

Many of the incidents that occur here in the beach are minor compared to things some of the other towns in Calvert County are experiencing. That is not saying what we experience is any less aggravating or hurtful to those affected by crimes committed.

When I walk my dogs, I am amazed at the things I see. I pass one house with a table saw sitting on the front seat of a vehicle. A house has a pickup with two really nice lawn mowers in the bed of the truck. Both were left this way for several days. Another has a bike leaning against the side of the house for all to see. One house has 3 bikes sitting on the front porch...no cars in the driveway...no one is home. Yesterday morning I passed a parked car with a purse sitting on the front passenger seat. Later the same day, the car had been moved, but the purse was still sitting on the front seat. Now, to our advantage, and to show what a **great town we live in**, no crimes were committed regarding these items...yet.

Many of the crimes we experience are crimes of opportunity. Easy opportunities for criminals, and even bored kids, are all over town. Some examples are mentioned in the paragraph above. We can minimize crime by minimizing these opportunities. You may be diligent in protecting your property, however, if your neighbor is not, and a thief gets away with it next door, how long until he comes back to the same area to look for more...

As a community we have the ability to prevent these minor crime occurrences by doing a few simple things;

Bikes, lawn mowers, tools and the like should be stored in a shed or, if a shed is not available, be sure to place out of site if possible, and lock down to prevent an easy walk off.

Never leave valuables in plain view in your car. Lock them in the trunk or take them into the house. Always lock your car. Thieves will walk through neighborhoods pulling car handles to see if cars are open. They then help themselves to whatever is in the car. If it is really tempting, such as a purse or computer, the thief will have no problem breaking your car window or busting your door lock to take your valuables.