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Hello Fellow Blockwatchers:

Spring is nearly here and the weather is getting better. This means there are more people moving around outside including street people. We have had a few small thefts from patios; and, the front outdoor mat was stolen from Parkview Court; but, nothing of significance. A small reminder to those of you with patios: Either chain or secure anything you leave on the patio (bbq, propane tanks, bicycles, etc.) or bring them in at night. Two of our minor thefts were propane tanks.

Do you leave bags of donations outside the front door of your building for Big Brothers or another charity? We have had street people steal these bags, open them, take what they want; and, leave the rest of the donations scattered over the block. Not only is this unsightly; but, it is depriving someone of clothing or other items they could have really used. Did you know that Big Brothers will come to your door to pick up your donation if you request it? This prevents anyone from getting the donation but the charity involved. Value Village in the Dells Shopping Centre; the Thrift Store across the street from the Dells Shopping Centre; and, the Nightshift Ministry (clothes only) all accept donations delivered to the store. So, please help reduce crime on our complex grounds by either having Big Brothers or other charities pick up your donation from your apartment or take them to one of the local thrift stores mentioned.

Don't forget - the more we nibble away at situations that can lead to crime, the less we will be targeted. Street people are in it for the easy crimes. If we make it harder for them to be successful, they will move on to someone or some other complex that makes it easier for them to be successful in committing their crimes.

Don't forget to keep making those reports to the police. Every report helps in our quest to get faster, better service when we call in an incident and helps to get us more police patrols in our area. Call the police with your report at the non-emergency number (604) 599-0502 unless it is an emergency, then call 911. Call back the next day to the non-emergency number to get the incident number and use the Blockwatch email above to send the incident number to Blockwatch. For things like tents in the field across the street, discarded needles in the field etc., call By-laws (604) 591-4370. By-laws telephones are manned on the weekends by the Fire department; but, they will act on incidents phoned in. Again, phone the next day to get the incident number to email to Blockwatch.

Til next time. Take care.