



# Burien

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February 3, 2010

Mr. Dave Schmidt  
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**RE: BLOCK WATCH CONCERNS**

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding criminal activity in your neighborhood. The Burien Police Department shares your concern over the recent number of incidents over the past several months. It is important for us to hear from citizens and especially the Block Watch Captains. I have reviewed all of the reported calls for service. We continue the investigations on those and our detectives have made progress on at least one of the cited cases.

Your information will help us look at any patterns to see what future strategies we will use in your neighborhood. At this time I can offer that I will emphasize to our officers working the street to be aware of the issue in your area and provide additional patrols when available.

Please continue to let us know of any new incidents and keep your neighbors involved with the Block Watch. This is one of the best in the City.

Respectfully,

K. Scott Kimerer  
*Police Chief/City of Burien*

*CFTR: 02/08/10*

*cc: Police Chief for response 02/01/10*



## Lisa Clausen

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**From:** Council  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2010 11:10 AM  
**To:** 'Olympic View Bed and Breakfast'  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Burien City Council Members

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message (with attached letter) will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for next week's Council meeting.

Lisa Clausen  
City Manager's Office

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**From:** Olympic View Bed and Breakfast [mailto:[innkeeper@olympicviewbb.com](mailto:innkeeper@olympicviewbb.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2010 9:20 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Letter to Burien City Council Members

Letter to Burien City Council Members. See attached.

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January 31, 2010

Dear Burien Council Members,

I'm writing this to inform the council of a crime wave we are seeing in our neighborhood. I'm informing you in hopes that the council can work on a few key elements in doing job one. Keeping the citizens of Burien safe at home and on their property. This is a brief recap of what has been happening recently in our neighborhood of 164<sup>th</sup> and Maplewild.

Dec 8th, at 146th & 24th a home was broken into and robbed and vandalized in the daytime. On 11/6 163rd & Maplewild, a garage and storage unit were broke into and robbed at night. On Jan 13 at my house on 164th Place at 1:30 p.m. (mid afternoon), a male Hispanic backs a truck into our driveway part way up. Walks up our long drive, looks at the house and walks directly to our garage/ carport. I got there 15 seconds after him and he had my sons bike in his hands. I managed to get him off the property real quick. Then I got the keys and the truck. Turns out it was a stolen truck. On Jan 20 at about 12:30 a.m. at 16211 and 25th next to Mike Martins home. A man attempted to enter a downstairs sliding door. The home owner woke up and checked it out from above and hit the floods. The thief acted like he was drunk and told them to go back to bed. They found evidence that he was in a couple other yards also. It took the police 30 minutes to respond to an attempted break in. The station is 5 minutes away! Not the officers fault, here's what they had going on. At 12:41 am south 177th PL /3rd ave. Domestic Violence shots fired - apartment has history of physical violence. At 12:49 am South 152nd St /6th ave S. Trespass in progress / Man refuses to leave hallway in secured Apartment. At 1:13 am SW 149th /Ambaum. Commercial burglary. Then at 1:17 am a call comes from SW 148th / 4th ave SW. At 1:33 the police arrived at the neighbors.

On Jan 23, at 3:45 am 164th and 25th ave the neighborhood was awoken to the sounds of about 10-14 gunshots. A few think it was fireworks but the people who know what gun shots sound like are fairly sure of the sound. Ask Mayor McGilton or Mr. Martin what they think, I'm sure they heard them. The following night at 4am many people heard one single shot closer to the water.

The last couple nights our neighborhood has been in the cross hairs of solicitors. Myself, a block watch captain for the area around 164th and Maplewild and another block watch captain for the area of 25 ave SW, informed this solicitor she needed a permit from the city of Burien to solicit. She ended up leaving the neighborhood. I was hoping that after explaining the laws to her, that was going to be the end of that and hopefully she would tell all the others to stay away. Well that didn't happen and the following night, another girl going door to door from the same organization. No permit to show but said another girl had it down the road and wouldn't leave. I called the police and about ten minutes later THREE police cars show up. They explained to the girl that she was breaking the law and told the other young 20 year old captain to get the other five solicitors out of the city limits immediately.

My personal dilemma is the fact that we have put our heart and soul into establishing a reputable Bed and Breakfast business. However, in the course of our business with guests on the property we have had to deal with an attempted robbery and gun shots in the middle of the night. It's bad enough with our business down due to the economy, but I'm not looking forward to the day that our guests write a review about not feeling safe or saying they were awakened by gun shots in the neighborhood.

This is just a small recap of what has happened in our small little town of Burien. I have heard that we are not the only ones in Burien with this problem. I also heard that the Shorewood area has had the same problems over there. As a tax paying citizen of Burien I would urge the city council of Burien to start working on ways you can enhance some laws to better protect your citizens. I would also hope that you get some more police out patrolling and work on finding some solution to quicker response times. I have some ideas on both of these requests should anyone on the council care to talk with me. I have talked with Jim Bibby about some of my concerns and have major issues with some of the responses I was given.

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