



# City Manager's Weekly Update

December 18, 2014

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1/5** City Council Meeting,  
7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 1/8** Rescue Vehicle  
Viewing, 5:00 p.m.;  
City Council Special  
Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,  
Senior Community  
Center
- 1/12** City Council Work  
Session, 7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 1/20** City Council Meeting,  
7:00 p.m., Council  
Chambers
- 1/26** City Council Work  
Session, 7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 1/31** City Council Special  
Meeting (Annual  
Planning Session),  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,  
Senior Community  
Center

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Chris Zapata, City Manager

## Mark Your Calendar

Open Call for San Leandro's Got Talent!

**Friday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Senior Community Center, 13909 E. 14th Street**

- The City of San Leandro announced that it is seeking teen performers who can sing and dance, as well as adults who would like to be judges for the upcoming citywide teen talent show, *San Leandro's Got Talent!*
- Those interested in participating should complete an application and return it to the San Leandro Main Library in person or by mail (Attn. Loryn Aman, 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro CA 94577) or by fax (510-577-3987) by Saturday, December 20. Application materials are available online through the [program website](#) or for pick-up at the San Leandro Main Library.

## Council Information

Union Pacific Railroad Construction Notice – Adams Ave (flyers attached)

- Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) will complete maintenance and improvement work at the rail crossing on Adams Avenue in between McCormick and Bigge Streets.
- The work will require complete closing of the rail crossing for approximately two days, from December 18 at 7:00 a.m. until December 19 at 4:00 p.m.
- During construction, the public will not have access to Adams Avenue near the rail crossing as the crossing will be closed and impassable. Traffic will be re-routed to temporary two-directional detours using Doolittle Drive, 98th Avenue, and Bigge Street.

December 11 Storm Information (memo attached)

- San Leandro endured last week's major storm event in relatively good condition, due in great part to proactive efforts by City staff and community residents. City staff also posted informational updates throughout the storm event on various city websites and social media outlets. Aside from Wednesday night leading up to the storm, Mother Nature also helped out: winds remained mild and high tides were in the 'normal' range causing no significant shoreline erosion or damage.
- In the days leading up to and during the storm, approximately 20 cubic yards of sand and over 2,000 sand bags were delivered for self-service at the Public Works Corporation Yard. There are still sand and bags remaining, with self-service between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with a limit of 10 bags per household.
- Additional details are provide in the attached memo, or please visit the Public Works [City's Storm Information webpage](#).

#### Update on Alameda County Reusable Bag Ordinance Update (memo attached)

- The Reusable Bag Ordinance (RBO) adopted by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) went into effect January 1, 2013, and implemented a minimum 10 cent per bag fee on both reusable and recycled content paper bags as an incentive for shoppers to bring their own bags.
- Please see the attached memo from the Department of Public Works for an update on the program.

#### Menorah to be on Display in Civic Center Plaza During Chanukah

- The Chabad Jewish Center of San Leandro made application for, and City staff authorized, the temporary installation of a privately-owned menorah in front of Civic Center Plaza. The menorah will remain on display through the conclusion of Chanukah on December 24th.
- The Chabad Jewish Center also will be hosting a small Chanukah celebration event at Civic Center Plaza on Monday, December 22nd from approximately 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The Mayor, members of the City Council and members of the public are invited to attend.
- For more information, please contact Eric Engelbart in the City Manager's Office.

#### Notice of Vacancy for City Boards and Commissions (flyer attached)

- Whenever an unscheduled vacancy occurs on a Board or Commission, a Notice of Vacancy is published by the City. The following updates were made to the Notice of Vacancy, which was publically posted on December 17, 2014:
  - Added Board of Zoning Adjustments, District 5 (resignation of Gayle Hudson effective December 5, 2014)
  - Removed Recreation and Parks Commission, District 2 (appointment of Bryan Azevedo on December 15, 2014)
- The Notice of Vacancy is posted on the City website and on the bulletin boards outside the City Council Chambers and at the Main Library.
- For more information or an application, visit the [Boards and Commissions homepage](#).

