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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.

Due to a recent uptick in stolen vehicles and thefts from parked vehicles in Scarsdale and surrounding jurisdictions, the Scarsdale Police Department has put together the following recommendations for 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. A majority of vehicles that are entered or stolen are frequently left unlocked.
- 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.
- Do not leave valuable possessions in view, especially pocketbooks, bags, electronic and GPS devices.
- Park in a well-lighted area.
- Use motion sensing exterior lighting and keep the perimeter of your home and driveway well lit. 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.