

# Seaton Village Residents' Association

## Seaton Village Community Awareness

Eyes in the streets are our best defense against theft, crime, and mischief in our neighbourhood. We can all help by adopting some or all of the following preventive measures:

- Utilize motion lights in back laneways, side alleyways. Turn on porch lights through the night.
- Increase laneway activity! Adults, walk the lanes when you're out in the neighbourhood. Runners, jog them. Dog walkers, use them as shortcuts. Also, keep your section of the laneway clean. If we 'take back' the laneways, unwanted visitors will be less likely to congregate in these areas and cause trouble.
- Keep valuable items out of sight. If you park on the street, make sure no valuables in your car are visible. Keep your porch clear of bikes, sports equipment, etc. to discourage trespassing. Keep purses, electronic devices, phones, etc. out of sight from front hallway.
- Lock your doors and windows! It should go without saying, but several of the recent crimes have occurred with brash intruders just walking right into our homes!
- Engage the community! If you see a stranger walking about the streets, say hello and strike up a conversation! Best-case scenario is that a would-be thief is unnerved by the fact that he/she's been seen and is no longer anonymous. Worst-case scenario is you make a new friend in the neighbourhood. Everybody wins!

To additionally support awareness in the community, we need to provide city and police services with good information for patrolling our neighbourhood. They can't be everywhere at once, so our information is invaluable to them.

## Telephone Numbers

**311** - If laneway streetlights are out on your block or in your neighbourhood, please call this number immediately to have the city come out and replace them.

**911** - If you see a crime occurring, report it immediately. Remember to write down important, identifiable information on what you see: height / weight of suspects, clothing, prominent features, vehicle makes, license plate numbers, etc.

**416-808-2222** - If you have been the victim of a theft, destruction of property or vandalism, call the police and file a report. The police need to know what is happening in the neighbourhood in order to police it properly.

**416-808-1500** - If you see suspicious activity, REPORT IT. This includes a group loitering at a particular time and place regularly, loud noises at night in unusual places, etc.

The crimes occurring in Seaton Village are crimes of opportunity. By working together and employing these strategies, we as a community can take these opportunities away. The worst thing we can do as a community is fearfully turn inward, locking our doors and hiding out in our homes. If we take on the collective responsibility of getting out in our streets, being more social, turning on our lights, reporting activity, and better maintaining our properties and laneways, the opportunities for petty crime will be drastically reduced.

**The Seaton Village Residents Association (SVRA) encourages all of us to get more involved in the community. Monthly meetings, community events and updates are posted on the website at [www.seatonvillage.ca](http://www.seatonvillage.ca), and on Facebook (search 'Seaton Village').**