



Village Voice

SPECIAL ISSUE

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CRIME ALERT

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One of our homes was broken into on April 1st, with electronic equipment, camera/accessories, and jewelry removed. The owner believes that the thieves gained entrance through the back sliding glass door after entering the side/back yard via an unlocked gate. The police were notified, the immediate neighbors were told, and now the Board has decided that since it was such a flagrant late in the afternoon heist all of you should be notified. It was noted that a few drive-by neighbors saw a white truck parked in the driveway, but thought nothing of it. They did not know the neighbors or anything about their personal life or habits. After all, the truck could have been there for a house repair or delivery. Also, one of the burglars apparently canvassed the neighborhood by ringing the doorbell to numerous homes and represented himself to be a garage door repair person.

This situation reflects an instance when talking to neighbors is a good thing, as only then can you know of their routine activities, and only then can a neighbor be a protective force. Get to know your neighbor and let them get to know you. It's the only way that Neighborhood Watch can work.

Remember, there is no solicitation of any kind allowed in the Village and one should always be suspicious of anyone canvassing for empty houses. Neighborhood Watch may be a misnomer, as it does not mean to just watch – it means take action by calling the police to report suspicious activity. **SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING.**

Don't try to confront anyone you suspect does not belong here. Call the police at 911. In the past the authorities have come out in less than 5 minutes and welcomed the call.

Let's keep our neighbors and homes safe.