#### Holiday Crime Prevention Tips (flyer attached)

- The holiday season is a time for crimes of opportunity. Please see the attached Holiday Crime Prevention Tips flyer from the San Leandro Police Department for helpful information.
- Please keep these safety tips in mind this season and have a safe and happy holiday!

## **San Leandro Next**

San Leandro Next is an initiative of the City of San Leandro Community Development Department providing news and updates on economic development and innovation. The following stories were posted since last week:

- [Made at The Gate: Maker's Market This Saturday and Sunday, 10-6](#)
- [San Leandro's 21st Amendment Brewery is Getting Bigger](#)
- [San Leandro's Bluebird Pizzeria Draws Rave Reviews](#)

To follow San Leandro Next, please visit [www.sanleandronext.com](http://www.sanleandronext.com) or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

# **CITY OF SAN LEANDRO**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**Date:** December 11, 2014

**To:** Chris Zapata, City Manager

**From:** Uchenna Udemezue, P.E., Director  
Engineering and Transportation Department

**By:** Reh-Lin N. Chen, P.E., Senior Transportation Engineer  
Engineering and Transportation Department

**Subject:** **UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE – ADAMS AVENUE**

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### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) will complete maintenance and improvement work at the rail crossing on Adams Avenue in between McCormick and Bigge Streets beginning December 18, 2014. Completion of the work is scheduled for December 19, 2014. Staff works alongside City of Oakland staff to alert merchants and residents of the construction activity in the impacted area. This report is for information only and no action is required.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) will complete maintenance and improvement work at the rail crossing on Adams Avenue in between McCormick and Bigge Streets. The work will require complete closing of the rail crossing for approximately two days, December 18 at 7:00 a.m. until December 19 at 4:00 p.m. During construction, the public will not have access to Adams Avenue near the rail crossing as the rail crossing will be closed and impassable. Traffic will be re-routed to temporary two-directional detours using Doolittle Drive, 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Bigge Street.

Staff is collaborating with City of Oakland staff to inform relevant merchants and residents and asking them to alert their constituents to plan their travel to impacted properties during the day using the posted detour. Also, staff urges them to plan additional time to reach the destination due to traffic delays. UPRR will maintain access to the neighboring areas at all times and will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience to the general public.

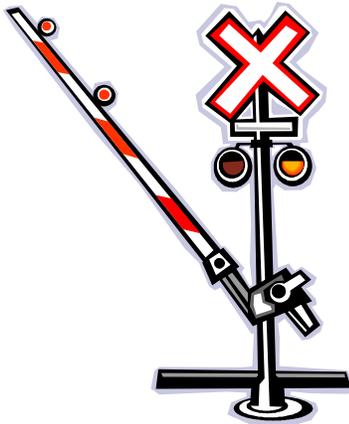
# UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

December 11, 2014

Dear Merchants and Neighbors:

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) will complete maintenance and improvement work at the rail crossing on Adams Avenue in between McCormick and Bigge Streets. **The work will require the complete closure of the street rail crossing for approximately two days, beginning December 18, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. until December 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**

**During construction, the public will not have access to Adams Avenue near the rail crossing as the rail crossing will be closed and impassable.**



