

# Highland Ridge News

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## President's Letter...

**Paulette Blunt**

Summer is beginning to wind down and soon the kids will be back in school! I can't believe how quickly the summer has flown by. We have had a great summer as an HOA. We had a wonderful new social event this year which was a bunch of fun!

It has been wonderful to see all the improvements around the neighborhood from new fences, decks, landscaping, and painting! Please remember to always get ACC approval for any of these changes so we can keep up the home values in the neighborhood. We have also had a great deal of homes selling in the neighborhood. Please take time to greet your new neighbors and let them know about our website at [highlandridgehoa.com](http://highlandridgehoa.com) so they can get past newsletters, fill out ACC forms, and sign up for HOA emails!

Finally, we are looking for volunteers for all aspects of the HOA. We are always looking for people to assist with the Yard Sale, Social, ACC, and Welcome committees. If you are interested in any of these positions, or if you have an idea for something you don't see here, please contact me at [pauletteblunt@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletteblunt@yahoo.com) or 913.422.7144.

Have a great rest-of-the-summer and please let me know if you have any questions/concerns!

Paulette Blunt,

President

## Highland Ridge Family Movie Night Friday Evening, August 28, 2015

- ◆ Pool area—movie starts at 8:00 (dark)
- ◆ Come early and swim
- ◆ HOA will provide popcorn, nachos, lemonade and soda
- ◆ Bring your lawn chairs and a dessert to share

**If you are interested in running for an HOA Board position please contact Paulette Blunt at [pauletteblunt@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletteblunt@yahoo.com) or 913.422.7144 no later than 9/15/15. Committee volunteers are taken at anytime.**

## Car Thefts Update

Last week two vehicles were stolen from a Highland Ridge resident's CLOSED garage while the residents were at home. We had another confirmation that a vehicle parked outside in the neighborhood was broken in to. The Shawnee PD is working a few leads but urge residents to remain vigilant and call them if something or someone is suspicious. Call 911 if urgent, otherwise the Shawnee PD can be reached at (913) 631-2150.

With the Google Fiber crew tearing up the neighborhood this adds a lot of extra vehicles and people so it is difficult to notice unusual activity.

**Here are some tips to keep your car and yourself safe:**

- **Don't forget to take your keys!** Many times people are in a rush and they leave their keys in the ignition or on the seat or on top of the car. This is especially easy to do with keyless entry technology that comes with many newer cars.
- **Lock the door leading from the garage into the home,** especially at night. Don't make it easier for an intruder to stroll into your home.
- **Lock all the doors, roll up all the windows, make sure the trunk is locked and don't ever leave the vehicle running, even for a short errand.** This is your first line of defense; don't make your car an easy target for thieves.
- **Don't leave valuables in the car, and never have them visible.** It's a no-brainer for a car thief, to choose the car with the iPod and GPS in plain view, versus a car with nothing valuable visible?
- **Get a protective device:** An audible car alarm, a steering wheel and brake and wheel locks all create an extra step for thieves, which can scare them away, or make them opt for an easier target. There are also electronic devices that prevent thieves from hot-wiring your car, or devices that cut off the flow of electricity or fuel to the engine.
- **Have your VIN number etched into your window.** Having your vehicle identification number (VIN) etched on all the windows on your car makes the thief think twice about taking your car because it is easier for the police to trace and recover the vehicle. Law enforcement agencies will sometimes offer free window etching events.

Some information was reproduced from <http://blog.truecar.com/2011/07/13/tips-to-protect-yourself-from-car-theft/>

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## Tree & Shrub Applications

Bagworms have already started to appear on the common shrubs such as Junipers. Mites have been prevalent again this year on Burning Bush and Spruces. Emerald Ash Borer has been found



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## Reminders

### ◆ Family Movie Night!

Friday night, August 28th. Come early and swim. Movie starts at dark, around 8PM. See website for details and updates.

### ◆ Fall Yard Sale

September 10,11, & 12

### ◆ Large Item Trash Pickup

Will be Wednesday, November 4th. See website for further details on what items are allowed.

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