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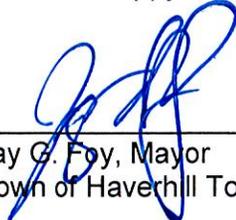
ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND PARENTS

The Town of Haverhill staff and Town Council, along with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office want you to be aware of recent robberies in the area. Culprits are watching parents struggle to get children out of car seats, while trying to gather diaper bags, lunch boxes, etc. to bring their child/children to school and daycare while leaving their purses, cell phones and other personal belongings in the car and in plain sight. Although the doors of the vehicle may be locked, the vandals are known to break a window, reach in, grab what they want and be on their way in seconds. Do not think that "hiding" your purse, etc. under a towel or blanket deters them – they know that trick! The only thing "would be thieves" should be able to see when peering through your windows is the interior of your car with nothing of value in sight!

Please remember to be aware of your surroundings and be proactive to avoid becoming a victim. Consider placing your purse and personal belongings in the trunk prior to leaving your residence and/or place of work. Doing that prior to reaching your destination avoids the possibility that witnesses may see you moving your belongings from the car to the trunk, out of view. This is also an important step to take for those of you who stop at the park on the way home to exercise or the sports field for your children's games and practices. Please, don't be seen "locking" your belongings in your trunk. Newer model cars often provide access from the back seat into the trunk, prompting thieves to once again break a window to access your valuables. If nothing is left in plain sight, the thieves may move on.

Once again we invite you to use the dumpsters located at the Town Hall property to dispose of boxes and cardboard that appliances, TV's, games and consoles were shipped in. There is no better advertisement for thieves than a new television box left curbside for pick up. Remember to keep your garage door closed and your car doors locked during the evening hours. There have been cases of thieves walking up and down local streets checking if vehicle doors are unlocked, and if so, helping themselves to whatever is inside.

Although the Town of Haverhill remains a safe neighborhood, the random incidents that have happened perhaps could have been avoided if some of the precautions highlighted in this letter were implemented. With the holiday's approaching, we want to offer some ideas and tips to help our residents have a happy, healthy and safe season!


Jay G. Foy, Mayor
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