

Great Neck Estates



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To the Residents of Great Neck Estates,

On behalf of the Village of Great Neck Estates and the Great Neck Estates Police Department I am writing to provide insight into recent criminal trends, police activity and preventative measures you may take to help increase security.

Vehicle thefts and burglaries continue to be a target of criminals throughout the country including New York and the Great Neck area. Most often the stolen vehicle is accessed via key fobs left in the vehicle. More recently we have experienced an increase in home burglaries as well. The trend appears to mirror that of the vehicle thefts in that there have been few confrontations and often, if an alarm is triggered or there is a witness; the criminals flee the scene. That said, we take every infringement on our rights very seriously and every effort will be made to put an end to these trends. The rest of this letter will layout actions our Police Department has taken and preventative tips that may help reduce your exposure to the above referenced crimes.

The Village of Great Neck Estates Police continues to provide 24/7 coverage and events are monitored on a daily basis by Department Supervisors and Village Trustees. Additional directed patrols are assigned as needed to areas with high activity or that may be susceptible to criminal activity. All of our departments patrol vehicles include license plate readers that can actively scan license plates and alert officers to stolen vehicles commonly used in the commission of crimes. To further our departments reach we are expecting stationary license plate reader cameras that have been acquired through grant opportunities to be installed in the coming months. The fixed readers will be placed strategically throughout the village to monitor activity. We will continue to reassess the needs and security of the Great Neck Estates residents with the hope of continuing to provide the highest level of service.

I ensure you that all of our officers will continue to do all they can to protect the people and property of Great Neck Estates. Our hope is that you too can try your best to ensure your own safety and the safety of others. The additional page enclosed outlines some common practices that can be used to potentially reduce your exposure to the crimes of opportunity referenced above. Please share this information with members of your household, family and friends. The more people we have working together the better chance we have of combatting crime. If you need to report suspicious activity please contact the department at 516-487-7700 and as always in the case of an emergency please call 9-1-1. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Moreno III".

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Chief of Police

Turn over for Important Tips

Tips for Preventing Crimes of Opportunity

Please consider the following tips to help secure your home from burglaries.

- Consider two locks
- Obscure windows with blinds or drapery
- Securing all windows and doors when leaving your home
- Secure valuables out of sight
- Couple sliding doors with glass break alarm sensors and/or safety bars that prevent the door from opening
- Set lights on timers
- Install security cameras and monitor activity on your property
- Activate alarm systems and ensuring your monitoring company has accurate contact information for the police department
- Maintain a well-lit property and consider the use of motion sensor lighting
- Remove or secure ladders or other large objects that can be used to access the home
- Remove garbage receptacles from curbside and empty mailbox or have mail held at the post office when away from home for extended periods
- Communicate with your neighbors. Regular communication may help your neighbors notice when something or someone is suspicious
- A significant deterrent of criminal activity is the presence of a dog. Whether you may have a dog or not you can always give the appearance that a criminal would encounter a pet by including a bowl, chain and/or signage.

Please consider the following tips to help secure your vehicle from theft.

- Lock your doors and activate the alarm regardless of where you park
- Always remove your keys/ key fob from the vehicle when exiting, including when letting the car "warm-up" on cold days and pumping your gas
- If your vehicle has GPS ensure it is activated with the monitoring company
- Remove valuables from plain sight
- When home, avoid leaving your keys near windows or doors that can be easily accessed