



CHERRY BLOSSOM HOME SECURITY AD HOC SECURITY TASK FORCE REPORT

AGENDA

- **Background & Purpose**
- **Security Area Definitions**
- **Suggestions and Actions by Security Area**

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Based upon a suggestion presented at the Dec 8th, 2015 Homeowner's meeting, a group of volunteers formed a "security task force" to brainstorm and research ideas to increase homeowner and neighborhood security.

3 SECURITY AREA DEFINITIONS

- **Homeowner – The property and dwelling of a person or family**
- **Homeowner's Immediate Vicinity – The properties and dwellings within view of one's property**
- **Neighborhood – Cherry Blossom Village and Estates**

ACTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNER SECURITY

HOW TO DETER BURGLARS

[HTTP://WWW.ASECURELIFE.COM/HOW-TO-DETER-BURGLARS/](http://www.asecurelife.com/how-to-deter-burglars/)

1. Install security technology
(<http://www.asecurelife.com/best-home-security-system/>)
2. Avoid Mentioning Travel Plans Online
3. Deadbolts on doors make your home a more difficult target to break in to,
 1. Buy high quality locks
(<http://www.asecurelife.com/best-door-locks/>)
4. Dog Ownership
5. Home safes
6. Record your valuables

HOW TO DETER BURGLARS

7. Well Lit area
8. Place a hold on mail delivery or have a trusted neighbor collect mail if you are going to be away for an extended period.
9. Living in a neighborhood that enforces neighborhood watch
10. Sliding doors security
11. Timing devices used all the time

HOW TO DETER BURGLARS

1. Request GPD monitoring
2. Lock your parked car
3. Keep your garage closed
4. Reference web link
 1. <http://www.asecurelife.com/how-to-deter-burglars/>

HOMES WITH SECURITY SYSTEMS

- o 3 times less likely to be targeted by criminals
 - o Burglar-Proof Your Home. By: Roberts, Amy, Good Housekeeping, 0017209X, Oct2010, Vol. 251, Issue 4

WEBSITE COMPARISONS OF SECURITY SYSTEMS

- o <https://besthomesecuritycompanies.com/>
- o Strong recommendations for some home DIY systems that you install but has 24/7 monitoring
- o Rates the companies (like ADT or BATES)

LOCAL HOME SECURITY SYSTEM PROVIDER INFORMATION

Provider	Yrs in Business	Install	Contract Period	Monthly Monitoring Fee	Type of Service
Frontpoint	7 +	Self-installed	3-years	\$34.99 to \$49.99	Via -celluar
ADT	100+	\$0 to \$199	3-years	\$19.99 to \$99	Mobile devices and Apps
Protect America	20 +	\$0 Self - Installed wireless	3-years	\$19.99 to \$42.99	Via - cellular

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LOCAL HOME SECURITY SYSTEM PROVIDER INFORMATION

Provider	Yrs in Business	Install	Contract Period	Monthly Monitoring Fee	Type of Service
Vivint	20 +	\$0 to \$399 plus activation fee \$99 to \$199	4 - 5 years	\$39.99 and up	Mobile App iOS an Android
Protection 1	25	\$ 0 Self - installed	3 -years	\$24.99 to \$49.99	Via - cellular

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LOCAL HOME SECURITY SYSTEM PROVIDER INFORMATION

Provider	Yrs in Businesses	Install	Contract Period	Monthly Monitoring Fee	Type of Services
Comcast Xfinity	5 +	\$50 to \$349	2- years	\$29.95 to \$49.95	
Bates	31 +	\$195 free consult		\$39.95 (2/9/16) 3 months free	Via - cellular
Bluegrass Home Entertainment	20+	\$50 trip \$75-\$130/hr Install Free consult	1 - year	\$300 / year	Via - cellular

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DO IT YOURSELF (DIY) HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS

- DIY home security systems have several advantages:
 - Lower cost-for equipment/installation
 - Most have no monthly contract fees
 - Work off home's current wireless system
 - Can be installed quickly with basic hand tools
 - Easily customized to fit individual needs
 - Usually comes with base station, audio alarm, motion detector(s) , contact sensors for doors/windows
 - notification system to your cellphone- additional features can be purchased as needed

DIY HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS

- Drawbacks of DIY Home Security Systems:
 - Require some basic installation skills
 - Most don't have the added security of professional outside monitors to contact authorities
 - Most systems depend on home wireless network-might not work during power failure without battery backup
 - Basic package may not have a sufficient number of sensors without purchasing extras

DIY COMPANIES

- iSmartAlarm.com: Very basic inexpensive system (cost ~\$200 plus options)
- Piper Pro (Getpiper.com): flexibility and greater coverage (cost ~\$389 plus options)
- Iris by Lowes (IrisByLowes.com): Best for larger house and has optional home automation for lights, thermostat, water heater, etc. (cost ~\$59 for hub, \$99 for basic package, plus additional cost for extras)

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DIY COMPANIES

- **SimpliSafe.com:** If you don't want to monitor the system yourself but want low monitoring costs-hybrid DIY/professional offering with no contract (cost ~\$259 for basic equipment plus a \$15-25/month fee)
- There are other DIY security companies that can be found on the internet

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

<HTTPS://WWW.NCJRS.GOV/WORKS/WHOLEDOC.HTM>

- **Hardening of target (house) doors, locks, and window enhancements**
- **~ 60% Reduction in Burglaries**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Buy and install a security system with monitoring component
- **TURN IT ON!**



- Buy and install high quality key deadbolt locks for door



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Home owners in good standing will receive a \$50.00 credit toward their HOA that currently have security system or have documentation of installation of a security system in 2016

**ACTIONS, SUGGESTIONS,
AND INFORMATION FOR
HOMEOWNER'S IMMEDIATE
VICINITY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS
HOW TO DETER BURGLARS**

- Get to know all your immediate neighbors
- Report suspicious activity in your immediate vicinity
- Pick-up your neighbors newspaper if you suspect they may be out of town
- Report street light outages to the city and HOA

**ACTIONS, SUGGESTIONS,
AND INFORMATION FOR
CHERRY BLOSSOM
NEIGHBORHOOD**

POSSIBLE ACTIONS

- Random Patrols
- Volunteers Organized Neighborhood Watch
- Request Additional Patrols by Georgetown Police

SURVEILLANCE CAMERA STUDIES

- Performed in urban cities
- Large # of camera installed in high risk neighborhoods
- Expensive (millions)
- Actively monitored
- Equivocal results
 - Some neighborhoods benefited other not
 - Urban Institute
 - <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/412401-Evaluating-the-Use-of-Public-Surveillance-Cameras-for-Crime-Control-and-Prevention-A-Summary.PDF>

THANK YOU

- Questions

