**To All Lake District Property Owners and Neighbors:**

**Security Alert for Unoccupied Homes and Cottages on Mt. Morris Lakes**

In the past week, there have been break-ins to a few cottage properties on Mount Morris Lakes.  The Sheriff's department has asked that the Lake District make you aware of these break-ins. Please take whatever precautions you can to secure and prevent your property from being an attractive target for break-ins and theft, especially during these winter months.

Here are some suggested ideas for creating security precautions for your cottage:

1. Remove valuable items from your homes to ensure that they are not stolen
2. Install ,motion sensor lighting, especially during the winter aimed downward at your shoreline area
3. Install automatic alarm systems with a phone dialer (to call you directly) triggered by sensors on windows, doors, etc.
4. Secure boats, vehicles, aquatic equipment out of site if possible.
5. Prevent visibility into the cottage from the outside... close drapes, and cover door windows.
6. Boarding up windows or doors from the outside makes it obvious to thieves that no one intends to be in the structure for a long time.
7. Install random timed lighting inside the home at night with some random sound from a radio may confuse thieves.
8. Buy a small lighting device that simulates the flickering light of an active TV combined with the sound of a radio:

<http://www.faketv.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGpmJzScnWI>

 In most cases, thieves will not bother with homes that have lighting, sound, or any other devices that might indicate a live presence in the home.

For other security ideas for you lake home, go to these links:

<http://www.cottagetips.com/tips/preventing-cottage-break-ins/>

<http://cottagelife.com/82380/diy/tips-diy/5-ways-to-crime-proof-your-cottage-this-winter>

<http://www.candlelakeresort.ca/ckfinder/userfiles/files/RCMP%20Tips%20for%20Home%20Security(1).pdf>

Please circulate this notice via e-mail to any other Mt. Morris Lake property owners. The District does not have the e-mails of every resident. The benefits of supplying the e-mail to the District means that you can get important notices and information like this more quickly than postal mail when necessary.

From:

The Board of Commissioners

Mount Morris Lakes Management District