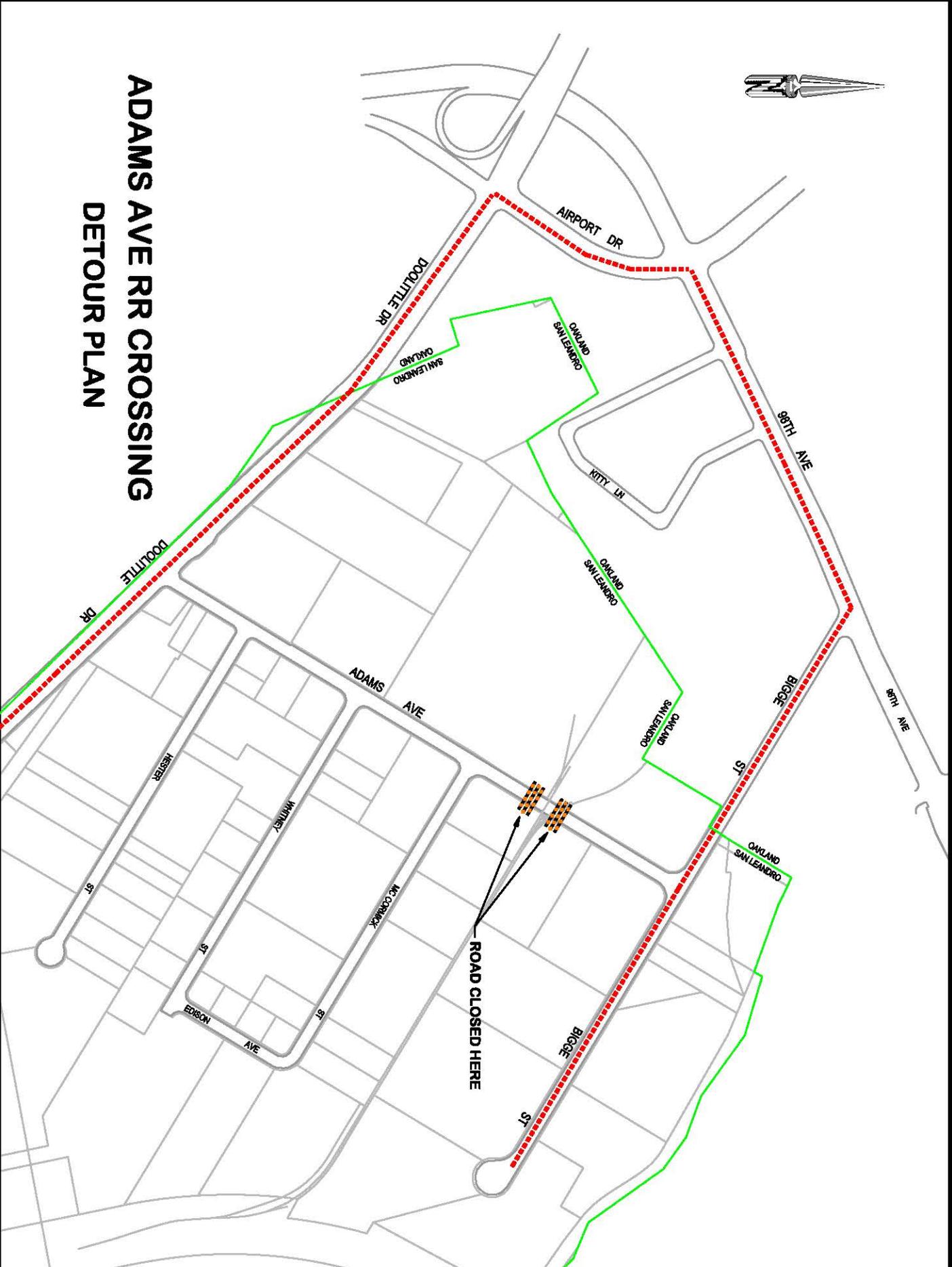
Thru traffic will be re-routed to detours using Doolittle Drive, 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bigge Street. *Please see detour details on the reverse side of this flier.*

Please inform your employees, customers, suppliers, family and friends that they should plan their travel to your property using the posted detour during this period. Due to traffic delays, plan additional time to reach your destination.

UPRR will maintain access to the neighboring areas at all times and will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience to you.

Please feel free to contact UPRR at (916) 789-6114 with your concerns or questions. Thank you for your patience, cooperation and support.

ADAMS AVENUE RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE - DECEMBER 18 & 19, 2014



ADAMS AVE RR CROSSING  
DETOUR PLAN



# City of San Leandro

## Memorandum

**DATE:** December 17, 2014  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Debbie Pollart, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** December 11 Storm Statistics

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Last week's major storm event was fairly manageable for Public Works, due in great part to information and resources being broadcast out from several City sources as well as citizens taking note and being prepared. Aside from Wednesday night leading up to the storm, Mother Nature also helped out: winds remained mild and high tides were in the 'normal' range causing no significant shoreline erosion or damage.

In the days leading up to the storm and during the storm, approximately 20 cubic yards of sand and over 2,000 sand bags were delivered for self-service at the Public Works Corporation Yard. There are still sand and bags remaining, with self-service between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with a limit of ten bags per household.

The following is a list of storm related damage through the City:

- One street light pole was knocked down at E. 14<sup>th</sup> and Cambridge
- One tree blown down near the former Blue Dolphin site; no other damage reported to immediate area
- Small post sign near the G/H gates at the Marina blew over; staff will replace
- Five City tree removals; one private tree removal (City staff will cut down private trees/limbs that cross over any public right-of-way, with the property owner responsible for the remainder of the removal.)
- Twelve major tree limb removals; one private tree limb removal
- Zero standby/call-outs occurred for Trees staff during the evenings of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and over the weekend. As the rains continue this week and the ground continues to saturate (and if winds pick up), Public Works could receive additional tree calls.

- Minor roof leaks were reported at Fire Station #10, City Hall, Marina Community Center, Manor Park Pre-school and the History Museum.
- Public Works did receive a few calls on Thursday regarding localized flooding. In each case they were investigated (or forwarded to Caltrans, where appropriate), with the summation that the flooding was a pipe capacity issue and that, once the rains lessened, the flows dissipated.
- The Water Pollution Control Plant received seven calls directly on Thursday:
  - Three calls were for overflowing storm drains (2 residential, 1 business); Collections crew responded;
  - One call was for a plugged storm drain; Collections crew responded;
  - One call was for a manhole cover that had floated out of place; Collections crew responded;
  - One caller was concerned about the height of water flow in the Alameda County Flood Control Channel;
  - One call was for sewer backup (City main was clear; problem was in private lateral.)

Public Work's Storm Information web page can be found on the [City's Storm Information webpage](#).

We will also continue to provide pertinent information via NextDoor as the need arises.

## Alameda County Reusable Bag Ordinance Update

- The Reusable Bag Ordinance (RBO) adopted by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) went into effect January 1, 2013, and implemented a minimum 10 cent per bag fee on both reusable and recycled content paper bags as an incentive for shoppers to bring their own bags.
- The RBO includes a provision that would increase the fee charged for paper or reusable bags to a minimum of 25 cents on or after January 1, 2015 if the ordinance has not achieved the intended goal of substantially reducing the environmental impacts of single-use bags.
- The ACWMA ruled the ordinance has made substantial impacts on consumer behavior and litter reduction and therefore should not increase the per bag fee. Data analysis demonstrates a 69 percent decrease in paper and plastic bag consumption. The number of shoppers bringing reusable bags and opting for no bag to carry items out of the store more than doubled, showing that the ordinance has created behavior change. Furthermore, the number of single use plastic bags observed in Alameda County storm drains decreased by roughly 44 percent.
- In September, the California State Legislature passed SB 270 which is similar to the county ordinance in that it affects the same set of stores (mostly food stores, liquor stores and pharmacies), and requires stores that sell reusable bags and recycled paper bags to charge a price of at least 10 cents per bag. The law goes into effect January 1, 2015. While the state law does not preempt the local ordinance, there is language in the law that limits the changes that can be made to ordinances already in place. The only changes allowed are 1) increase the minimum charge for bags and 2) expand the set of stores affected by the ordinance.
- The ACWMA is in the process of considering expansion of the ordinance to other retailers. A summary of the proposed changes, along with information about the review process and timeline can be found on [page 15](#) of the ACWMA board meeting packet.



