Dear Residents:

The crime of larceny from a vehicle is generally a crime of opportunity. Criminals target affluent communities where vehicles are commonly left unlocked, sometimes with key fobs remaining inside vehicles. When key fobs are found, vehicles are stolen. This crime pattern has occurred during the overnight hours throughout Westchester County. The Village of Larchmont has not been immune.

Residents are reminded to lock vehicles (and homes) every night. All valuables, including key fobs, should be removed. This simple measure will help prevent our residents from being victimized.

If you plan on traveling during the holidays, the Village of Larchmont Police Department will do periodic security checks of your home. To request this service please click the below link, complete the request form and forward the completed form to: clerk@larchmontpolice.org

Microsoft Word - SECURITY CHECK.docx (larchmontpolice.org)

The following is a partial list of obvious conditions that make a home vulnerable:

- An unlighted home. Absence of interior lighting indicates a home is unoccupied. *(Most common)*
- Ground floor windows left unlocked and/or open
- Residence doors left unlocked and/or open
- Garage doors left open
- Accumulated newspapers outside residence
- Mail accumulated in mailbox
- Snow un-shoveled
- Grass overgrown
- Garbage cans left at street
- Packages left in plain view

This is only a partial list. In addition to addressing the above conditions, there are many steps that you can take to assist us combating this intrusive crime. Among them are:

- Setting your alarm. Many times, burglary victims have alarms that were not set
- Installing exterior lights with motion sensors
- Securing valuables in discreet locations other than the master bedroom
- Partnering with the police. If you see something suspicious, call police!