



Everyone plays a part in keeping their community safe.

Vehicle Warm-Ups and Safe Shopping

A Note from Major Hawkins Bureau of Community Policing Commander, Brentwood Police

It's officially the holiday season! Here in Brentwood that means three major things for the Police Department: 1 – It's darker earlier, 2 – It's getting colder every day, and 3 – Our retail businesses are packed with eager shoppers!

Daylight saving time, Friday the 13th and a full moon all fell within the same week this year, but it's 2020 so that is to be expected! With the time change, it's darker much earlier in the evening which means you can count on seeing some after-work fitness routines out and about in our neighborhoods. Please be sure to keep an eye out for joggers, walkers, cyclists, etc. in the early evening hours, as they may be harder to see. For our residents who are out there getting their fitness on: Please wear reflective clothing, stay on sidewalks, exercise on well-lit paths, avoid noise-cancelling audio devices, and keep sleigh-ing it. See what I did there?

Daylight saving this time of year also means a drop in temperatures. This is a great time of year to be tempted to warm up your car in the morning, or before you go somewhere, or to keep it running whilst popping into the local gas station. I beg of you not to give into this temptation. Everyone wants a warm way to get around, and car thieves are no exception! Please only start your vehicles remotely, if you can, and always keep them locked and keys with you.



Although this holiday season will likely prove to be socially distanced or virtual, our retail areas will still be full of busy shoppers cashing in on great deals or stocking up on gifts for the holidays! As a shopper, it's important to store your bags out of sight if

you are going to more than one store. On the front seat is just a bad idea. In the trunk or in the covered cargo area is best! Also, keep in mind, this is an opportunity to practice social distancing and situational awareness. If you are loading purchases into your vehicle, keep an eye out for who is around and make sure you keep your purse or bag with you, not in the cart.

Also, as you go about your daily activities, please remember to lock your vehicles. Better to be safe than sorry!

This year, the Winter Wonderland light display at Tillis Park will be for vehicle traffic only. Please expect higher



than normal traffic for this event from December 18th through the 2nd of January. Brentwood Police will be out enforcing speed on our side of

McKnight, so please help us keep the event and our roads safe by slowing down.

As always, please call us if you see something suspicious. We are here day and night and encourage your help preventing crime in our neighborhoods!

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay warm, and thank you for making Brentwood a great community. ☆

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