# NOTICE OF VACANCY

## City of San Leandro Boards & Commissions

Notice is hereby given that there are vacancies on the following City of San Leandro Boards and Commissions:

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### **Board of Zoning Adjustments (Representation: District 5)**

*First posted on December 17, 2014*

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A registered voter of Alameda County
- A San Leandro resident within the District

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, please contact Sally Barros, Senior Planner, at (510) 577-3458 or [sbarros@sanleandro.org](mailto:sbarros@sanleandro.org); or District 5 Councilmember.

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### **Human Services Commission (Representation: District 3)**

*First posted on June 2, 2014*

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A registered voter of Alameda County
- A San Leandro resident within the District

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Human Services Commission, please contact Breyana Riggsbee, Recreation and Human Services Manager, at (510) 577-3463 or [briggsbee@sanleandro.org](mailto:briggsbee@sanleandro.org); or District 3 Councilmember.

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### **Library-Historical Commission (Representation: Youth)**

*First posted on September 5, 2014*

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A San Leandro resident under the age of 18

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Library-Historical Commission, please contact Theresa Mallon, Library Director, at (510) 577-3942 or [tmallon@sanleandro.org](mailto:tmallon@sanleandro.org).

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### **Rent Review Board (Representation: Resident Landlord)**

*First posted on May 17, 2013*

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A registered voter of Alameda County
- A San Leandro resident
- A San Leandro landlord

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Rent Review Board, please contact Tom Liao, Planning and Housing Manager, at (510) 577-6003 or [tliao@sanleandro.org](mailto:tliao@sanleandro.org).

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### **Senior Commission (Representation: District 1)**

*First posted on March 6, 2013*

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A registered voter of Alameda County
- A San Leandro resident within the District

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Senior Commission, please contact Carolyn Knudtson, Recreation and Human Services Director, at (510) 577-3466 or [cknudtson@sanleandro.org](mailto:cknudtson@sanleandro.org); or District 1 Councilmember.

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Contact information of members of the City Council is posted on the City website at [www.sanleandro.org](http://www.sanleandro.org). Terms of the Mayor-Elect and Councilmembers-Elect for Districts 1, 3, and 5 commence on January 1, 2015; their contact information will be posted when City Hall reopens on January 5, 2015.

For an application, visit the City website at [www.sanleandro.org](http://www.sanleandro.org). For further information regarding the appointment process, please contact Marian Handa, City Clerk, at (510) 577-3367 or [mhanda@sanleandro.org](mailto:mhanda@sanleandro.org).



# SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Crime Prevention Unit



### Holiday Crime Prevention Tips



#### **Holiday Shopping**

The holiday season is a time for crimes of opportunity. Keep these tips in mind this season:

- Do not walk and text or use your phone, cell phone/smart phone thefts are on the rise. It is important to watch where you are going and be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't be distracted! Jewelry theft is also on the rise; if you are distracted; you won't see them coming to take your possessions.
- Don't leave packages in plain view in your vehicle – put them in your trunk, before you get to your location.
- If you will not be home for deliveries, have your items delivered to a neighbor who will be home or to your office.
- Hold on to your money: Always carry your purse tucked tightly under your arm, or don't carry one at all. Put your money and only necessary cards in your front pants pocket where it is harder for a bad guy to get at it.
- Don't park in secluded or dark areas of the parking lot. Be patient and courteous while parking.
- Try not to be the last to leave the store. Leave when the stores are still open and there are plenty of other shoppers in the parking lot.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- When you get home, remember this home safety reminder: Approximately 50% of all burglars enter the house via unlocked or open doors and/or windows. Keep all doors, including your garage door, closed and locked. Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.



#### **Holiday Travel**

- Get an automatic timer for the lights in your home.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and perhaps park a vehicle in your driveway.
- Have a neighbor or family member pickup newspaper and mail deliveries.



#### **When You Are Out For The Evening**

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks and sounds like somebody is home.
- Lock doors and windows even if you leave for just a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.