

DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT IDLING CARS

Often we idle our cars being unaware how polluting this is to the air we breath. Did you know that thirty seconds of this can use more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting it? Idling for one hour burns nearly one gallon of gasoline and it is linked to increases in asthma, allergies, heart and lung disease and cancer. Children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution because they breathe faster than adults and inhale more air per pound of body weight. We believe that we are protected from air pollution if we remain inside our vehicles. However, according to a report by the International Center for Technology Assessment (CTA), it was found that exposure to most auto pollutants is much higher inside vehicles than at the road side. The highest exposure occurs when sitting in traffic congestion on highways or in a line-up of idling vehicles at a school or drive-through.

Source: <http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/myths/idling.html>

SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Safety Committee is still seeking a few more block captains/committee members to help guide our efforts at keeping our neighborhood as safe as possible. Please contact Jeff Riedel-Bicknell at bfsafety@yahoo.com for more information.

Current News from CMPD Community Liaison Amy Stuckey of University City Response Area One: With a 24% increase of larceny from autos occurring throughout our area, CMPD is asking for our help to reduce this type of crime.

Auto Break in and Theft Prevention Tips

- Park in well lit areas at night
- Never leave valuable items in your vehicle
- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows
- Park vehicle in the driveway (or garage) rather than the street
- Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity
- Store packages in the trunk of your vehicle while shopping

If you have to leave valuables in your vehicle, CMPD asks you to keep a record of those items. In case of a theft it will help them recover lost items and prosecute the criminals committing these crimes. It will also help you if you need to file an insurance claim.

Summary of December 2nd HOA meeting:

- Discussion of violations
- Decision was made to wait for Annual meeting to elect new board member
- Discussion of bylaws and covenants – somewhat outdated, possibly we could look into updating them
- Reports from Social and Safety committees, looking for more participation

PLEASE REMEMBER

- City ordinance prohibits parking on the street within 20 feet of an intersection; and within 30 feet upon the approach to a stop sign. (Sec. 14-216)
- Pets are *not* allowed to roam freely in the neighborhood. Mecklenburg County has a strict leash law requiring pets to be on a leash or in a fenced yard. Fines range from a \$50 citation for the first violation to \$500 and permanent seizure of the animal for a fifth violation. Call 311 to report an animal at large.
- Storm drains feed our water source. Keep them free of debris including trash, leaves, sticks, and grass clippings.
- Garbage and recycling cans must be stored in a location that is out of sight from the street.



Happy Holidays!

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