

Neighborhood “Friendly” Watch

Approximately 75% of our homes on Round Lake are considered second, third or even fourth homes. As such, many of our neighbors are not here on a regular basis. To keep our homes safe while we are gone, it is important to have someone in your neighborhood keeping an eye on things. You may also want to have a caretaker drop by now and then just to check things out. Some owners keep their driveways plowed, or ask a neighbor to drive into the driveway after a fresh snow to give the appearance that someone might be home. If we all look out for our neighbors, Round Lake will fall less victim to the recent break-ins that have occurred on Lac Courte Oreilles. If you do not know your neighbors, this is a good time to strike up a conversation about keeping a watch over each other's property. The recent article in the Sawyer County Record (January 3, 2007) got me thinking about my own neighborhood and that we as full-time residents, can easily do these small things to keep us all safer.