and her answers revolve around the great outdoors. Ginger

is thrilled to live where the river is just a brief walk away. She enjoys the easy access to hiking and skiing in the Sierras. She loves the temperate climate of Sacramento and the gardening possibilities it offers, and she hopes to soon learn the different varieties of birds that call the valley their home.



New Steering Committee member, Dr. Ginger Enrico.

We hope you'll join us in welcoming Ginger, not only to the SNA steering committee but to our neighborhood as well. Drop her a line at **genrico@sunriveronline.org**. ☺

Sunriver Holiday Happenings

The SNA has a ton of festive fun in store for the good people of Sunriver this season, bound to chase away those Bah Humbugs and get you in the holiday spirit!

Sunriver Holiday Lighting Contest

Sunday, December 3 through Monday, December 18

Haul the decorations out of the attic, get 'em up on your house, and sign up for the third annual Sunriver Holiday Lighting Contest. The most popular entry wins a big bag o' prizes. But you've got to enter to win! Entry forms will be available on the Sunriver Online website - www.sunriveronline.org.

A Visit with Santa

Saturday, December 9, 11am to 1pm, Sunriver Park

We've managed to get ol' St. Nick to make another special appearance this year. Bring the wee ones down for some cookies and punch and a chance to tell Santa what they really want!

Sunriver Neighborhood Caroling

Tuesday, December 19, 7pm, Sunriver Park

Put on your warmest fuzzy scarf and join us for what has quickly become a Sunriver holiday tradition - strolling around the dazzlingly decorated neighborhood, hot cocoa in hand, singing carols with your neighbors. So what if you're tone deaf? It's your best bet at catching the true spirit of the season!