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BLOCK WATCH NEWSLETTER  
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This month I would like to address “**Road Rage**”. “**Road Rage**” is defined as a societal condition where motorists lose their temper in reaction to a traffic disturbance. “**Aggressive Driving**” is an angry motorist attempting to intentionally injure or kill another driver because of a traffic dispute. Aggressive drivers react negatively and use their vehicles to retaliate by making sudden, threatening maneuvers. Most aggressive driving behaviors are caused by the drivers’ own moods and reactions when they get behind the wheel.

**Common Motorist Irritants** 1) Tailgating to pressure a driver to go faster or get out of the way. 2) Flashing lights in order to signal persons to move to another lane. 3) Obscene gesturing. 4) Changing lanes without signaling. 5) Blasting the horn. 6) Frequently changing lanes by weaving back and forth. 7) Racing to beat a yellow light that’s about to turn red. 8) Traveling in the passing lane at a slower speed, making it impossible for others to pass. 9) Driving with high beams on behind another vehicle or toward on-coming traffic. 10) Not reacting quickly after the red light turns green.

**What motorists can do.** 1) Use directional signals to indicate a lane shift. 2) Keep windows up and doors locked. 3) Be polite and courteous. 4) Listen to music slower than your heart beat. 5) Drive at safe driving distances. 6) Don’t become distracted by using a car phone, or reading a paper while the vehicle is in motion. 7) Put some physical distance between you and drivers who are behaving erratically. 8) **Don’t show a reaction** to the aggressive driver, especially avoid eye contact. 9) Avoid behavior that antagonize or irritate others. 10) **Be tolerant** of those who exhibit non-conforming traffic behavior.

The U. S. Department of Transportation estimates that **two thirds** of fatalities are at least partially caused by aggressive driving. In some cases it appears that incidents of road rage are caused by simple misunderstandings between drivers, but the perception of another is that he/she is driving aggressively.

**DON’T ENGAGE.** One angry driver can’t start a fight unless another driver is willing to join in. Give angry drivers **LOTS** of room. A driver you may offend can “snap” and become truly dangerous. (Source KCPC).

**Please remember the major construction and lane closures on Galene Drive**

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GET INVOLVED by watching your neighbor’s house.  
BE GOOD EYES for the police department.

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**Areas of Concern**

Canterbury Drive	Criminal Mischief
Glenwillow Way	Theft from Vehicle
Galene Drive	Criminal Mischief
Glenlea Way	Theft of Bicycle
Burgundy Drive	Criminal Mischief
Pinedale Drive	Criminal Mischief
Valley Drive	Burglary of Residence
Pelham Court	Criminal Mischief
Grand Avenue	Theft from Vehicle
Timberwood Circle	Theft from Vehicle
Gleeson Lane	Theft of Bicycle
Pavillon Way	Theft of Individual
Melrose South	Theft of Bicycles
Galene Drive	Theft from Unlocked Car
Wendell Way	Burglary of Residence
Glenawyn Circle	Theft from Vehicle
Chenwood Court	Theft from Unlocked Car
Antone Parkway	Criminal Mischief to Vehicles