

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT





## A DOGgone success!!!

The dog vaccine clinic held on June 14th was a huge success with 23 dogs and their owners in attendance. Each pet received an exam by a licensed veterinarian, vaccinations for rabies and distemper, deworming treatment and topical flea medicine. All services combined would have cost at least \$75 per dog but instead owners received all services free of charge. This is thanks to support from Rez Animal Resources & Education, the Squaxin Office of Housing, and Steamboat Animal Hospital.

The two veterinarians providing services were Dr. Bruce Bell, retired, and Dr. Pastori from Steamboat Animal Hospital. They completed a medical exam on each dog and talked with owners about any medical concerns or needed follow-up treatment. Pet owners were given free dog food, leashes, collars and toys. Volunteers and veterinary staff kept very busy as the steady stream of dogs arrived for services. At the end of the day everyone agreed the event was a resounding success. Many pets on the rez are now protected from deadly viruses such as parvo, distemper and rabies.

Remember, pets need to be vaccinated once a year and given monthly flea treatment especially in the summer. Special thanks to Rez Animal Resources & Education for helping pets on the rez.

If you need to get your pet spayed or neutered please contact them for a voucher. With the voucher you will only pay \$5 for the spay/neuter procedure at the veterinary clinic of your choice. This is an awesome service that helps control the pet population. For more information please contact Rez Animal Resources & Education at (253) 370-6392.

















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# Easy ways to make it harder for burglars

If you locked yourself out of your house, could you easily find a way in? If you answered yes, then a burglar could also answer yes. If you've ever been burglarized, you know what an awful feeling it is to have your home violated and to lose your personal property. Fortunately, for a minimal investment, you may be able to make your home potentially less appealing to burglars. Many burglaries occur in the summer, when people are away on vacation.

#### Here are some tips that may help secure your home when you are not there

- *Use a monitored security system* A security alarm system can help keep your home safe from burglars. If you have a security system, don't place stickers on your door or signs in your yard advertising the brand. That may be enough information for a thief to find out how to disable it. Get a generic sticker available at many home improvement stores.
- *Trim your shrubs* You may be offering intruders a safe place to hide, albeit unwittingly. Make sure your home's windows, porches and doors are not covered by vegetation.
- Close the blinds, shutters or shades Burglary is often a crime of opportunity if you don't offer one, burglars may move on. Don't let thieves' window shop at your expense.
- Install motion sensors and use them Motion-sensing security lights are a fairly inexpensive investment to protect your home and readily available at home improvement stores. These lights are activated when motion is detected, and the sudden change from darkness to bright light may startle intruders as well as provide a visual alert to you and your neighbors.
- *Use indoor timers to control lighting* Timers hooked up to indoor lights and TVs that switch on when it gets dark make it appear as if someone is home and may serve as a deterrent to thieves.
- *Install deadbolts* Consider installing a deadbolt on every exterior door.
- **Don't post your travel plans or whereabouts on social media sites** Sharing your vacation plans and activities can be fun, but it's a public declaration of your whereabouts and a potential invitation to thieves.

### Tips for a safer summer

Summer is one of the busiest times of the year for outdoor recreation and travel. Family vacations, parties, barbecues, sporting events, beaches and other family outings are lots of fun but they can all increase the potential for accidents. There are, however, easy and useful things you can do right now to better protect your property and the people you care about.

# Smart safety tips four ways you can help make your home and auto safer:

- *Check your vehicle's tires* Who said a penny isn't valuable? Inspect your tires for unusual wear and use a penny to check tire tread. Place the penny headfirst into several tread grooves across the tire. If the top of Lincoln's head is visible, it's time to get new tires.
- *Use safe grilling practices* Only barbecue outdoors with grill placed away from your home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep your grill clean remove grease or fat buildup from the racks and in trays below the grill. Never leave your grill unattended and keep children and pets away from your cooking area.
- *Inspect your swimming pool* With warmer weather arriving, it's time to hit the pool. If your pool has been out of use for the winter, be sure all equipment is in proper working order before anyone goes in. Review the usual safety tips with youngsters and be sure: no one swims alone; there's always a cordless phone or cellphone nearby; children stay away from drains, pipes or other openings. Consider taking a first aid/CPR class or renewing your certification to be sure you're current.
- **Prepare for emergencies** If you don't have an emergency plan, consider developing one now before an actual emergency happens. Every member of your household should know what to do in the event of a tornado, wildfire, hurricane, earthquake, flood or other disaster that may occur.