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# CARMEL OBSERVER



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## Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:

Be mindful of what goes on in your neighborhood. Remember that criminals, especially burglars, look for opportunities. Note suspicious people and vehicles and call police to check it out. Simple things like closing the garage door, not leaving valuables in your car, and turning on your lights at night can help.

## Trick-or-Treat Wednesday, October 31 5-8 p.m.



Please slow down and keep an eye out for all the neighborhood children.

## Halloween Safety Tips

*Provided by the National Crime Prevention Council*

- Trick-or-Treaters should always be in groups.
- Make sure older kids trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they will be. Tell them to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- Try to get your kids to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If it's dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.
- Make sure kids know not to enter strange houses or strangers' cars.

## Take Note

*Source: Indiana State Police*

Each year in Indiana, several thousands of dollars worth of damage occurs from vehicle-deer crashes. In many cases, motorists are injured when they panic and swerve to miss a deer, and lose control of their vehicles and hit fixed objects.

The Indiana State Police recommend the following driving techniques:

- When possible use high beam headlights at night and be aware that deer could be standing on or near the side of the roadway.
- Drivers should never panic. Sometimes it is better to hit the deer than swerve and crash into another vehicle, or hit a fixed object such as a utility pole or tree.
- When there is one deer there are often several. BE ALERT!
- If your vehicle strikes a deer, do not touch it. A frightened or wounded deer can cause you serious bodily injury. Remain in your car, make sure you and your passengers are safe, and call the police to obtain a crash report.

Motorists must report any crash where there is at least \$1,000 in property damage or if someone is injured. Driving defensively, wearing a seatbelt, and obeying all speed laws will help motorists avoid crashed and prevent injuries.

*Questions, Comments or Concerns:  
Please give us a call.*

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