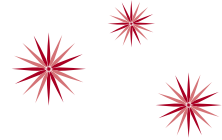




# The Legends Newsletter



December 2008

## *Happy holidays!*

Wishing you a holiday season filled with peace and joy. May you all be fortunate enough to spend time with friends and family and to be safe.

## *Annual Homeowner Dues Increase*

After holding at the same rate for the last five years, it has become necessary to increase the Annual Homeowner Association Dues from the current rate of \$320.00 per year to \$360.00 per year.

While the board always strives to keep costs low, this increase is necessary for several reasons. The largest of these is that our irrigation assessments have increased over \$9000 per year, as those of you who attended last year's annual meeting will remember.

Additionally, we have experienced increased costs over the past five years for common area maintenance for both contractor increases as well as additional repairs needed to the valves and sprinkler lines as the system has gotten older.

## *Christmas Tree Safety*

Select a fresh tree by looking for one that:

?The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break and should be hard to pull off the branches.  
?On fir species, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a carrot.

?Look for a trunk sticky with sap.

? Keep your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, and other heat sources.

?Use no more than three light sets on any one extension cord. Extension cords should be placed against the wall to avoid tripping hazards. Do not run cords under rugs, to avoid both a shock and fire hazard.

?Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.



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or Concerns?

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Christmas joke:

What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic!

### **Need for Volunteers**

The board needs volunteers and board members! Contact our neighborhood manager Denny Moller if you are interested. He can be reached at 385-9650 Ext 220 or [dmoller@amihome.net](mailto:dmoller@amihome.net)



## *Neighborhood Watch Reminders*

### **Leave Outside Porch/Garage Lights ON**

Your board of directors and the neighborhood watch want to stress the importance of leaving your outside porch and garage lights on all night. The cost is minimal and the reduction in crime of well lighted neighborhoods is well documented. Considering that our neighborhood does not have yard lamp posts, it is even more important for people to keep the exterior of their homes well lit. If you would like additional information, check out the Home Security Book "*Preventing Burglaries--How to Protect Your Home*" on our web page, [www.legendsofboise.com](http://www.legendsofboise.com).

The holiday season is a time for crimes of opportunity.

Keep these tips in mind this season:

- Don't leave packages in plain view in your vehicle - put them in your trunk.
  - If you will not be home for deliveries, have your items delivered to a neighbor who will be home.
  - Hold on to your money: Always carry your purse tucked tightly under your arm, ladies. And for you men . . . it can happen to you too! Put your money and only necessary cards in your front pants pocket where it harder for a bad guy to get at it.
  - Don't park in secluded or dark areas of the parking lot.
- Be patient and courteous while parking.
- Try not to be the last to leave the store. Leave when the stores are still open and there are plenty of other shoppers in the parking lot.
  - Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
  - When you get home, remember this home safety reminder: Approximately 50% of all burglars enter the house via unlocked or open doors and/or windows. Keep all doors, including your garage door, closed and locked. Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

## *Christmas Decorating Contest*

To participate, just have your exterior decorating done by Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. First place will receive \$150, second place will receive \$100, and third place will receive \$50. Signs will also be placed in the yards of the winners.

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