

GREENBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT
188 Tarrytown Road
White Plains, New York 10607



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Dear Edgemont Resident:

Since January 1st, 2008 there have been three burglaries of unoccupied homes in the Edgemont area. The first of these incidents occurred on January 14th, when a Hearthstone Circle residence was victimized; the second on February 1st, on Sundale Place and the most recent occurred on February 8th and involved a home on Scarsdale Farm Road. It is believed that each of these incidents occurred in the early evening hours. Entry to each residence was gained by breaking glass doors in the rear of the home. Jewelry was taken in each occurrence.

While all criminal activity is disconcerting, these three incidents are particularly distressing because they fall on the heels of a spate of about 20 burglaries that occurred in Edgemont during 2007, which resulted in the arrests of several suspects.

Police Response – The Police Department is actively investigating these incidents. We have eliminated some of the previous suspects because they were incarcerated at the time these offenses occurred. All patrol personnel have been notified of the situation and additional resources in marked and unmarked police units are being assigned to the area.

What Citizens Can Do – There are a number of common-sense precautions residents can take to improve the safety of their homes.

- Always close and lock doors and windows when you leave your home, even if only for a few minutes.
- If you have an alarm, use it.
- When you are away during the evening hours, put lights and a radio or television on a timer or on multiple timers.
- Install a flood or spotlight that works on a motion sensor and which will illuminate back entrances to your home when triggered.
- Stop mail and newspapers from being delivered while you are away or have a neighbor pick them up daily for you.
- Undisturbed snow on a driveway or walk is an indicator that no one is at home. Have a neighbor use his car to make tire tracks in the snow on your driveway and put footprints in the snow on the walk or better still, arrange for a neighborhood youth to clear it for you.
- Report anything suspicious you see to the police. You are in the best position to know what looks out of place in your neighborhood. Some excellent leads have been provided by observant citizens. Report what you see using our general business number 682-5300. Your assistance can be instrumental in the apprehension of the person(s) responsible for these crimes.

Suspect Vehicles – The Police Department has developed a list of vehicles that may be connected with these crimes. If you see a vehicle in your neighborhood fitting the description of any of the five vehicles listed below that you know is not owned by a resident, note the time and place you saw the vehicle and contact the police immediately. Do not approach the vehicle or attempt to speak with the driver or an occupant.

1995 Dodge Caravan, color Maroon
2006 Jeep Liberty, color Black

2005 Mitsubishi Gallant, 4 door, color gray
1997 Dodge Suburban, color Maroon
2004 GMC Safari Van, color Tan

Sincerely,

John A. Kapica
Chief of Police