

## **“When Neighbors Start Talking, Good Things Happen.”**

- On September 15<sup>th</sup> a Del Prado resident’s car was vandalized and items were stolen.
- Residents from Del Prado and Lakeside are reporting a suspicious vehicle circling the area.
- The police recently issued this statement:

*“Hello Everyone, residential burglaries and vehicle thefts are up throughout the county. We have been fortunate over the last few months to apprehend several subjects due to the diligence of citizens of Camarillo calling in suspicious activity. With this partnership we have a greater chance of reducing crime in our community. Please call in suspicious people or vehicles observed in your neighborhoods. Camarillo PD / Ventura County Sheriff’s Non Emergency (805) 654-9511 or 911. “*

How do I know all this happened? I’m on **Nextdoor.com**. These were all “posts” for anyone to read if they are on **Nextdoor.com**.

What is **Nextdoor.com**? It’s a free private social network for your own neighborhood. It’s the best way for you and your neighbors to hear what’s happening in your local community. It has an “app” capability and it gets a 4 star rating in its reviews.

Here’s what people are using **Nextdoor.com** for:

- Stay in the know about break-ins, theft, and other important notices
- Find, sell and give away items in Classifieds section
- Get recommendations for trustworthy service providers, like plumbers, contractors, etc.
- Asking for help in finding lost pets
- Hear about community events, yard sales, club meetings
- Connect with neighbors for babysitters, dog walkers or pet sitters.

It’s easy to sign up. On your browser, enter **Nextdoor.com**. Follow the sign up instructions. **Nextdoor.com** will verify your address and the communication will be tailored to our nearby geographical area.

Last month our Neighborhood Watch police officer, Mario Molina, suggested we all communicate through **Nextdoor.com**. It would be our alarm system to alert neighbors of trespassers and potential crime. It’s more efficient and timely than a phone chain.

We now have 54 households on **Nextdoor.com** and I am asking everyone to sign up. Even my 90-year old mother is on **Nextdoor.com** and she got there before me! It’s easy, efficient, electronic, and economical.

Yours truly,

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