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CRIME PREVENTION AWARENESS

The Scarsdale Police Department, in partnership with the community, want you to help make the Village a safe place to live, work and visit. There has been an uptick in stolen vehicles and thefts from parked vehicles in Scarsdale and surrounding jurisdictions. The Scarsdale Police Department makes the following recommendations to residents to assist in preventing these larcenies:

- ***Always lock your vehicle whether it is parked on the street or in your driveway. Do not leave your keys or key fob in the vehicle when it's unattended.***
- Numerous vehicle manufacturers equip their vehicles with auto-folding exterior mirrors. When enabled through the vehicle's settings, these exterior mirrors will fold when the vehicle is turned off and locked via the key fob. When the vehicle is observed in this condition, it's a sign to offenders that the vehicle is locked. A majority of vehicles that are entered or stolen are frequently left unlocked.
- Do not leave valuable possessions in view, especially pocketbooks, bags, electronic and GPS devices.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Use motion sensing exterior lighting and keep the perimeter of your home and driveway well lighted. The smallest light may be a deterrent to offenders.
- Consider investing in a camera surveillance system – and advertise that your home, driveway and property are protected by video surveillance.
- Be an observant neighbor. Immediately notify the police of any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Be vigilant and aware of your surroundings.

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