

**TIPS TO HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM THEFT AND VANDALISM
(FROM THE MINT HILL POLICE DEPT. AND HEATHFIELD'S COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM)**

- 1) Neighbors must be encouraged to get to know one another, especially their immediate neighbors.
- 2) Proper lighting in yards, especially back yards is essential.
- 3) Have deadbolts installed on all doors and windows.
- 4) Complete and file proper forms with the Mint Hill Police Department when you are going to be away for any extended period of time. To get specific information about forms please call MHPD administrative offices (704-545-1085). After 5:00 pm dispatcher (704-889-2231) can be contacted.
- 5) Notify MHPD immediately when you notice someone making solicitations in our neighborhood. By law door to door solicitation is unlawful. Such activity, when observed/noticed, can & must be reported to authorities.
- 6) Have teams patrol/walk the neighborhood at irregular intervals. If you are interested in helping with patrols please contact the head of Heathfield's Community Watch Program:

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- 7) Trim bushes/trees to improve visibility.
- 8) Report any suspicious activity to MHPD immediately.
- 9) To better protect contents of utility buildings, use a **heavy duty lock and chain** (can be purchased at home improvement stores for approximately \$55) to **"chain together"/ "tie up"** equipment such as riding mowers, push mowers, leaf blowers etc. By doing so, thieves can't just grab one machine and leave if all are tied together.