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Hamilton residents Pennie Ly and Kelly Orcutt are hoping the city will beef up police patrols in East Richmond following a rash of break-ins since December.

Hamilton residents want more police patrols after rash of break-ins

Signatures to be gathered March 9 on petition

by Martin van den Hemel
Staff Reporter

East Richmond residents upset about a rash of break-ins since December want

They're hoping to gather signatures on a petition they plan to soon present to city hall.

In December, Steven and Pennie Ly had their house broken into, and the thief made off with, among other things, a number of signed hockey jerseys intended as Christmas gifts.

The break-in spurred them into action, and Ly is now the Block Watch captain for several streets in the East Richmond community known as Hamilton.

including two last Friday.

"Our Block Watch believes that there are still many residents in the area who do not know that these incidents have been happening and are not taking the necessary steps to protect their families and homes," Steven Ly said in an e-mail.

"We also believe that one of the contributing factors to the increase in crime is that there is very little police presence in the area due to our distance from City Centre."

Elaine Lil'Bit Shepherd is performing at Monday's Ethel Tibbits Awards.

Juno Award nominee will perform at sold-out Ethels

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Juno nominated recording artist Elaine Lil'Bit Shepherd will be performing Monday at the *Richmond Review*'s 35th annual Ethel Tibbits Women of Distinction Awards, which is now sold out.

Shepherd will be performing "Lickle But Mi Talkouts," one of five songs nominated for reggae recording of the year.

The fundraiser for Nova House, a shelter for women and their children escaping domestic violence, and other local women's charities, will be held at the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport.

Nearly three dozen women have been nominated in five categories, and some 320 guests will be watching as the winners are revealed early Monday afternoon.

Richmond East MLA Linda Reid will be this year's emcee, alongside *Review* youth reporter Jeannie Fu.

The nominees

Business: Marla Kott, June Kaiser, Dr. Louise Demorest, Sandra Hass, Sharon Bonner and Carol Reichert.

Arts: Wendy Riley, Cherelle Jardine, Elsa Rojas Marquez, Dawn Ewen and Adrienne Moore.

Community: Judi Merrell, Grace Tsang, Dustine Rodier, Sylvia Gwozd, Lyn Greenhill, Jacqueline Turner, Colleen Chambers, Barbara Ash and Clara Chow.

Sports: Taronne Atley, Beverley Oldham, Maryana Dudchenko, Linda Stelau and Maxine Schulmeister.

Youth: Natalie Lo, Jessica Yeung, Sunny Shen, Shira Sneg, Peni Tutelman, Jean Hu and Kristy Simonson.

Review, who earned a reputation as a firebrand who spoke out about taboo social issues of the time.

Since 1994, the Ethels has raised more than $225,000

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arts & entertainment

Shall we salsa?

Dancers gave a preview of the Vancouver International Salsafestival at Aberdeen Centre recently. Shall We Salsa was a free salsa showcase, lesson and social dance event. The Salsafestival takes places today through Sunday in Vancouver. For more information, visit salsafestival.ca.

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