

## 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 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 find someone about to drive 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 and vandals roaming the streets of Sunriver? Simply

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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 medium 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, March 28

Our special guest will be Sunriver’s new POP Officer, Deputy Kim Love-Munoz, who will discuss the recent wave of crimes occurring around Sunriver and what we can do to prevent further incidents. Please join us the evening of Tuesday, March 28 at Sun River Church, at the corner of Trinity River and Klamath River Drive, Room GS1, from 7 to 9 pm. Spread the word and bring along your neighbors!

## Crime Spree

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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? Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Shelley Pai will be on hand at the March 28 Sunriver Neighborhood Meeting to offer tips and suggestions. You can also call her at **875-5852** or drop her an e-mail at [spai@sacsheriff.com](mailto: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 **874-5111**. "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 **362-5115**."

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](mailto: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'd like to help out with either the Truckee River renovation or the neighborhood cleanup, drop us a line at [feedback@sunriveronline.org](mailto: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 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. ☀



**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, April 2.  
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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](mailto:genrico@sunriveronline.org)



### ***Bluffs Moon Rising***

*Dates compiled by Craig Osborn*

Citizens to Save the Bluffs invites you to experience a stunning view of the full moon rising above the American River from the vantage point of the Fair Oaks Footbridge. Dates and times are shown at right. For bluffs info, visit [www.savethebluffs.org](http://www.savethebluffs.org)

April 13, Thursday - 8:10 pm  
May 12, Friday - 8:09 pm  
June 11, Sunday - 9:17 pm  
July 10, Monday - 8:57 pm  
August 9, Wednesday - 8:48 pm  
September 7, Thursday - 7:42 pm  
October 6, Friday - 6:33 pm  
November 5, Sunday - 5:03 pm  
December 4, Monday - 4:22 pm

## ***Sunriver Spring Fling '06***

Come celebrate the first weekend of spring at the third annual Sunriver Spring Fling! Watch as the kiddies scramble for over 100 Easter eggs hidden in Sunriver park, hop like bunnies in the bounce house, and unleash their inner creativity at the arts & crafts table. Take part in the Neighborhood Potluck and sample your neighbors' favorite recipes, or stuff yourself with a couple of hot dogs from our friends at Jasper's. The party's hoppin' from **11 am** until **1 pm Saturday, April 8** at **Sunriver Park**. If you'd like more info or would like to help out with this event, email Jessica at [jocenosak@sunriveronline.org](mailto:jocenosak@sunriveronline.org). And don't forget your potluck dish!

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