



Old East York  
Neighborhood

# OHEY Tribune

## Community Care & Events

(Jim Leavens, Craig Thomas)

### OHEY 2008 Events

#### 2008 Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13th  
Get your tickets  
by contacting  
Jim Leavens at  
755-6336

#### Festive Friday

Friday, January 30th, 7pm  
The Avillo's  
27 N Russell St.

#### 2009 Festive Fridays

Can you host?  
Call Monica Thomas  
at 751-4895

...more at  
[www.OldEastYork.com](http://www.OldEastYork.com)

### Santa and Mrs. Claus Coming to Old East York !

Santa & Mrs. Claus will be making a special neighborhood appearance to visit with all the good little girls and boys of Old East York. On Saturday, December 13th at 6:30 pm all those with little ones are welcome to bring them to spend an hour visiting Santa at an OEY host home.



Santa must know in advance how many children will attend so, to make your reservation please contact Jim Leavens by phone at 755-6336 or via e-mail at [Jim.Leavens@verizon.net](mailto:Jim.Leavens@verizon.net) as soon as possible. (JL)

### 2008 Old East York Holiday Party

The festivities will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 7:30 to 10:30 pm and hosted at three homes. Tickets for adults are only \$10 and all proceeds reimburse the hosts

for their expenses. Attendees visit the homes over the course of the evening to share well wishes of the season, partake of various fare and enjoy the family our community has become.



We'll need to know the total number of merry-makers as soon as possible so, to buy tickets for the evening, please contact Jim Leavens by phone at 755-6336 or via e-mail at [Jim.Leavens@verizon.net](mailto:Jim.Leavens@verizon.net). (JL)

### Festive Fridays

Many thanks go out to Julie Amberg and Stuart Stelly for a wonderful November Festive Friday. January's Festive Friday will be on the 30th and graciously hosted by Linda & Phil Avillo at their 27 N Russell Street home.

We're booking Festive Fridays for 2009. If you can host next year, especially February, please contact Monica Thomas at 751-4895. (CT)

## Community Action & Preservation

Tom Schaefer

### Home Security Tips

As simple as it sounds, KEEP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS LOCKED. According to FBI statistics, the majority of thieves enter through open or unlocked doors and windows. And Googlebits.com relates that only one in four home break-ins involve forced entry.

Criminals love to operate in the dark or from concealed areas. NIGHTTIME LIGHTING is a tremendous deterrent. Motion detector lights can cover problem spots or entry points very effectively. Decorative lighting not only adds to our neighborhood's esthetics, it can be a real deterrent to criminals. (LED's are "green" and cheap to light.)

Criminals hate to enter homes where there are DOGS. They

hate little yappers more than big breeds. Dogs are great alarm systems, but many can be bribed with treats and/or a calming voice. Smaller breeds are often more aggressive than larger ones.

CONSIDER A HOME SECURITY SYSTEM. There are now a range of companies that will install systems that monitor entry points, motion, sounds, etc. and can notify police or fire services of trouble. These often add resale value to your property.

AVOID OVERGROWN LANDSCAPING, especially near doors and windows. But thorny shrubs can form a very effective perimeter, and are useful below windows.

DEADBOLT LOCKS are valuable deterrents and double deadbolts (requiring a key inside and out) are best if your door has glass panes or panels. (continued on Page 2)

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(continued from Page 1) Cheap locks are no investment at all. Solid doors are best for exterior use. Sliding glass doors and windows can be jammed with bars or sticks cut and placed to impede their opening.

**KEEP GARAGE DOORS DOWN.** Make sure your door from the garage or basement to your main living area is also secured with a deadbolt lock.

**SECURE LADDERS AND HEAVY TOOLS KEPT OUTSIDE.** Don't help a criminal get into your home (or your neighbor's home!) by leaving tools accessible.

**PREVENT BURGLARS FROM 'SHOPPING.'** Drapes and shades are better than sheers. Close your blinds or shutters at night.

When you are away, **MAKE YOUR HOME LOOK OCCU-**

**PIED.** Hook up lights to a timer, have Scott hold your mail, leave on a TV or a radio, cancel your paper, let a neighbor know you are gone and how to get in contact with you.

**ETCH A NAME OR ID CODE ON ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL VALUABLES.** There is little more worthless to a crook than a piece of property that he cannot unload because the goods are marked as belonging to someone else.

**INVENTORY YOUR PROPERTY.** If it sounds like a daunting task, videotape your rooms' contents and keep a safe copy elsewhere.

Most thieves will choose the path of least resistance. They know all the tricks, but they still need time, concealment, and fairly easy access. If you deny him any or all of the above, it is most likely that criminal will look for an easier target. (TS)

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