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MySpace.com and More: Internet Safety Tips for Parents and Teens

The sheriff's office has noted a rise in cases involving children and internet safety — specifically the use of the website MySpace.com. Below is some information for parents and teens on the use of MySpace and other online communities.

MySpace

MySpace.com, billed as “a place for friends,” is an online network that allows users to express themselves using text, sound and images — for all the world to see. MySpace has amassed 47 million users since its inception in January 2003 and is adding 1 million users each week. The site, which is especially popular among teens and college students, is user-friendly and employs very little censorship, making it easy for teens to post anything about themselves on the internet.

How It Works

A series of questions help members create a profile —including name, birthday, birthplace, height, and “best physical feature.” Profiles often include full names, complete birth dates, current location, appearance, class schedules, parents' names and teens' cell phone numbers. Most profiles include a photo.

Users of the site can “browse” for members using criteria that includes gender, age, marital status, photos, body type, education level and zip code. (A recent

“browse” search by Jefferson county sheriff's office investigators for “18-year-olds interested in dating/relationships in zip code 80401” turned up 139 members and their profiles.) Users can then read a member's personal blog (Web log) or contact a member directly via e-mail.

Dangers Involved

The danger of MySpace lies in some teens' willingness to communicate openly with people they don't know. When children are very young, we teach them not to talk to strangers. When they get older, many children don't realize that by posting personal information or blogging, they are talking to 700 million strangers.

Some profiles contain so much personal information that it becomes easy for a user to contact the member in person. In September 2005, a 37-year-old man used MySpace to exchange messages with a 16-year-old girl from Port Washington, N.Y. and sexually assaulted her outside her after-school job. She had listed where she worked on her MySpace profile.

Personal information online may also allow a criminal to steal a member's identity and apply for credit using his/her name.

Posting is Forever

It's important for teens to realize that anything they post online, while editable, can still be saved while it's live. Any user

can save, keep or distribute photos or text from a Web page. This means that sexually suggestive photos, photos depicting drug use, threats against others or language indicating criminal behavior are all potentially permanent collector's items for their classmates, friends, enemies, parents, law enforcement and total strangers.

What Parents Can Do

Parents, please talk to your adolescents and teens about what information is not okay to share online. Inappropriate personal information may include photos, full names and addresses, phone numbers and school name. It may also include less obvious things, such as the name of their school team or the name of the mall near their house. Help your kids think about the implications of forgoing privacy and broadcasting their innermost thoughts.

MySpace is not the only venue for posts that can leave your teenager vulnerable. AOL, Friendster and Facebook are other online sites that allow users to easily create a profile and chat with strangers. Stay involved with your teens and ask them to show you what websites they're using, and how.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has many more useful internet safety tips on its website at www.missingkids.com.

— Sheriff Ted Mink

Woodmar Square
Homeowner's Association Meeting

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 13th 2006

7:00 p.m.

Location: Columbine Library

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Annual Homeowners' dues of \$25 per family are used to supports activities, Matching Funds program with Foothills Parks & Recreation, and bi-monthly homeowners' meetings. We are a volunteer committee dedicated to improving our community of Woodmar Square! Cut out this form and return it with a check for \$25 to:

WSHOA
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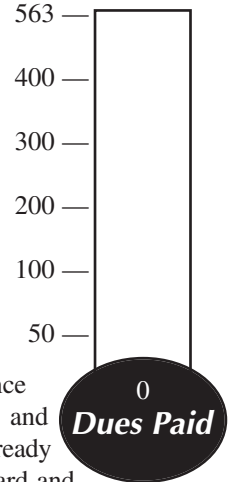
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Have You Paid Your Homeowner's Dues This Year?

Thanks to all of you who support our community. We invite you to pay your dues of \$25 for 2005. Here is a list of how we are planning to use the money:

- Power bill for lights at entrance.
- Annual picnic
- Christmas lighting contest and wagon ride
- Matching funds project with Foothills
- Front entrance refurbishing
- Bi-monthly HOA meetings
- Replacement of flags at front entrance

Please cut out form on back page and include with your check. If you have already paid your dues for this year, please disregard and thanks.



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Thank you for submitting your annual dues. It's amazing how such a small amount multiplied so many times can make such a difference to our community – matching funds, community activities and more! If you haven't yet paid, please use the attached coupon and mail them in today. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Teen Services

This list is provided as a free service to residents of Woodmar Square. If you would like your teen's name added to this list, please call Colorado Lasertype at 303-979-7499. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by Colorado Lasertype or the association board. Categories: (B) Babysitting (P) Pet & House sitting (L) Lawn care/Snow removal *Red Cross Certified

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Attention Parents and Teens!

To ensure accuracy, we update the teen services list each year. If you would like to remain on the list **you must call Colorado Lasertype at 979-7499 by April 15th** or your name will be deleted. Please leave the following information: your name (including spelling); age; what category(s) you want: (B) Babysitting, (L) Lawn Care/Snow Removal, and (P) Pet & House Sitting, and whether or not you are Red Cross certified for CPR; and **neighborhood you live in** (this is very important - we do 19 different newsletters and need to know which one your name is in). **If you have renewed your information since January 1, 2006 you do not need to call in an update.** Thank you. —Colorado Lasertype

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— Adrienne Cook