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**From the Office of Hon. Paul Leone Peters, Mayor**

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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this finds everyone recovered from our recent storm and sharing our hope that encouraging COVID statistics are a harbinger of a healthier spring.

I spoke this week with Commanding Officer Begis of the NCPD Sixth Precinct, and he alerted me to the increased incidence of car theft and vehicular “breaking and entering” in the Precinct (although not specifically in Roslyn Estates) over the last few months. (There were no statistics yet to report.) He pointed out that in every case, the cars had not actually been broken into, but, instead, were left unlocked with the keys or fob inside. No broken windows; no “slim jims;” no hot wiring; just open invitations for car thieves.

Consequently, he asked me to remind our residents of some basic security measures he hopes all of us will follow strictly. None of this is new to any of us, and all of it is common sense, but – given the circumstances – he requested that all these safeguards be repeated, once again:

1. If at all possible, put your car(s) in the garage. Our Building Code requires that all residences include a two-car garage, and that’s what they’re for;
2. If you must leave your car in the driveway, be certain to remove everything (and, hence, temptation) from the interior – especially the keys or key fob – and **lock the car;**
3. If it is a feature of your car(s), make sure that the side mirrors are folded in, since extended car mirrors on modern cars indicate the vehicle is unlocked and the keys are likely inside, attracting potential car thieves;
4. If possible, leave on exterior lights to illuminate the driveway;
5. Finally, if you notice any suspicious activity (even as simple as strangers walking on your street or looking into cars), please call 911 and alert the Police **immediately.**

Speaking of common sense, I must remind everyone again that it is both inconsiderate and **illegal** to plow or shovel snow from driveways and walks onto our roads. Despite my pleas before the recent storm, there were many residents and/or their contractors guilty of doing just that. Our DPW staff did a heroic job of keeping our Village roads clear and safe, with Thomas and Brendan working continuously from the afternoon, through the night, and into the next day. But, when snow is shoveled/plowed back onto our roads, it not only makes them less safe, it also costs the Village (and all of us) more to have Thomas and Brendan clear them again – especially if they have to be working at night or on

weekends. All that was on top of the plow hydraulic system on one truck failing during the storm. Thankfully, Mike's swift action brought in backup, and we didn't lose a beat. We owe all three dedicated Village employees our gratitude for doing such a stellar job under very difficult conditions.

Finally (and one more item of common sense), there is still a problem with some dog owners within Roslyn Estates, as can be seen from this photo taken on Wednesday, February 2. Seriously?



Admittedly, I'm happy that all these dog owners have picked up after their pets, but we'd all be a lot happier if they had been a bit more careful about actually putting the bags of poop **in** the trash can rather than simply dropping them on or around it. Granted, many – if not all – of these may come from non-residents of Roslyn Estates (at least, I hope that's the case), but that doesn't make this disgraceful behavior any more attractive or acceptable.

Anyone responsible should be ashamed, especially since it takes only an extra second or two to dispose of the bags properly. If you see someone being this careless, please take a photo of them and send it to Village Hall. We don't want our beautiful Village sullied with this kind of disregard, and we don't want our DPW staff to have to clean up after those who sully it.

I apologize if I sound somewhat strident about all this, but it's because I'm annoyed that any of it has to be said in the first place. I hope you feel the same and will work with us together to keep Roslyn Estates safe and beautiful.

That's it for this time. Please be extra careful on our roads when the temperature drops until they are dry, and please be sure to clean the salt off your dog's paws when you walk them – after, of course, you have properly disposed of their poop.

Sincerely,

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