

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

STATS SHOW SOME CRIMES TRENDING DOWN

By comparison, Sparta Valley area residents were victims of Burglary of their homes and vehicles slightly less than the previous summer.

Between the weeks from June 1st, and August 31st, 2015 there were a total of 14 Burglaries of Residence, the highest month, July with 6 for a collective total of 1.24/1000 residents.

The incidence of Burglary of Vehicle topped off in August last year at 18 for a total during the same 3-month period of 36 for a rate of 2.07/1000 Sparta Valley residents.

In 2016 for the 3-month period from June 1st through August 31st, the incident rate for Burglaries of a Residents dropped to 10 for a rate of .58/1000; a margin of .66 with the highest month in August at 5.

Likewise, Burglary of Vehicle dropped by a margin of .5/1000, down from 36 in 2015 to a total of 18 in 2016. Although a monthly ratio during the summer of 2015 hovered around 1.4/1000, the majority in August, this past summer the rate surged from .29 in June, to peak at .63 in July just to tail-off at a .12 in August for a cumulative total of 1.04/1000.

The statistics can only mean that better awareness has motivated local homeowners to take all the necessary precautions - BUT it doesn't mean any of can relax the vigilance that has created the downward trend in these crimes of opportunity.

AMERICA'S MISSING: BROADCAST EMERGENCY RESPONSE; AKA: AMBER

The AMBER Alert System was created in 1966 as a legacy to 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas, and then brutally murdered.

Dallas-Fort Worth police and broadcasters developed the early warning system that was adopted by other states across the nation to help find abducted children.

AMBER Alerts interrupt and are broadcast on radio and television, DOT highway signs, and through lottery, digital billboards, and Internet Ad exchanges, Internet Service Providers, Internet search engines and wireless phones.

The AMBER alert system has been praised as essential to the safe recovery of over 500 missing or abducted children.

But, just how effective is the AMBER alert system? Some critics claim system isn't nearly as

effective saving the lives of children who are in real danger - primarily youngsters abducted by homicidal sexual predators who don't know their victims. Not that the system is flawed, it's just not as reliable as many think.

Very few of the hundreds of cases of children abducted by a stranger, sexually abused and then murdered are ever found. It's illogical to assume it's the Amber Alert, when used that caused the child to be found.

Amber Hagerman was snatched January 13, 1996, from a grocery store parking lot in Arlington. The one and only witness told police that he saw a man in a black truck grab Amber from her bike, throw her into his truck and drive away. A man walking his dog discovered Amber's body 4 days later in a North Arlington drainage ditch. Her throat had been cut, but police have never reported if she was sexually assaulted.

Despite having received nearly 7000 leads, to this day the case sits unsolved.

Nonetheless, any tool that can be utilized to help protect a child and help get that child back to his or her parents is a tool that ought to be utilized to the maximum.

Time is the enemy in these cases, and the public can help by just paying attention and to alert authorities if they see anything suspicious.

... and, to critics of the Amber Alert system, it's free, it's easy and often times, it works. While it's difficult to measure, the notifications serve as a deterrent to would-be kidnapers.

YET ANOTHER FACEBOOK "PHISHING EXPEDITION"

Be wary of a link that opens in a new window while you're logged into a social media like Facebook. When you go back to the original when you've finished with the new page, the site may advise you that you have been logged out. But, when/if you log back in, you've just been phished. The site that you just logged into is a malicious site.

One of the developers has identified this flaw in the code on Facebook and Twitter that could allow this phishing attack. Both of these sites have the target="_blank" attribute inserted into their hyperlink code which is the cause of this vulnerability.

Facebook says it uses rate-limiting, which is designed to keep hackers from spreading a massive phishing attack. It also keeps track of suspicious activity to try and stop such attacks.

It's well advised that, instead of clicking links on social media sites, type the other site's address into your browser. Especially avoid clicking on

links inside comments put up by other users and to help protect your devices from digital threats, have strong security software.

Code Red - Reverse 9-1-1 Notification System BELL COUNTY HAS A NEW REVERSE 9-1-1 NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, CODE RED.

Reverse 9-1-1 is used when Police, Fire, and Government officials need to notify the public of emergency situations and any actions they should take to protect lives and property. Many people will not receive these important notices because of the decline of home/land-line phones, so residents and business owners are encouraged to self-register their contact information.

Please follow the links below to self-register cell phones and email addresses. This will also allow the confirmation of a home/business location on a map. This reverse 9-1-1 is also being utilized by cities within Bell County and surrounding counties (Coryell, Milam, Mills, Lampasas, Hamilton, and San Saba). Registration of cell phones and emails is voluntary.

Self-Registration links:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BFF2144C1EE5>

http://bit.ly/codered_ctcog

Please share this information with family, friends, and anyone that resides in the area.

BELL CO. MOST WANTED AS OF OCTOBER 21ST, 2016



The featured Fugitive of Month this issue is 35 year-old Angela Brianna Jones, Wanted For: Burglary of a Habitation.

Jones is a 5'9" tall, Black Female with Brown Eyes and Black Hair weighing 172 lbs.

Her last known address (LKA) was in Killeen.

The publication of this newsletter is unofficial and does not express any opinion, directive, or policy of the Woodlake Property Owners Association members or Board of Directors. The primary purpose of the newsletter is to convey information designed to assist us to reduce or prevent crime in our community. The information presented is available through various public access sources, personal interview, or observation. Your comments as to how we can improve this effort are welcome.

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FROM AUSTIN - Alfredo Cruz 27, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender, is now in custody after being arrested Tuesday in Brownsville.

Bazan was wanted for failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements and probation violation. The arrest was the result of tip information and a \$3000 reward to be paid.



Working off tip information, Bazan was detained by federal police in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Mexican immigration determined Bazan had no legal status to remain in Mexico, and on October 18, he was turned over

to U.S. authorities - including the U.S. Marshals Service Southern District of Texas - at the Gateway International Bridge in Brownsville. Bazan was booked into the Cameron County Jail.

Bazan was added to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive list in May 2015, and his last known address was in Harlingen, Texas. For more information, see his captured bulletin at:

<http://www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=288>.

For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at:

www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=338.

UP TO \$10,000 REWARD BENJAMIN DOMINGUEZ

Details:

Race/Sex - White (Hispanic), Male

DOB - 10/30/66

HT/WT - 5'7", 225 lbs.

AKA - Francisco Rodriguez, Ben Dominguez, Francisco Dominguez, Rogelio Morales, Rogelio Lopez Morales, Rogelio Mendoza Morales, Rogelio Ramirez, Johnny Rodriguez, Roger Rodriguez, Francisco Sanchez, Javier Zuniga, Chino

SMT - Tattoos: Skulls, scorpion, and prison on left arm; panther, female holding shotgun, and eagle on right arm; barbed wire on left wrist; and "Yvette" on neck. Scars on chin, left elbow, and finger(s) on right hand. Needle marks on left arm.

WANTED FOR - Indecency with a Child by Exposure, Probation Violation (Original Offenses: Possession of a Controlled Substance; Resisting, Evading or Obstructing an Officer)



GANG(S) - Barrio Azteca

CCH - Indecency with a Child by Exposure, Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration, Assault Causes Bodily Injury, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Burglary, Failure to Identify-Giving False/Fictitious Info, and DWI

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CAUTION - Subject should be considered ARMED and DANGEROUS!