

Community Newsletter

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Get to Know Your Neighbors

We are all busy and getting to know people in your neighborhood takes time. For some, it is hard to even begin to approach the neighbors. Knowing your neighbors, however, provides a safer community, one where people are looking out for each other. Besides, you might just make some really strong, long-lasting friendships.

Here are some ideas to help you be proactive in getting to know your neighbors.

Get in the habit of saying hello. It might sound obvious, but it's easy to go about your day oblivious to those around you. Try this: Walk around your neighborhood and actually look at people, not down at the sidewalk or at your cell phone. As you pass someone, make eye contact and smile, nod, or say "Hi." Afterward, continue walking, and don't look back. Repeat.

Instead of hanging out in the backyard, why not spend more time in the front yard? Whether it's reading a book or magazine, enjoying a glass of wine or trimming the hedge, being out in the open naturally leads to conversations with those passing by, coming home from work or leaving for the evening. This used to be the way houses were designed; a large porch in front for those warm summer nights where parents could sit and watch the neighborhood children (and their own), play. If you don't have a front yard or a place to be outside, spend time on your balcony or a common space such as a neighborhood park or city bench.

Practice common courtesies. Return your neighbors' mail if it's delivered to you by mistake (including a nice note wouldn't hurt). Help strangers who need assistance with large packages, or carrying strollers up and down stairs. Check in on elderly neighbors.

Hang out in your neighborhood, and shop locally. Ride your bike in the neighborhood,

walk your dog or take an evening stroll around the block. Patronize local businesses, and if there's a nearby coffee shop with a bulletin board, use it—not to make friends, but to find resources nearby for things you need (and meet people while you're at it).

Have a neighborhood garage sale. It's a great way to clear out your closets, make a little cash, and become acquainted with nearby folk.

Another idea might be organizing a street or neighborhood-wide garden exchange. Ask residents to bring home grown veggies or plants; set up tables and allow people to exchange their garden treasures.

A block party is a fun way to meet everyone in your neighborhood. Call your local law enforcement agency and tell them your plans. Some cities will allow you to put barricades to keep traffic from entering that area. Check to see if you need a permit from city hall. Make sure you have a sufficient supply of garbage containers handy. Have each family make a dish or have everyone bring their own food to grill. This is a surprisingly effective way to get strangers to mingle easily--they feel less awkward with something to do.

Maybe you would like to get involved with your neighborhood in a more formalized way. You may be interested in volunteering locally, joining your neighborhood or block association, or organizing a clean-up day for a litter-strewn area.

Whether you live in the suburbs, or on a rural lane, chances are you will find that getting to know your neighbors better can be beneficial on many levels. Perhaps a few dinners will come out of it. Maybe you'll find a baby-sitter or a way to help a neighbor who is in need. Ultimately, you may just find that your neighborhood has become a friendlier, more caring place.

Know the Facts About Synthetic Marijuana



The Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Umpqua Partners for a Drug Free Future would like to alert parents, guardians and those who work with youth about a new synthetic form of marijuana that is being sold under the brand names K2 or Spice in local head shops and online as an incense product.

Available legally and marketed as a dried herbal blend for incense, it is more commonly smoked or inhaled through a pipe because it produces a high that mimics marijuana. The herbs have been sprayed or coated with synthetic chemicals that replicate the effects of THC. These chemicals do not show up in standard drug screens.

Emergency Room doctors in the Portland Metro area are seeing the first cases of overdose from this new synthetic marijuana product.

Oregon Poison Control reports that users can experience a range of side effects, including delusions, panic attacks, vomiting, heart palpitations, elevated blood pressure, agitation, dilated pupils, tremors and seizures.

While K2 and other brands of synthetic marijuana are currently legal and available in Oregon, it is illegal in most European countries and has recently been banned in Kansas and Missouri (with several other states working to do the same). This topic is also on the radar for the Oregon Sheriffs for the next legislative session.

Parents: We encourage you to not only be aware of this new drug, but to talk to your child about its dangers. Here are some facts and talking points to share with your kids.

