

Car Thefts

On January 4th, a little past noon in broad daylight, seven people wearing masks drove two stolen Kia cars and a stolen golf cart into our MVV complex. Kirk and Keith followed and found them stealing another Kia from a MVV resident. They tried to block them off with Kirk's maintenance truck but the thieves rammed into it (see pic below) and got away. We were lucky no one got hurt.

An alert resident took pictures of the thieves and police were called to the scene. They said that Kias and Hyundas are easy to steal, and it was likely a group of young adults responding to a new social media challenge to "Steal as many Kias as you can in one day." It has become a new trend where thieves post their thefts on TikTok, a social media platform.

As seen on the news, there has been an increase of car thefts everywhere. Keep your car safe by parking in your garage or purchasing a steering wheel lock (or something similar) to prevent theft, especially if you have a Kia or Hyundai!



Another dent added to Kirk's maintenance truck after the thieves rammed into it as they got away.

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KIRK'S CORNER



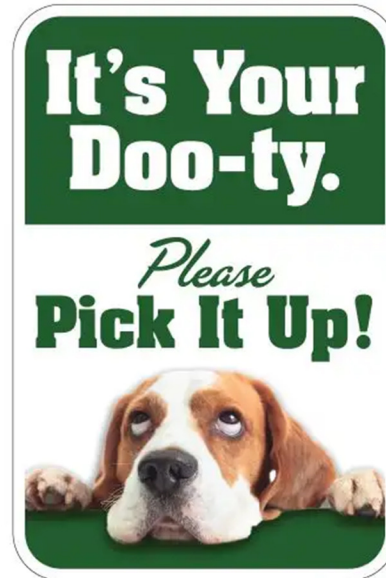
- Provided gutter and moss treatment on ten roofs
- Repaired roof leak and gutter on building 8626
- Fixed the water line valve on 8612A and 8640E
- LED lights installed on Entrance/Exit and Alleys of 8646, 8652, and 8602. Replace other lights as needed
- Repaired vandalized mailboxes
- Spread bark along the south fence
- Winter pool maintenance
- Daily garbage collection
- Pressure washing alleys, sidewalks and fences

Reminders

- If you experience a theft that is not a current threat, report it to the Lakewood police at their non-emergency phone number: (253) 287-4455, then press 2.
- Please remember, our maintenance employee, Kirk Gist, is not a medical professional. Asking him to assist with any medical emergency puts him and MVV at risk for liability. If you have an emergency call 911.

Miscellaneous

- **Roof leaks** - When it rains, then freezes, water on flat roofs turns into ice, often very heavy ice and it can cause leaks into your home. If you go out of town for an extended period of time, it is a good idea to arrange to have a friend or family member check on your place to be sure you do not have leaks during heavy rains and freezing temperatures.
- **Expenses** - Our dues just went up 3% but many of our services have gone up more than that. For instance, our water service just went up 6.9%. Please know we're doing our best to meet the needs of MVV with what we have. As the cost of services and resources continue to rise, the board is working hard to prioritize projects to meet our budget.



- **The Scoop** - There has been an increase in "land mines" around here lately. If your dog drops something, please make sure you pick it up!

- **Lighting** - You may have noticed some of the lights around our entrance and the sides of buildings are brighter, thanks to Kirk. He replaced them with new, energy-saving, yet brighter light bulbs.
- **Also** - While MVV changes the lights in the pole lamps outside your place (see pic below), please know that replacing porch and outdoor garage door lights is the responsibility of the home owners.



- **Special Thanks** - To Kirk and Keith for putting up our Holiday decorations and to Cindy and Kylie Gist for taking them down!
- **Playoffs** - I know not everyone is into professional football, or you may like a different team, but for many of us we are elated to still be able to say...Go Hawks! ;)



Happy New Year!!!