

## Question of the Month

### How can I prevent a vehicle prowler from happening to me?

Always remove your belongings from your vehicle. When vehicles are broken into it is often because something of perceived value was in view.

Things to always to keep *out of sight* in your vehicle

Purses	Spare Change
Cell Phones	Wallets
Laptops	Bank statements
GPS units	Credit cards
Jewelry	Checkbooks
iPods	CDs
Keys	Charging/Docking Stations

Removing everything out of view from the interior of your vehicle will help prevent you from becoming a car prowler victim. Criminals look for a vehicle that will guarantee some sort of reward, making the risk of committing the crime worthwhile.

**If you are a witness to a crime or suspicious person, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not confront the offender.**

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# Crime Prevention News You Can Use

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## Summer 2009

Summer is here, the weather is warm...

## Be safe while out and about

With the great weather now upon us you may find yourself spending more time outside, walking or running in the parks. When you are out on a walk or a run always be aware of your surroundings—personal safety should always be on your mind. Here are some tips to keep your personal safety a priority.

**Go with a buddy.** Enjoy the outdoors with a friend. In the event of an accident or injury, one can always go for help.

**Carry a cell phone.** If you are going out on a walk make sure to bring a cell phone with you in case you need to summon help.

**The daylight is your friend.** Its better to walk or run during the day rather than in the dusk or darkness.

**Use all your senses.** Listen for suspicious noises. Don't wear headphones—they impair your ability to hear someone coming up behind you. If for any reason you sense an area to be unsafe, *leave*.

**Take what you need.** Always carry personal identification. If you have a medical condition, carry identification that describes your illness.

**Have someone waiting.** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan on returning.

**Be easy to find.** Always used marked and authorized trails.



Excerpted from an article by East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland, CA



## Upcoming City Events

**Mill Creek Little League Tournament**  
June 27 - July 11

**Run of the Mill**  
July 11, 9:30 am

**Mill Creek Festival**  
July 18 & 19, 11 am - 6 pm

**National Night Out**  
Tuesday, August 4, 5 - 8 pm

## Mill Creek Police Department Introduces New Citizen Patrol Members.

The Mill Creek Police Department is pleased to introduce three new volunteers to the Mill Creek Citizens Patrol team. We are proud to have these the three new volunteers onboard.

**Joel Goverman** is a Mill Creek resident and recently retired from a 36 year career in federal civil law enforcement. Joel spends his spare time working out and spending time with his two grandchildren.

**Kevin Lighter** is a three year resident of Mill Creek and currently works as a field representative for a distribution company. Kevin is a former police officer, prison chaplain, and pastor.

**Denny Shannon** is a resident of Bothell and is currently employed in the safety system installation field. Denny is a former Vietnam veteran and a retired police officer.

*Citizen Patrol applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must pass a background check. Beyond meeting the minimum requirements, candidates must also participate in a screening and selection process to determine suitability for the program. Training for the Citizen Patrol Program is typically conducted once each year and includes both classroom and field training. For more information regarding the Citizen Patrol Program contact Nathan Lerma at 425-921-5758.*