

## **Holiday Package Precautions**

With the advantages of free shipping and/or two (2) day delivery, more people are shopping on-line. The delivery services will be very busy this holiday season delivering all those purchases right to your front door.

If you anticipate your packages might be delivered during a time when someone will not be home to receive them, it is a good idea to arrange for an alternate delivery method to avoid the opportunity for your packages to be stolen from your front porch.

For more specific information about delivery options and associated fees, please go to the websites for delivery services.

Also, don't forget to insure your packages, especially those containing valuables. Remember, criminals seek opportunities and the holiday season only heightens those



opportunities with easy availability to packages left unattended on the porch.

# Don't Be A Victim - Car Safety

The San Antonio metroplex, including Alamo Heights, continues to experience a heightened rate of vehicle burglaries. Vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity. In most cases, items of value were left in open view within the passenger compartment.

**First and Foremost:** Don't leave valuables in your car – particularly not in plain sight. *If you must leave valuable items in your car, lock them in the trunk, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously.* Laptops, gym bags, GPS units, briefcases should be locked in the trunk or glove compartment.

Once home, unload your valuables immediately. Do not use your vehicle for storage and especially overnight. Remember **LOCK** your vehicle's doors.

### BRIEFS

# Be Prepared for the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the Winter season. Check these tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze:

- Your furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months.
- Your chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional and has been checked for creosote build-up.
- Portable space heaters have an automatic shutoff, plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord), and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn.
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have been tested making sure they are working properly. Contact AHFD for smoke alarm testing.

### CITY CALENDAR

#### **NOVEMBER**

Board Meeting

City Council Meeting Canceled

November 28 & 29 Offices Closed\*

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



#### DECEMBER

Planning and Zoning Meeting

City Council Meeting

# THANKSGIVING **Cooking and Safety Tips**

The kitchen is the heart of the home and safety is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



#### **KITCHEN SAFETY**

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top to keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking the turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the hot stove, food and liquids, steam or splashes from them can cause serious burns.
- Make sure smoke alarms are working, Test them by pushing the test button.
- Separate raw turkey from fresh foods.
- Use separate cutting board and utensils for the turkey.



- Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Utensils, plates, counter-tops, and cutting boards should always be washed.
- Don't wash your turkey Cooking is the only way to destroy potentially dangerous bacteria.

#### COOK

- Your bird is not safe until it
- reaches 165 degrees F.
- Use three places to check the temperature - breast, wing & thigh.
- When turkey is removed from the oven. let it stand 20 mins before carving to allow juices to settle.

### AH Chamber Holiday Annual Holiday Parade

#### This year marks the 42nd Annual AH Chamber Holiday Parade. Come join us on Saturday. November 23rd. There is a new route and a Fun Run!

The Fun Run starts at 5:30 p.m., followed immediately by the parade, from the AH High School parking lot at the corner of E. Castano Ave and Broadway.

The Fun Run and parade will proceed across Broadway along Castano Ave and then proceed south onto Alamo Heights Blvd; and ends at the intersection of Alamo Heights Blvd and Argo Ave. Everyone is welcome to

an after-parade party for kid-friendly fun in the parking lot of the Alamo Heights Pool.



and Fun Run



**USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS** 

911 for EMERGENCY Fire/EMS (Non-Emergency): 210-824-1281 Police (Non-Emergency): 210-822-3321 Administration and Finance: 210-822-3331

Public Works: 210-882-1518 Water: 210-882-1507 Community Development: 210-826-0516 Court Clerk: 210-882-1501