

Insurance corner - Protecting your Home Against break-ins

With the warmer weather, there is usually a jump in the number of break-ins as people spend more time away from home at cottages and campgrounds. Not only does the criminal remove some of your personal belongings you are also left with the unsettling feeling that your privacy was invaded. Fortunately, there are a number of things homeowners can do to avoid becoming a victim.

“Burglars do not choose victims randomly – they look for opportunities.” Most illegal entries are made by amateur burglars without the use of sophisticated tools.”

The following recommendations can make your home a lot less appealing to a burglar:

- Dead bolts are a must on both house and garage doors
- Window bars in the basement can be an effective deterrent
- Patio doors can be secured with a bar in the bottom track

- Give your home a lived-in look while you are away
- Use automatic timers to turn interior lights on and off
- If you are going out of town, have the newspaper stopped and ask a friend to empty your mailbox regularly
- Arrange to have your lawn mowed in summer and the snow shoveled in winter
- Make your home visible to passers-by and neighbours
- Entrances should be well-lit and clear of trees and shrubs
- Motion-detecting floodlights can deter intruders
- Consider installation of a 24-hour monitored alarm system (contact your broker about discounts that may apply)

You should also never enter your home if you think a burglar might be inside. Go next door and call the police.

Having your home violated by a burglar can be a very traumatic experience. Break-ins also cost Canadian

Insurance companies millions of dollars each year in claims payments, and the cost is passed on to policyholders through higher premiums. Your insurance brokers are concerned about the premiums you pay. Please take the simple steps necessary to reduce your chances of being a victim of crime.

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General insurance brokers with offices in Innisfil and Angus. We will provide material from within our office and other members of the industry to hopefully help you have a greater understanding of home, auto, and business insurance products.

Innisfil Recreational Complex seat sale

For a donation of \$300.00, individuals or businesses can now sponsor a seat in the large 1,000 seat arena in the new Innisfil Recreational Complex. Sponsors will have their names inscribed on a nametag plate mounted on the seat. The name could be an individual's, in the name of a business or sports group, or in honour or memory of someone special.

Availability is on a first come, first serve basis and the Town will be

responsible for the placement of the plates. The name on the seat is not the sponsor's actual seat. A specific seat and/or location of "seats" cannot be chosen, but will be placed randomly as determined by the Town. A maximum of 20 seats per donor allowed. The Town will reserve the right to approve the name to appear on the seat nametag. The term for the seat nametag is for a 10-year period. Tax receipts to adhere to CCRA guidelines.

Payment plan options are available for the purchase of four seats or more. Contact the campaign office at 436-6145 for more information.

Quilt Guild

The Simcoe County Quilt Guild will meet on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. at the A.N.A. Hall, George St., Barrie.

Kids and the Internet seminar

How do you know your kids are safe on the Internet?

All parents need the knowledge and skills to recognize and respond to situations that threaten the personal safety and well-being of their children who are using the internet. You will be shocked to learn of the risks most children are taking — some knowingly, some innocently.

There will be an Internet Safety Seminar held at Sunnybrae Public School on Wednesday, December 6th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Detective Constable Brenda Pennington from Peel Regional Police will educate parents on internet safety, luring and bullying online.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what is happening in your community

The community event calendar is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce upcoming events. Deadlines are no later than Monday for that week's issue to

COMMUNITY EVENTS,
P.O. Box 310, Beeton, Ontario L0G 1A0

Submissions by mail, fax or e-mail and will not be received by telephone.

ISSUES & INTERESTS

The York-Simcoe Naturalists is a young club looking for new members. Contact: Cathryn Rees at 905-775-7021, e-mail: wilcor@sympatico.ca.

South Simcoe Community Information Centre "CONTACT" at 146 Victoria St. W. Alliston. Call (705) 435-4900, Fax 705-435-1106. Website: www.csolve.net/-contact, or Email: contact@focusdc.on.ca.

Be a face in the fight against cancer

The Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers. Their involvement enables the Canadian Cancer Society to fund cancer research, provide information, services and to support people living with cancer. Call: 436-1060 or 726-8032.