- K2 was first created as part of a scientific study on marijuana. In the 1990s, a chemist at Clemson University made a synthetic product that was similar to THC and named it JWH-018. The recipe made its way into the wrong hands and has since been growing in popularity.
- K2 a product composed of herbs or spices sprayed with a synthetic product like JWH-018 to supposedly give a legal high like marijuana. JWH-018 is three times more potent than naturally occurring THC in marijuana is. JWH-018 and similar synthetically made products are called synthetic cannabinoids or mimicking cannabinoids and were developed to test the effects of THC on mice, not to be taken by humans.
- There are no regulations in Oregon on K2. A minor could currently purchase this drug legally.
- Just because it's legal does not mean it is safe. Synthetic drugs and herbal drug products like Spice and K2 are not made in a controlled environment and so you never really know what you are ingesting or what the potentially harmful effects may be.
- Side effects include: rapid heart rates, elevated blood pressure, severe agitation, anxiety, vomiting and hallucinations. There has been one known case of an otherwise healthy teen that lapsed into a coma after using the drug.
- K2 toxic levels and long-term effects are yet unknown. A person using this drug is basically playing 'Russian Roulette' with their future.

Sources: CADCA: Researchers Warn About Dangers of Synthetic Marijuana, Mar. 2010.

Live Science: Fake Weed, Real Drug: K2 Causing Hallucinations in Teens, Mar 2010.

Keep Your Teen Driver Safe

Car crashes are the leading cause of death among 15 to 20 year olds. Handing keys to your teenager for the first time is enough to cause teeth-clenching, hand-wringing anxiety for even the calmest of parents.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office wants to remind parents that they need to take an active role in teaching their teens safe driving skills. Here is a list of "10 Things Parents Can Do To Keep Their Teen Driver Safe." (AAA – published 10/15/07)

Know Your Teen - Not all teens are ready to drive at the same age. Teenagers mature, develop emotionally and become responsible at different ages. Parents need to truly know their teen in order to determine when their teen is ready to drive.

Be a Responsible Role Model - The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Parents' driving behavior directly influence the driving actions of their teens. AAA research has found that, when using the number of collisions and traffic tickets as criteria, the parents of teens involved in crashes were more likely to have poor driving records than the parents of collision-free teens.

Choose Quality Driving School - Driving can be a risky activity for teens and warrants professional instruction. It's essential for parents to find a driving school with current curricula and professionally trained instructors.

Practice Makes Better Teen Drivers - Supervised driving sessions with parents can provide teens with opportunities to enhance learning, reinforce proper driving techniques and skills, and receive constructive feedback from the people who care most about their safety and success. AAA offers a parent coaching program called *Teaching Your Teens to Drive*, to assist parents.

No Teen Passengers At Night - Teen drivers' chances of crashing increase with each additional teen passenger. Parents need to make sure they know who is driving with their teen at all times. Teen crash rates spike at night and most nighttime crashes occur between 9 p.m. and midnight.

Teens Need Sleep - Teens need about nine hours of sleep every night, but many teens fall short due to the combination of early-morning school start times and

homework, sports, after-school jobs and other activities. Lack of sleep negatively affects vision, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and judgment.

Eliminate Distractions - Cell phones and text messaging have rightly gotten significant media and legislative attention as hazardous distractions for teen drivers. In Oregon, House Bill 2872 prohibits drivers that are under 18 years of age from using any type of mobile communication device such as a cell-phone. This includes text-messaging and does not allow for hands-free operation of a cell-phone. This law applies if you are under 18 and driving with a provisional drivers license, a special student driver permit, or a instruction driver permit.

Create a Contract - A parent-teen driving agreement with rules, conditions, restrictions and consequences of teens' driving written down in advance establishes driving as a privilege, and not something to be taken lightly. Parents should establish rules and consequences that they and their teens agree upon that extend beyond state laws. If the teen breaks a family driving rule, consequences should be enforced. Proper driving behavior should be encouraged and rewarded with additional liberties.

Discuss and Review - Parental involvement and communication is critical in the prevention of teen-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. Designate a time each week to address concerns (both parent and teen) and review the teen's driving performance.

Make Smart Vehicle Choices - As the family member most likely to crash, a teen should drive the safest vehicle the family owns. Things to consider are vehicle type (sedans are generally safer than sports cars, SUVs and pickup trucks), size (larger vehicles fare better in crashes than smaller vehicles) and safety technology (front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes and stability control systems).

Keeping teens safe on the road is an essential goal for parents. AAA's report on Ten Safety Tips for Teens is an excellent tool.



Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between May 1-31, 2010 reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The information contained in this report is intended to help inform the citizens of Douglas County of the criminal activity occurring in their area. The data referenced in this report only includes incidents where a police report was initiated by a deputy and does not include all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office.

Burglaries

100 block Gudrun Dr, Glide
200 block Bellwood Ln, Roseburg
1000 block Southridge Way, Roseburg
3700 block Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg
1000 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg
800 block Capital Ln, Roseburg
1800 block Linnell Ave, Green
100 block Matthew Lee Ct, Green
5100 block Grange Rd, Green
1000 block Dyke Rd, Dillard
3400 block Hwy 99 S, Green
4000 block Hwy 99 S, Green
5500 block Grange Rd, Green
400 block Stouts Creek Rd, Days Creek
100 block Chadwick Ln, Myrtle Creek
200 block Gilbert Ave, Glendale
6100 block Azalea Glen Rd, Glendale
100 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale

Thefts

Millpond Park / Rock Creek Rd, Idleyld Park
1000 block Lone Rock Rd, Glide
32000 block North Umpqua Hwy, Idleyld Park
400 block River Dr, Elkton
600 block Landfill Rd, Roseburg
6600 block Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg
3900 block Melrose Rd, Roseburg
5700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1800 block Wilbur Rd, Wilbur
200 block Wilbur Cemetery Rd, Wilbur
1300 block Brozio Rd, Roseburg
200 block Grant Smith Rd, Green
100 block Fifth St, Dillard
100 block Pruden Hill Ln, Canyonville
700 block Hamlin Dr, Canyonville
200 block Sunset Dr, Canyonville
2500 block Canyonville Riddle Rd, Riddle
2500 block Gazley Rd, Canyonville
800 block S Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek

800 block David Dr, Myrtle Creek
1000 block Cook St, Myrtle Creek
800 block Hill St, Myrtle Creek
900 block Tunnel Rd, Glendale
200 block N Sixth St, Glendale

Criminal Mischief

200 block W Estella St, Glide
200 block Cedar St, Yoncalla
800 block Cedar St, Yoncalla
3100 block Johnson St, Roseburg
1000 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg
200 block SE Jackson St, Roseburg
2500 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1000 block Lower Garden Vly Rd, Roseburg
1600 block Trails End Ln, Sutherlin
6400 block Fort McKay Rd, Umpqua
1700 block W Duke Rd, Sutherlin
2700 block Landers Ln, Green
200 block N Main St, Canyonville
100 block S Main St, Riddle
300 block N Main St, Canyonville
300 block Ruckles Dr, Myrtle Creek
100 block Paroz Ln, Myrtle Creek
1000 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
500 block Gilbert Ave, Glendale

Motor Vehicle Thefts

3400 block Eagle Valley Rd, Yoncalla
5100 block S Hwy 99, Green
600 block Hamlin Dr, Canyonville
500 block Packsaddle Ln, Myrtle Creek

Thefts from a Motor Vehicle

13000 block Hwy 42, Tenmile
32000 block N Umpqua Hwy, Idleyld Park
24000 block N Umpqua Hwy, Glide
400 block Spruce St, Yoncalla
200 block Laredo Dr, Melrose
300 block Loreda Dr, Melrose

Clarks Branch/Dole Rd, Myrtle Creek
30000 Block Cow Creek Rd, Glendale
600 block S Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
500 block Willis Ave, Glendale

Drug Offense

Camas Valley St, Camas Valley
1200 block Highway Ave, Reedsport
900 block Salmon Harbor Dr, Winchester Bay
1000 block Toketee Rigdon Rd, Diamond Lk
200 block Fifth St, Yoncalla
100 block W C Ave, Drain
2500 block Umpqua Hwy, Drain
3000 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg
200 block SE Jackson St, Roseburg
2500 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1000 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg
50 block N Main St, Winston
Carnes Rd/Green Ave, Green
Grant Smith/Ingram Dr, Green
Austin Rd/Stella St, Green
4400 block Carnes Rd, Green
5100 block Hwy 99 S, Green
Chief Miwaleta Ln/N Main, Canyonville
100 block Bradley Dr, Canyonville
100 block Priest Ln, Canyonville
500 block Suncrest St, Myrtle Creek
D Lee Ln/Seeley Ave, Myrtle Creek
Chadwick Ln/Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
Brown St/Sether Ave, Glendale



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