

Pilot Block Neighborhood Association

Alley Safety Walks with Boston Police Officer Richard Litto

As you may know, there has been an increase in the number of break-ins to cars and homes. At our last Pilot Block meeting, Community Police Officer Richie Litto presented some valuable tips to protect against breaking and entering, such as:

- *Put up house numbers on the alley side of your house.*
- *“911” on your cell goes to the State Police. Put (617) 343-4911 in your cell phone contacts for Boston Police 911.*
- *Report all suspicious activity. Give a complete description of the individuals and the activities.*
- *Window air-conditioner units are an easy point of entry – secure them and remove during off season.*
- *Don’t hide house or car keys under mats, pots, phony rocks, etc – everyone knows where to look.*
- *Don’t leave portable GPS, iPods, or other easily “fence-able” items visible in your car.*

As a follow-up, Officer Litto has offered to lead alley-by-alley, house-by-house safety inspection tours with residents to point out specific actions can take protect against break-ins.

Please respond if you would like to participate. Here’s the schedule:

W Brookline/W Canton Alley	Wed June 8	6:30 pm	Meet at alley “T”
W Brookline/Pembroke Alley	Wed June 15	“	“
Pembroke/W Newton Alley	Wed June 22	“	“
Warren / Columbus Alley	Wed June 29	“	Meet at W Canton entry