

# La Costa Ridge

Community Association

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*“La Costa Ridge is a desirable community with an inspiring lifestyle and great quality of life, including enjoyment of friends and family”*

## APRIL BOARD MEETING RECAP

At the La Costa Ridge Board meeting held on April 13, 2022, Detective Jackie Pacheco briefed us on the investigation into the recent burglary in the neighborhood and provided advice on how to avoid becoming a victim. She emphasized that there are steps *you* can take to reduce your risk and to aid police in apprehending suspects and making a case against them.

High points of the presentation by the Carlsbad PD including the homeowner Q&A, and some further information from the Carlsbad P.D. website follow:

### Wi-Fi Security Devices

- The burglary rings are becoming sophisticated. Some have Wi-Fi jammers that render devices such as Ring, Arlo, and similar devices ineffective. The video will be black.
- If you have a Wi-Fi alarm system, the same caution applies.

### Alarm system

- If you don't have an audible alarm system, consider getting one.
- If you have one, but it is not monitored, adding remote monitoring can help the police isolate the time of an incident.
- Arm the system when you leave the house.
- Perpetrators leave quickly when there is a loud audible alarm.
- Hardwired cameras to corroborate the alarm are very helpful.

### Install security cameras.

- Capturing video allows the police to get the time of an event, a description of the vehicle, and possibly of the suspect(s).
- A hardwired system is ideal for the reasons mentioned above (Wi-Fi jamming).
- Any camera system is better than no camera system.
- Suggested locations for cameras are at the front and rear of the house as well as any side yard entrance.

### Clear security screens or film on windows can help.

- Burglars may gain entry by breaking the glass in a lower-back patio or back entrance.
- With a security screen or film is designed for the glass will still shatter when struck but won't cave in when protected.
- Detective Pacheco may be able to make suggestions regarding what local businesses can apply such film.

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### Don't share gate codes.

### Don't park on the street.

- It's best to park in your closed garage. Locks for garages exist for more security.
- If you must park in your driveway, be sure to lock your cars.

### Be on the lookout for unusual activity.

- Suspects watch homes and cars
- Watch for cars driving slowly or driving back and forth.
- Notice cars parked on the street.
- Be aware of unknown persons, including women, walking around the neighborhood.
- Perpetrators may be casing houses or acting as lookouts.
- Some perpetrators have arrived in cars containing multiple people wearing COVID masks. They may be dressed in dark or black hoodies and track pants. These clothes may be inappropriate for the weather – too warm or not warm enough.
- Actively participate in Neighborhood Watch.
- Call your neighbor if you see something unusual at their house.
- Call the **non-emergency number for the police.**
- **442-339-2197**, if you see something suspicious.
- Take photos of cars, license plates, and people from a safe distance,.
- Do not place yourself at risk.

### The gates at our entrances are helpful, especially at night.

- It is more difficult for perpetrators to follow someone into the community when fewer owners and guests enter.
- Our cameras at the entrances can help solve cases

### Roving security cars are not helpful.

- The perpetrators are aware of the patrol routines.
- Suspects can "blend in" by using gate codes passed on to them.

### Dogs do not offer protection.

- Suspects pepper spray dogs.

### Non-lethal weapons are not helpful.

- Perpetrators have access to firearms.
- **View the Carlsbad PD crime prevention information and videos.** <https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/police/community-information/crime-prevention/home-security>.
- Search "Crime Prevention" at [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).



### Secure the perimeter of your home.

- Keep your garage door closed.
- Close and lock all doors and windows, including upstairs.
- Lock the door between your house and garage.
- When possible, maintain your landscaping with trees raised to five feet
- Use landscape lighting from dusk to dawn.
- Make sure your house numbers are visible from the street.
- Bring all newspapers and flyers inside and have a neighbor or friend pick them up when you are not there.

### Inside your home:

- Put lights on timers that go on and off at night to create the look of activity.
- Put radios on timers making it sound as if someone is at home at all times.
- Keep your cars in your garage so it is not obvious when you leave.
- Make sure that valuables including purses, computers, and when possible televisions are out of sight.
- Keep photos and a log of valuables, with serial numbers. Video the inside of your home.
- Engrave your driver's license number on computers, tools, and other valuables.
- Engrave the VIN on your catalytic converters.
- Keep valuables and financial documents in locked drawers.
- Use security features in electronics.

### If You have a break-in, remain safe.

- The police prefer homeowners not engage a burglar.
- Exit your house and allow the PD to use their helicopters, canines, and equipment.
- **Call 911 if the perpetrator is still in your house.**

### Police Detective Jackie Pacheco kindly offered her contact information:

760-814-4144 (work cell)

Monday -Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Meeting Information

Board Meetings are generally held the second Wednesday of the month at the Stagecoach Community Center, located at 3420 Camino de Los Coches. However, over the last two years, meetings have been held virtually and will continue to be held virtually until further notice.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is on May 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm.