

# Parish Safety Committee Newsletter

## Parish Safety Committee News

The Parish Safety Committee (PSC) continues to establish safety goals, objectives, reporting methods, inspection criteria as well as addressing concerns. We are currently working on a couple of projects based on matters generated by our parishioners. We would also like to welcome our newest member Tom Bennett.

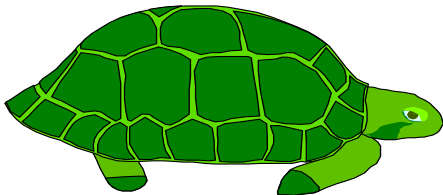
## Spring Safety News

### **Walking tips:**

Wear brightly colored clothing in the day. Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight at night. Walk on path separated from traffic whenever possible. Walk on the side of the road opposing traffic when there is no separate sidewalk. At intersections, make sure drivers acknowledge you before entering the crosswalk. Walk with a friend or dog to reduce chance of robbery/attack. Carry identification and health information card. If you carry a personal defense weapon, take ongoing training and stay within the local laws. Watch for tripping hazards, traffic, and suspicious persons. Don't wear headphones. Vary your route and time of day you walk. Note businesses, etc. along your path where you can seek assistance when needed in the future. Carry a cell phone. Give wide berth to dogs, on leash or off. Let someone know where you are going and when you should return.



**Please slow down while driving in our parking**



lots especially during school hours, Thanks

## Spring into Safety

When Old Man Winter calls it quits for the year, people all across the world climb ladders to spruce up the exterior of their homes, examine gutters, paint and perform other tasks associated with spring cleaning. While working around the house can be very rewarding, hundreds of thousands of injuries occur each year as a result of mishaps related to electric tools, ladders and lawn mowers.

- On average about 220,000 people make emergency room visits due to ladder mishaps each year.
- More than 87,000 people are treated annually in hospital emergency rooms for lawn mower injuries - casualties of burns, dismemberment, electric shock, falls and thrown objects.
- Another 76,000 people sustain injuries from power garden tools such as trimmers, lawn edgers and pruners

Remember to follow safe work practices, use proper protective equipment and follow manufacturer safety guidelines.

### **Think Safe and be Safe**

## Activities

The Safety Committee is involved in quite a few activities and projects some are included below:

- Install gate & fence around church basement stairwell. Completed
- Repair railing on the north side of rectory. Completed.
- Install guardrail in front of play area. Completed.
- Install gates in the rear of the school to protect people exiting into the parking lot. Completed.

## Remember

*If you have an idea to make it safer  
Please pass it along.*

**Safety First / Environment Always**

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