The Canadian Mental Health Association of Barrie-Simcoe supports the development and continuance of self-help groups as a viable community resource for individuals experiencing difficulties. Self-Help groups can provide; support and understanding through difficult times; an opportunity to meet with others who have experienced similar difficulties; information and education; a safe and comfortable environment; suggestions regarding coping strategies that help to get through difficult times.

For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Branch at 705-726-5033 or 1-800-461-4319.

MONDAYS

Friends of the Innisfil Library, Stroud Branch, meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Gilford and District Horticultural Society meets second Monday of the month from March to November at Churchill Community Centre. New members are always welcome. Call Judith Rogers at 431-9278 or Kathy Barraclough at (905)853-8785 for more info.

Al-Anon meetings take place every

Monday at Innisfil Community Church at 8:00 p.m. If you have a problem with someone else's drink, come and join the discussion group.

TUESDAYS

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Thornton Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897 for more information. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Cookstown Computer Club drop-in program for elementary students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

T.O.P.S. (Take off Pounds Sensibly) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Library, Robert St., Thornton. For information call 739-9226.

Stroud Seniors invite persons 55 + to join them for an afternoon of bid and progressive euchre, refreshments and companionship. 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Painswick. Call 436-1628.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm will be informal musical jamming sessions for anyone with a voice or instrument. If you are learning to play an instrument or like to sing and would enjoy having some fun and social time with similar minded people, come and join us. For more information, please call (705) 722-7755

St. Paul's Church, Innisfil (corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street), Playgroup for tots, moms, dads, caregivers, and grandparents from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for a social time, friendship, play and snacks. For information, call (705) 431-1694.

WEDNESDAYS

Friends of the Innisfil Library, Lakeshore Branch, meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Euchre, bid euchre, Scrabble and cribbage is played at Alcona Seniors club every Wednesday at 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the ABC Hall on the 25th Sideroad below Innisfil Beach Rd. Refreshments and fun days. Bring a bag lunch.

Euchre every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30, Newton Robinson United Church in aid of Gwen Taylor Library. Refreshments.

Weight Loss Group. The Alcona Chapter of TOPS meets at 7:15 at Goodfellow Public School. Call Joan Davies at 436-3197 after 6 and on week-ends.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance. On Wednesdays, the mornings are alternated between the Churchill and the Cookstown Libraries from 10:00 a.m. to noon., and every Wednesday afternoon at the Stroud Branch from 1:30 - 3:30. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team Please call marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Euchre at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Churchill is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the parish hall. Please call Reg at 705-456-6801 for information.

The Cookstown Co-Operative Playgroup is at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown for the winter. We will be having a special winter program that will include outings, Story Time with Sue the Librarian, visits from the Ontario Early Years representative and much more. All pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome. The hours will be the same, 9:30 to 12:30 every Wednesday & Thursday morning. For more information please call Karla at 905 778-1507 or Bryan at 458-8468. See you there!!

THURSDAYS

Euchre - Progressive and Bid, every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - 1017 Robinson, Bell Ewart 705-436-1144, Betty.

Register for Book Book a six week afterschool program for ages 6 and up from 5-6 p.m. Call Innisfil Public Library, Cookstown Branch at 458-1273.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Please call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team 728-3757, this initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Barrie Chapter of Schizophrenia Society of Ontario family support group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Building, 39 High St., Barrie. For info contact 726-5033.

Painswick Horticultural Society meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Linda Lewer at 436-3908.

The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown youth group meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 on alternate weeks at both St. Peter's in Churchill and St. John's in Cookstown. The youth leader is Pam Gervais. If you need information on joining the youth group, please call the Parish office at 705-458-1801.

Thornton Seniors Social Club meets at the Lions Hall, 238 Barrie St, Thornton at 1 p.m. Join them for euchre, uno or carpet bowling followed by lunch and social time. For more information call Norma at 458-9996.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm we are beginning a study comparing the gospels and learning how and why they developed. For more information, call (705) 722-7755.

FRIDAYS

The Cookstown United Church Community Youth Group will begin meeting as of October 20th. They will be meeting weekly from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Cookstown United Church on 37 Queen Street. Come for crafts, games, movies, fellowship and fun! All are welcome. For more information, call (705) 458-9701.

