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COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Protecting What Matters Most: Keeping Our Homes and Families Safe from Fraud

Simple steps to protect yourself, your family, and your peace of mind.

One of the things I love most about living here is the sense of trust we share. We look out for our neighbors, care about one another, and feel a responsibility to keep our friends and families safe. But even in Woodland Hills, we aren't immune to scams, identity theft, and fraud.

Last week I attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns annual convention in Salt Lake City. The keynote speaker was Frank Abagnale, a nationally recognized fraud prevention expert whose life inspired the movie Catch Me If You Can. For decades, he has worked with the FBI and other organizations to help people protect themselves from financial crimes.

He said:

"Criminals are not looking for challenges, they are looking for opportunities."

This is a powerful reminder that a few simple precautions can make a real difference.

5 Simple Ways to Protect Yourself and Your Family

1. Think before you click. Don't open suspicious links in emails or text messages, even if they appear to come from someone you know. Always check the email address it was sent from, not just the name of the sender. Phishing scams are spiking, so never send money or gift cards without verifying first. Be suspicious of urgency. Scammers often create fear or excitement to pressure us into making quick decisions. Slow down and verify the situation.
2. Never share personal information with an unexpected call or text. Banks and government agencies can be impersonated. AI is used to replicate documents, voices, and images, including video. In 2024, 3.6 billion identity records were compromised. Call the person or organization using a number you know is legitimate, to verify the request. Familiarity is no longer a reliable signal – always verify.
3. Protect your passwords. Use strong, unique passwords for important accounts and enable two-step verification whenever possible. There are 579 password attacks every second or 18 billion attacks per year! If available, use a Pass Key.
4. Protect your social media and other online relationships platforms: Know who your "friends" are. Birthdays, addresses, travel plans, and family information can help scammers impersonate you or steal your identity, so protect what you post and share. Older Americans lost over $81 billion in the past year to financial fraud, including cryptocurrency transfers, investment schemes, and romance fraud. Help your aging parents or grandparents navigate the digital age -- not with shame, but with information. Be the safe place they can come with questions.
5. Shred sensitive documents with a micro-cut shredder. Don't throw away paperwork containing account numbers, Social Security numbers, or other personal information.

Mr. Abagnale describes his approach to fighting fraud in three words: "prevention, verification, and education."

Although it can be very alarming, we don't have to live in fear or become suspicious of everyone. We simply need to be informed, pay attention, and take reasonable precautions.

As we look out for our own families, let's remember to look out for our neighbors, too. A friendly reminder, a shared warning, or an offer to help someone recognize a suspicious message can make a meaningful difference.

Keeping Woodland Hills safe isn't just about protecting our homes and our money. It's about protecting the people we love and the trust that makes our city such a special place to live.

For additional fraud prevention information and resources, visit www.abagnale.com.

And in case you haven't watched it in a while, check out the movie based on Frank's life – Catch Me if You Can.

TED TALKS

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RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Over the past several months, I have received a number of questions regarding the maintenance of residential fire sprinkler systems. If you ever have concerns about your system or suspect a problem, I recommend contacting a qualified fire sprinkler contractor for assistance.

Residential sprinkler heads are designed to activate individually when exposed to heat from a fire. Each head contains a heat-sensitive fusible link that melts at a predetermined temperature, typically between 165˚F and 200˚F. Once the link melts, the sprinkler head opens and begins spraying water. Contrary to a common misconception, all of the sprinkler heads in a home do not activate at once. Only those exposed to sufficient heat will operate.

Most residential sprinkler systems are connected to the home's water service near the point where water enters the house. The system includes a backflow prevention device that keeps water within the sprinkler system from flowing back into the home's drinking water supply. It also includes a flow-activated alarm switch that sounds interior and exterior alarms whenever water begins flowing through the sprinkler piping. Homes with sprinkler piping located in unheated areas may also contain a non-toxic, environmentally safe antifreeze solution.

You will typically find a pressure gauge on the incoming water service side of the system and another gauge on the sprinkler system side of the backflow preventer. When a home is new, these pressure readings are usually very similar.

There are a few simple checks homeowners can perform to help maintain their system:

- Check the sprinkler system pressure approximately every six months.
- Compare the sprinkler system pressure to the incoming water pressure.
- If the sprinkler system pressure is significantly higher, pressure may have built up over time due to normal fluctuations in the household water system.
- Most systems include a small valve near the pressure expansion tank that can be used to carefully relieve excess pressure.
- If pressure needs to be reduced, release only enough to bring the sprinkler system pressure closer to the incoming water pressure. Be especially careful if your system contains antifreeze.
- Use the exterior inspector's test connection periodically to verify that the flow alarm activates properly.

Regular monitoring can help ensure your fire sprinkler system remains ready to perform as intended in the event of a fire.

If you have questions about your residential fire sprinkler system, please feel free to contact me. I am always happy to help point residents in the right direction.

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The city is finished doing chipping for the year. Any branches to chip left along the roadside need to be hauled off to the dump so as to not interfere with the snow plowing during wintertime. Further, a reminder that city roads and rights of ways, private or public, need to be kept free of parked vehicles, boats, trailers, dumpsters, containers, etc., to facilitate snow removal as snowplows work day and night. Particularly dumpsters at construction sites need to be off of the road and placed on the property being built on.. Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated. Failure to do so may subject the owner to a ticket, fine, and/or towing of any offending vehicle. Some may not be aware that the city right of way extends beyond the pavement on each side of the road for approximately 15 feet, which means it is city property and needs to be kept clear.

Some winter driving etiquette is good to follow. DO NOT PASS THE SNOWPLOWS WHEN THEY ARE PLOWING SNOW. Be patient and follow them. This could prevent you from getting stuck. If you do spin out or get stuck on the road, try and pull over to the right of way area on either side of the road if you need to temporarily leave your vehicle or have someone come and get you. This will allow other traffic to get by you and allow the snowplows to continue their work. The snowplows are not there to help you get unstuck or tow you to your home, so don't be offended when they pass you, a stuck vehicle, by and continue on their way. Also, if you have a friendly wave for them, that is nice, but don't expect a wave in return and no unfriendly gestures are allowed. That says more about who you are then anything about them. While they are a bunch of friendly guys, they are focused on snowplowing the roads and looking where they are going so they don't run into any vehicles, including yours.

OCTOBER 2026 STATS

Abandoned 911	1
Alarm Residential	1
Animal Complaint	3
Agency Assist	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Fire Alarm	1
Medical	4
Parking Problem	1
VIN Inspection	3
Weapon Offense	1
Total	17





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