

## **TIP: Thieves Don't Take Summer Vacations!**

***Don't let your home be burglarized during your summer vacation...***

Your community must work together!

Neighborhoods are like a chain. If there are obvious weak links (houses unlit, gates open, overgrown vegetation creating hiding places, door hangers not removed from door knobs, etc.), thieves will be attracted to the neighborhood

### **Consider doing the following:**

- Consider hiring a house sitter.
- Don't leave GPS in your car at the airport (It literally has a road map back to your vacant house!)
- Don't announce your vacation plans on any public social media.
- Lock all of your doors and windows, including the garage.
- Assure your outside lights will be on at night.
- Close your drapes and blinds.—Keep prying eyes from seeing inside.
- Install a random timer to vary times interior lights go on.
- Stop mail and newspaper
- Have a trusted neighbor remove fliers stuck on doors.
- Install an alarm and cameras.