SATURDAYS

Barrie Farmers' Market, outside and inside Barrie City Hall. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce and fruit in season. For info please call 739-4204.

SUNDAYS

Innisfil Pipes & Drums meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 1 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Betty 436-1144

Cookstown United Church welcomes all young people from preschool to grade 8 to join in Sunday school at 11am. Sunday's are cool at Cookstown UC, so come and join as we grow in faith and have fun. New this year - join us in making scrapbooks celebrating God's gifts in our lives. For more information, please call Rev. Heather or Kieran Power at (705) 458-9701.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

St Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill will be hosting the OPP Choir

with the performance beginning at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10 each. After the performance there will be a chance to order some terrific gift packs and Poinsettias in time for holiday gift giving. For more information, contact (705) 456-6731. For more information about the gift packs, call Dean at (705) 456-2202.

St James United Church is hosting an awesome auction and Chilli Cook Off at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$6 and includes chilli, rolls, salad, dessert and a beverage. The auction starts at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. Come join us for an evening of tasty food, and excellent auction items. For chilli cook off tickets or for more information, call St James Office at (705) 436-5225, Linda Winson (705) 431-7149, or Donna Wice (705) 436-2578.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

The Innisfil Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Churchill Community Centre from 9:30am until 3pm. Enjoy a festive atmosphere with wonderful gift ideas. Lunch is available. Vendor tables cost \$20. Call Lorie Wild at (705) 436-3329 for more information.

The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their Annual Christmas Craft Sale from 9am until 2pm. There will be tables for crafts, baking, white elephant and lunch. Anyone wishing to rent a table should call Betty Donald at (705) 436-1144 or Sandra Donald at (705) 456-6847.

Timothy Christian School in Barrie is hosting their Annual Christmas Bazaar from 9am until 3pm. Enjoy a variety of products made by local artisans and crafters. The kitchen will serve hot lunches and delicious desserts. The silent auction will take place at 12:30 and the live auction will be at 1pm. For more information call (705) 726-6621.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

Alcona District Girl Guides will host their 2nd Annual Lunch with Santa and craft sale at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Road from 10am to 2pm. Tickets are only \$5 (available at the door) include lunch and a professional 5X7 photo.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

Lefroy United Church is hosting their 2nd Annual Christmas Craft Sale and Quilt Show from 9am until 2pm at the Grange Hall. Add to your Christmas with hand made gifts and home made baking. There are many vendors. Stay for lunch and then visit the quilt display

in the church.

Thornton Community Shoot will start at 10am at the Steve McCabe farm, 6831 County Road 27. It is \$3 per shot, using only 12 gauge shot guns. There will be a food booth on site. For more information, call Mike at (705) 458-9279.

Trinity Anglican Church in Barrie is having a craft sale from 9am - 3pm. Space is limited so reserve your table soon. For bookings or information, contact kenyamiss2007@yahoo.ca.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

St James United Church, on Victoria Street, is hosting a 100 year celebration of their church building, completed in 1906 following a devastating fire. A 10am service of remembrance will begin the days events, followed by a luncheon, a display of photos, records and artifacts and an open house until 4pm. Visitors and community members are cordially invited to have a peak into St. James past and present.

Thornton Light Up Night at the Thornton Creek gazebo on Robert Street, starting at 6pm. Bring the kids, visit with Santa, count down to the tree lighting and enjoy treats and hot chocolate.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Innisfil Historical Society will be holding the book unveiling for their Farms of Innisfil Book at the Churchill Community Centre. The unveiling will be taking place at 2:30 pm, and the book launch will be held between 2:00 and 8:00 pm.

St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill will be hosting their annual Christmas Turkey Dinner from 5-7 pm. Adults are \$12 and children under 12 are \$6. Please contact Maggie at (705) 456- for more information.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

The York-Simcoe Naturalists will be having a members meet and mingle evening at 7:30 pm in the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Avenue in River Drive Park (off the Queensville Side Road, north of Holland Landing). Members are encouraged to share their interests, accomplishments and projects. Christmas goodies will be served. For more information, call (905) 898-2329 or 1-800-216-3830. All are welcome.