

Letter from the President

Hello Neighbors,

Please be ALERT, Crime is **creeping** into our neighborhoods. This month I met with Commander Warfield & Crime Prevention Specialist, Pete Gelabert with APD, they wanted to go over the rising burglaries within our area. APD wants to work with SRMNA to help prevent YOUR HOME from being the next target. This will only work with the help of the all of you. First you need to join the association and SIGN UP FOR THE GOOGLE GROUPS on our website; this will be our method of informing you of any information that is given to us from API) and other neighbors (like target streets and any descriptions of suspects to look out for). I cannot stress enough the importance of starting a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH on your street, this is a great crime deterrent and it is easy to set up, just call Pete Gelabert @ 897-8803 and he will help you set up a meeting with the neighbors on your street.

Susie Rayos Marmon Elementary School's new buildings are now open and occupied, please drive by and see the beautiful **new** school that the kids finally have, this has been years in the making and we need to Thank all of the past and present representatives that helped make this possible.

I would like **to** thank everyone that is keeping their yards well kept, this year we had a harder time selecting the Patio Lindo Award winners, and thank you to the past winners; they are keeping their yards looking great. There are still several yards that **need** work in our *area*, the largest amounts of complaints received is unkept yards, please do us all a favor and tidy up your yards, by not keeping them weed free you are hurting not only your property but the entire neighborhood and remember criminals typically hit un-kept homes before well kept homes. **We need to work together to beat the crime in our area, it cannot be done alone!**

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SRMNA Crime Statistics

May - **6 auto burglaries, 7 residential burglaries, 0 auto thefts**

June - **2 auto burglaries, 9 residential burglaries, 4 auto thefts**

July - **2 auto burglaries, 12 residential burglaries, 1 auto thefts**

Patio Lindo Awards

Twelve Susie Ramos Mannon Neighborhood owners received the 2nd Annual Patio Lindo Awards recently. These awards are given for the best kept front yards in both lawn and rock categories. This year the choice was very difficult as there seemed to be more people who took pride in their yards. Congratulations to all the owners who keep their yards free from weeds and have an attractive, creative design. Unfortunately, there are also too many people who don't seem to care enough to at least maintain their yards and keep them relatively weed free. We encourage all of them to step up to the plate and do more maintenance.

The Board acknowledges that the selection can be very subjective. Also, it could be that somebody who always takes care of his lawn may have been away for a couple of weeks as we were driving around. On the other hand, we may have chosen somebody who just that day cleaned everything up after a month of neglect!! We are having only one round of certificates this year due to time constraints. We tried our best and welcome additional people to the committee for the summer and holiday "contests".

Congratulations to the following owners and their homes:

Lawn: 6409 Amberside Rd., 6200 Evesham Rd., 6204 Evesham Rd., 6816 Porfamar Rd., 6908 Otono Ct., 6916 Otono Ct, and 7007 Marigot

Rock: 2428 Big Pine Dr., 6100 Summerwood Rd., 1742 Vasilion, 6700 Tierra Vista, and 6916 Verano

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