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BLOCK WATCH SAFETY TIPS

March 28, 2014 – [Spring Break, Warm Weather & Senior Tag](#)

Spring Break Travel

- Before traveling, call us @ 740-833-2800 – so we can provide periodic House Checks!
- While away, make your house looked lived in (lights on timers, neighbors picking up mailers thrown in yard/porch, etc.).
- Do not post, tweet, or share on social media your travel plans.
- Leave a spare key and emergency phone number with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles.
- Lock garage entry doors.
- Trim shrubs/trees that are close to your home.
- Enjoy your time off, but don't celebrate by drinking and driving.

Warmer Weather

- Warmer weather brings out more children and families for outdoor activities.
Pedestrians: be mindful of crossing streets.
Parents: keep a close eye on your children outside.
Drivers: please be sure to slow down in residential areas. (The majority of residential speeders are actually the residents themselves!).
- Crime tends to increase as the weather warms. Shut your garage door every time you leave and keep all your doors & windows locked – whether you're home or away.
- If you park in the street or driveway, remove your garage door opener from your vehicle before going into your home. Always lock your vehicle, and remove any valuables!

Senior Tag

Annually in the spring, many high school seniors take part in a competitive tournament, "Senior Tag," which features friendly battles among teams using squirt or Nerf guns. Sometimes these games get out of hand and quickly turn into illegal activity.

The game is NOT affiliated with or endorsed by the school districts. Students involved have tried to help prevent problems with law enforcement by clearly stating in their rules the potential legal consequences, such as trespassing, public nudity, and reckless driving.

A sampling of some of the rules follow.

- If a student is naked they cannot be eliminated when hit by a squirt or Nerf gun.
- Students cannot play the game while in a moving vehicle.
- Squirt or Nerf guns that are black in color or closely resemble an actual gun should not be used.

If residents observe any suspicious behavior, do not assume it is students playing "Senior Tag." Call the Sheriff's Office – **740-833-2800**.

We always prefer to err on the side of "better safe than sorry." No one should assume a naked female running is playing Senior Tag – she could be the victim of a crime. We are a safer community when we all work together!