

Friday, January 10, 2014

Attempted Burglary on Kirkside Drive

Pane broken in basement door; entry was not gained

At about 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 4, Village and County police officers responded to the report of an attempted burglary in the 5600 block of Kirkside Drive. Investigation revealed that unknown person(s) broke a pane of glass in the basement door at the rear of the house. The sound of breaking glass alerted one of the homeowner's occupants, and police were alerted right away. Village officers arrived very quickly, but the would-be burglar had already fled the scene.

The burglar was unable to open the door because the deadbolt on the inside of the door required a key to unlock it. Village officers processed the scene for evidence. The investigation by Montgomery County detectives is active and ongoing.

In this case, the homeowners had the proper locks on their doors, their house was securely locked and alarmed, and they called the police immediately. They deserve a great deal of credit as their security habits undoubtedly prevented the burglar from getting inside their home. Village residents are reminded to keep their doors and windows locked, to leave exterior front and rear lights on all night long, and to set their alarm if they have one. And please call 9-1-1 in any emergency.

Please remember that the CCVPD conducts free security surveys of homes in the Village upon request. Consider calling to schedule one today.

Safe Walking Habits

Pedestrian Safety is a Shared Responsibility

We often see residents walking in the streets of the Village. In order to increase pedestrian safety, please familiarize yourself with the below "rules of the road" for pedestrians:

- State law requires pedestrians to use the sidewalk where one is provided and otherwise available. **Please use our newly refurbished sidewalks whenever you can.**
- When a sidewalk is absent (or its use is impractical for any reason) and pedestrians must walk on the roadway, state law requires pedestrians to walk on the **left side of the street** "facing oncoming traffic". It is not only the law, but it is common sense for your safety. This is an especially important rule for those who listen to electronic devices as they walk; these devices reduce a walker's ability to hear and perceive approaching cars, trucks, bicycles, and the like.

