

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

LOCAL RESTAURANT EARNS TOP HONORS

Congratulations to family-friendly owned La Roma Pizza and Subs in Belton for earning the "Clean Plate" award last week. The "Clean Plate" designation was also awarded two weeks ago to a little pizza place in McGregor.



Not all establishments fared as well; on the same day, a barbecue restaurant in McGregor failed their evaluation with a score of 69 by the McLennan County food service and health inspector. Inspectors there noted several flies in the back prep table area, mold and food debris was found on a sink and there were spray bottles not properly labeled with toxic chemicals they contained. Worse, there was animal and rodent feces found in a shed outside and in close proximity with food contact surfaces.

All these infractions were corrected and 5 days later they were re-inspected and passed.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated example. Despite a passing score of 91, inspectors saw roaches crawling along walls and doors in the kitchen at the China Star in Killeen.

Cooks at Menos Mexican Grill on S. Fort Hood St. were caught not wearing gloves, there were roaches seen along the kitchen walls and the paper towel dispenser, a dead roach in the deep freezer and food being stored on the floor; yet they passed with an 80.

Restaurants are not the only food service establishments regulated by county health officials. Convenience stores, grocery stores, specialty stores, school cafeterias, nursing homes, institutions, childcare kitchens, bars, mobile food vendors, meals on wheels, etc., also receive a minimum of two inspections per year.

But, what does the inspection score mean? The score is based on the total number of demerits received for violations identified during the inspection and, the smaller the score, the better.

Demerits are given only to those violations most critical to food safety. The inspection report is risk-based with 47 specific items. The report focuses on factors most related to food safety and preventing food borne illness. Violations receive demerit points ranging from one to three points for each violation. Other minor violations may exist but are not assigned demerit points.

Corrections of violations may be accomplished during the inspection or within a specified time frame. Follow-up inspections are provided as needed to ensure violations are corrected. The demerit score will not reflect if corrections were made during the inspection.

Since scores range from 0-100 with the lower score being better, it should be noted that any establishment receiving more than 30 demerits would automatically receive more stringent corrective actions including additional inspections and possible temporary closure. Establishments may request follow up inspections to improve their score.

A score is only an indicator of the conditions found at the time of inspection. It is not to be the sole criteria to determine if it is okay to eat at a particular establishment. The score does not reflect consumer expectations such as a "0" score meaning absolutely perfect conditions. A customer may request a food establishment to show them a copy of the most recent inspection report. This allows the customer to see all the conditions that determined the score.

MOST WANTED BELL/ LAMPASAS COUNTY AS OF: AUG 15th, 2016

This issue's featured fugitive is: 24 y/o Larry Colon, Wanted For: Burglary of a Building. Colon is describe as a White Male with Brown Eyes and Black Hair who is 5'9" Tall and weights 146 lbs. His last known address is in Killeen.

Also from Killeen are: Fernando Price, wanted for: Evading Arrest, Martin Carr, wanted for: Failure to Comply With Registration



Requirements, and Doninique Richardson, wanted for: Theft Over \$1,500. Divante Goodby is a Harker Heights fugitive wanted for Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, and form Belton is Christina Campbell wanted for: Forgery by Passing.

If you have information about this or any other fugitive, contact Crime Stoppers at 526-TIPS (8477) or go online anonymously at www.bellcountycrimestoppers.com.

FROM AUSTIN - The Texas Department



of Public Safety's reward for information leading to the arrest of Jose Luis Rodriguez has been increased for of up to \$8,000 on this Sex Offender during the month of August 2016.

DETAILS:

RACE: W/Hispanic, Male, DOB: 5/10/1955, HGT: 5'7", WGT: 170 lbs. AKA: Joe Rodriguez, WANTED FOR: Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration Requirements, Probation Violation (Original Offenses: Sex Abuse of a Child Continuous Victim Under 14 and Indecency-Fondling) CCH: Indecency with a Child by Sexual Contact (two counts), Sexual Abuse of a Child Continuous - Victim U/14

LKA: 514 Red Bud Drive, Grapevine, Texas

CAUTION: Subject should be considered ARMED and DANGEROUS!

In July 2010, Jose Luis RODRIGUEZ was arrested in Fort Worth for Indecency with a Child by Sexual Contact and for Sexual Abuse of a Child for incidents involving two 11-year-old female neighbors. In August 2012, he was convicted of Indecency with a Child by Sexual Contact and received two 5-year probation sentences to run concurrent. He was also required to register every three months as a sex offender.

On March 5, 2013, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for Rodriguez's arrest for Probation Violation. On May 3, 2013, the Grapevine Police Department issued a warrant for his arrest for Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration Requirements.

Rodriguez's last known address was in Grapevine, Texas. He holds a valid helicopter mechanic license. www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=331.

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NFPA's Take Action Campaign: Wildfire Preparedness

Have you heard? The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has a campaign to help youth prepare for wildfires. According to the NFPA, more than eight million students across the U.S. live in a community at risk for wildfire.

