



# CARMEL OBSERVER

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## **Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:**

Please remind your neighbors to secure their home while on vacation. Call the Communications Center at 571-2580 and leave your name and address and our patrol officers will pay extra attention to your residence while you are away. If you are going to be gone for an extended period of time, it is advisable to have your cars out in the driveway.

## **Vacation Checklist**

- Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers
- Ensure all points of entry are secured, especially windows
- Use light timers that will give your home the appearance of occupancy.
- Tell trusted neighbors how long you will be gone and who might be visiting you home in your absence
- Leave a phone number with a relative or neighbor in case of an emergency
- Have someone mow your lawn

## **Reminder**

- Fireworks can be purchased only by persons 18 years of age or older. Children under 18 may only use fireworks when an adult is present.
- Fireworks may be used only on the user's property, on the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks, or at a special discharge location. (Note: A special discharge location is a place designated by the State Fire Marshall for the discharge of consumer fireworks).
- Fireworks may be used only between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., except on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and New Year's Eve, when the hours are extended until midnight.
- Penalties for violating the fireworks law can range from a Class A misdemeanor up to a Class C felony in the case of reckless or intentional use of fireworks that results in a person's death.

## **2009 National Night Out**

The National Night Out Program will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is a campaign designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. We encourage you to turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with your neighbors. Help your neighbors put together an ice cream social, block party or other community event. Police and Fire Department personnel will stop by your function in support of "America's Night Out Against Crime".

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Ann Gallagher at 571-2500 or [agallagher@carmel.in.gov](mailto:agallagher@carmel.in.gov).

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,  
Please give us a call.*

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