The safety of our residents and visitors is paramount to your HOA Board of Directors. Crime is on the increase in our neighborhood and as a community we need to work together to deter crime in our area. Modern technology allows us to monitor, on a selected basis, the activity of cars entering our neighborhood and driving on our streets. Our intention in utilizing this security system is the protection of residents, property and crime prevention.

Violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or property threat of force against the victims.

According to various websites, including <a href="www.areavibes.com">www.areavibes.com</a>, our zip code has had a 38% increase in violent crime since 2018 and is increasing. Specifically our neighborhood is 19% above the national average in all crime categories. Our immediate area recorded over 300\* violent or property crimes within the past 14 months with increasing tendencies. Additional data can be found on <a href="www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr">www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr</a>

The Board of Directors made a 4-month study of the available technologies and techniques to fight crime. We do have a Neighborhood Watch program in place; however, participation is almost nonexistent and therefore not affective. If you are interested in working with the Neighborhood watch program please contact the board at <a href="www.cwlboard@cwlho.org">www.cwlboard@cwlho.org</a> We are considering the services of SkyCop Inc utilizing the equipment of Flock Safety Inc. This technology records road traffic entering the HOA properties, verifies the license number (stolen car?) and assists us in identifying cars and individuals that may have been involved in a crime within our community. The results in other communities have been very positive in reducing and deterring crime.

What is SkyCop and how it works: Surveillance cameras placed at strategic points operating on solar power, motion sensor activation, independent cellular service, cloud storage and full software with updates. Full turn key lease includes location survey, installation, maintenance, and cloud data storage. Direct access of recorded vehicle information (make, model, color and tag number) to the police is optional.

When a crime occurs, we will have the means to review the tapes to determine who was coming and going in the neighborhood that is not usually coming and going. The technology will identify autos that have established a presence (ie residents) and place those in category of those vehicles/tag numbers that belong here. Data is only kept on file for 30 days and residents can opt out of having their vehicle included in the algorithm by notifying the Board at www.cwlhoaboard@cwlhoa.org

Restrictions of placement of the camera's dictates the usage of solar power and our own poles. Unfortunately, MLGW doesn't work well with HOA's in providing usage of their poles and electrical connections. The cost of using their poles (street lights) for mounting the camera cost between \$7,000 to \$10,000 per location. Flock Safety addresses this issue by utilizing solar power with battery backup mounted on a twelve foot 3" diameter metal pole.



**HOA boundaries:** There are eight (8) access points into the neighborhood.

The camera package lease cost is \$2,200 per camera which includes site survey, installation, solar power, motion sensor activation, independent cellular service, cloud storage and full software with updates. For 8 cameras to cover all entrances and exits of the HOA properties cost less than \$20 per year per house per year.

## Benefits to HOA and members: short term and long term.

This program will benefit ALL HOA members, not just a few.

Proven results in decreasing crime and vandalism.