HOMEOWNER VACATION TIPS

When going on vacation or out-of-town for any reason:

✓ Don’t publicize vacations ahead of time when in public.

✓ Notify the police of your plans. They will keep an eye on your house when they are in the neighborhood.

✓ Stop deliveries of mail and newspapers or ask a friend to pick them up while you are gone.

✓ Arrange to have the lawn mowed.

✓ Leave information on where you can be contacted in an emergency with a trusted neighbor and ask him/her to keep an eye on the house.

✓ Give your house a lived-in appearance. A residence that presents a lived-in appearance is a deterrent to burglars.

✓ Have a neighbor occasionally use your garbage can.

✓ Put automatic timers on several lights and a radio. Set them so they will turn on and off at random times in different rooms – especially the bathroom.

✓ Don’t leave lights on 24 hours a day.

✓ Leave drapes in a normal position to maintain the lived-in appearance.

✓ Have a neighbor park in your driveway or in front of your house.