



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Chevy Chase Canyon Neighborhood Watch

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### WELCOME!

The goal of this newsletter is to provide information and news on safety and security in the Canyon, as well as upcoming safety-related training and crime statistics for the area. We hope you find it helpful.

### ARE YOU READY FOR WILDFIRES?

Fire season is starting early this year. Given the extremely dry conditions and the drought we are in, the fire season that would usually start in August has already started. In just the first five months of 2014, there has been a significant increase in wildfires here in California.

Many of these fires have been sparked by powered equipment like lawn mowers and weed trimmers. While maintaining **Defensible Space** is critical right now, residents are asked not to use powered equipment outdoors during the heat of the day when it is dry and windy, and especially on Red Flag Warning Days. Clearance work should be done in the early morning when temperatures are down and humidity is up, to avoid sparking a wildfire.

**What is Defensible Space?** Defensible Space is an area of 100 feet around the house that is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfires. It protects your home from catching fire – either from direct flame contact or radiant heat. Defensible space is also important for the protection of the firefighters defending your home.

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### Neighborhood Watch Upcoming Events!

National Night Out (Aug. 5, 2014)

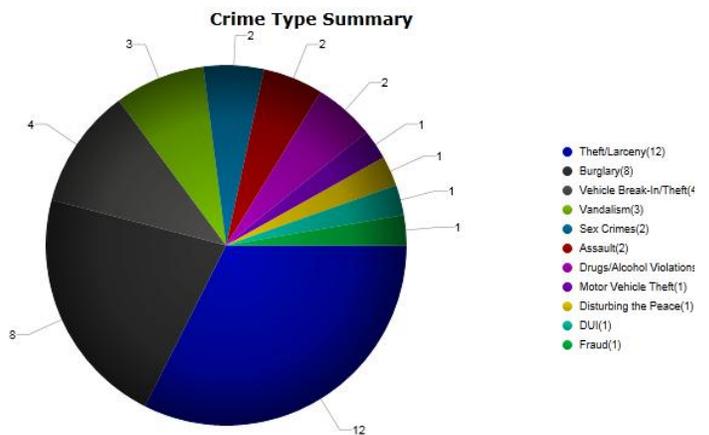


Contact your neighborhood watch block captain for more info and start planning your block party today.

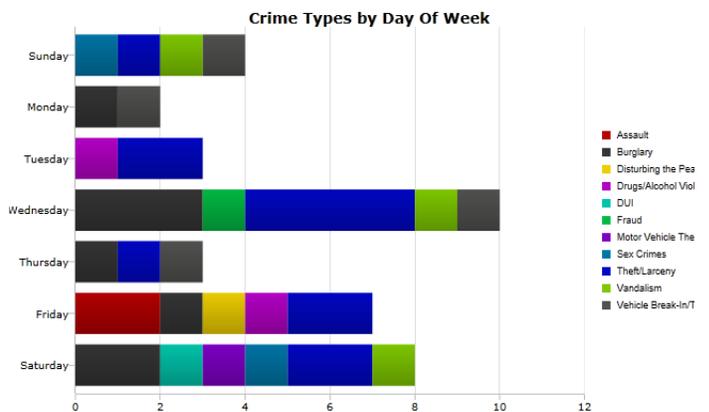
### Crime Trends

*Theft and Burglary top crime stats*

The following is a plot of crime trends from Apr. 2014 through Jun. 2014 in the Chevy Chase area (obtained from [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)).



Below is a graph showing on which days of the week these crimes have been taking place over the same period. Last quarter, Sundays and Thursdays were the days where most crimes occurred on. However, that has shifted to Wednesdays and Saturdays during this quarter.



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There are 2 zones that make up the 100 feet of defensible area. Zone 1 extends 30 feet out from buildings, structures, decks, etc. Zone 2 overlaps zone 1 and extends another 70 feet. Here are some steps you can take to dramatically increase the change of your home surviving a wildfire:

- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds.
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.
- Remove dead branches that hang over your roof. Keep branches 10 feet away from your chimney.
- Create vertical and horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, swing sets, etc.
- Relocate exposed woodpiles outside of Zone 1 unless they are completely covered in a fire-resistant material.
- Mow before 10:00 a.m. while the temperature is still low and humidity levels are high but never on windy or excessively dry days. Lawn mowers, metal-bladed trimmers, chain saws, grinders, welders, and tractors can all start a wildfire if not used properly. Do your part to keep your community fire-safe.
- Fire-resistant landscaping. There are no fire-proof plants but you can select high moisture plants that grow close to the ground and have low sap or resin content. Rockrose, iceplant, aloe, bush honeysuckles, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples are some examples of such plants.
- Protect water quality. Do not clear vegetation near waterways to bare soil. Vegetation removal can cause soil erosion – especially on steep slopes.

**Know your Canyon exits:**

- **North:** Chevy Chase Drive
- **East:** Linda Vista Road
- **South:** Chevy Chase Drive
- **West:** Emerald Isle Drive

**Glendale Police  
Monthly Crime  
Statistics for  
May 2014**



Crime Reports	Cur. Mon.	Prior Mon.	Year to date	Prior Year to date	Change
<b>Violent Crimes</b>					
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	3	4	2	2
Robbery	4	5	29	29	0
Aggravated Assault	5	6	42	47	-5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Property Crimes</b>					
Burglary	37	32	213	212	1
Auto Theft	22	26	114	115	-1
Auto Burglary	46	41	182	224	-42
Grand Theft	16	23	104	105	-1
Petty Theft	143	152	714	608	106
Arson	1	3	11	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Special Crimes</b>					
Child Abuse	3	5	11	15	-4
Simple Assault	57	37	217	223	-6
Domestic Violence	32	20	115	114	1
Fraud	39	57	218	226	-8
Identity Theft	29	57	219	165	54
Vandalism	55	53	276	270	6

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For information on Neighborhood Watch in Chevy Chase Canyon, visit the NW page on the Chevy Chase Canyon website at

[http://www.chevychasestates.us/?page\\_id=1493](http://www.chevychasestates.us/?page_id=1493)