Youth can play an important role in helping minimize these risks. The "Take Action" campaign has resources and projects for young adults to prepare themselves, their families, and their neighbors with wildfire planning and evacuation. There's even information about [preparing pets](#), too!

Get in-the-know about wildfires! Watch NFPA's [Wildfire Facts](#) video to learn more about this hazard. Be sure to share on your social media channels.

You can also visit America's PrepareAthon! for additional [wildfire preparedness resources](#), including the [How to Prepare for a Wildfire](#) guide and the [Prepare Your Organization for a Wildfire](#) playbook.

Criminals usually assess if a home has a security system before they even attempt a break-in and 9 out of 10 times, burglars who can't get past a security system will just give up. Cameras, alarms, and a solid security system are usually enough to protect your home from most break-ins and most burglars will flee hearing an alarm.

"AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION....."

A house without a security system is three times more likely to be broken into.

Burglary is traumatic no matter what happens, and why the emphasis on being prepared, taking precautions and installing redundant security systems (security lights, sensors and video cameras, etc.). Even still:

ODDS ARE YOU'LL NEVER BE A VICTIM OF BURGLARY. IF YOU ARE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO AFTERWARDS?

1. **CALL THE POLICE** - Sounds academic but it's important to consider that, unless it's clear that the burglars are gone, it's better to call the police and wait for them to arrive before rushing into your home to investigate yourself.

2. **RECORD EVERYTHING** - If you were home for the break-in, or caught a glimpse of the burglars, you need to get down as many details as you can on paper, a note-taking app or a voice recording right away. In high-stress situations, memory can be spotty so you don't want to wait for the police or a later time. Be sure to note the number of intruders, physical details, clothing details, how they got in, what they did while inside and the direction they left. If you didn't witness the break-in, still record when you returned home and what you did.

3. **TAKE AN INVENTORY** - Take pictures of how the burglars got in and any damage they caused. Then get pictures of the places items and any receipts you have of the stolen items to help process your insurance claim. Don't wait to take that inventory after the fact; do it now. And, it is very important to preserve the crime scene by not touching or moving anything.

4. **FILE A POLICE REPORT** - It may have to be done at the police station but ask if it can be done online. It will take some time and effort getting to the filing part and why having your record readily available soon after the incident.

5. **CONTACT YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY** - The insurance company will need to know the police report number and other official information for you to file a claim. Once you submit a claim, or a claims adjuster comes to view the damage, you can provide the photos you took, any receipts or other information that will help you get faster compensation.

THE TRUE NATURE OF A CRIMINAL

Contrary to the burglars and thieves as shadowy, black-clad professionals made popular in Hollywood, most criminals are desperate individuals looking for easy targets. Movie burglars, who, with cat-like reflexes and senses, and months to plan, effortlessly evade the most advanced security systems to steal that irreplaceable, invaluable heirloom only to escape without repercussion.

As unrealistic as that image is doesn't mean a likely burglar isn't a real threat. In the U.S. alone, a burglary occurs approximately every 15 seconds accounting for about 2 million reported home burglaries each year, and according to the FBI, are still the most common threats to our homes.

Some common myths about burglars expose the reality:

1. *Break-ins only occur at night or when somebody's home* - Although home intrusions portrayed in the movies do happen, the truth is that most break-ins (about 60%) occur during the daylight hours while the homeowners are away at work or school.

Studies also show that most burglars ring doorbells in target homes first because they tend to avoid occupied houses. Unless they are really looking for a bit of the ultra-violence, burglars avoid unnecessary confrontations and would prefer to come and go with as little fanfare as possible.

2. *Burglars sneak in through windows* - Hollywood's portrayal have fuel the belief that burglars are masters of stealth and lock picking to open impenetrable steel doors or windows. However, burglars will use the front or back door as an entry point 56% of the time by finding the spare key or by forcing their way in

by kicking in the door. More often than not, they'll simply walk in through an unlocked door.

And, why use glasscutters or special lock picking tools when, 23% of the time, they smash and break the glass to gain entry through a window?

3. *Burglars take their time* - Most burglars are just petty criminals and not savvy professionals who case a place for months. They look for the easy target, don't like spending more than 60 seconds breaking in and will give up if they think it will take longer than that. That's why they target vacant houses with unsecured doors and no apparent security systems. Bared windows, security grills, deadbolt locks, and security system signs are good deterrents against casual burglars. And, once inside they're quick to grab what loot they can and be out in an average of about 8 minutes.

4. *Burglars always like big-ticket electronics* - Burglars usually only take what they can easily carry like cash, jewelry, mobile phones and tablets, firearms, small appliances, laptops, and computers. That big 100-inch 4K UHD television set in your living room is probably safe because it's not easily transported or sold.

Items they do manage to steal are moved within short distances to avoid suspicion and they are disposed of within 24 hours through pawnshops and direct buyers. Also, since burglars don't want to spend too much time inside a house, they often target and locate the master bedroom first since that is where cash and jewelry are traditionally kept.

5. *Burglars can bypass security systems* - In reality, you don't need complicated security devices to deter the common burglar.

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