

Summer Safety Tips:

As summer approaches many of us find ourselves spending a lot more time out of the house. As such our homes become more vulnerable to predators. Please take the necessary precautions to secure your homes.

- ◆ Be sure garage doors are closed when no one is on the premises.
- ◆ Leave basement and lower floor windows closed and locked during the evening.
- ◆ Notify the Village Clerk if you are going to be away for extended periods.
- ◆ Do not leave bicycles unattended in your front or side yards.
- ◆ Contact the local Police Department if you observe suspicious people in the Village. They can be reached by dialing 911. One way to keep the Police more aware of us here in the Village is to call them once in a while.
- ◆ It's always good to leave lights lit on the second floor when you're not home. Sophisticated timers make this very effective today.
- ◆ Light up your homes. While our beautiful canopy of trees gives us joy during the daytime, it also serves to block out many street lights in the evening. Help offset this occurrence by turning on your outside lights.
- ◆ Make sure that exterior areas will not give your absence away. Arrange to have mail and deliveries either stopped or picked up by a neighbor.
- ◆ Leave a car in the driveway when you're away.
- ◆ Ask your neighbors to check your home regularly when you're away and leave a number with them where you can be reached in an emergency.
- ◆ Ask neighbors to use your garbage cans and to pick up circulars or flyers.

While this list can go on and on, we can sum it up saying be aware of what is going on around you and above all use common sense.