Colonial Village Neighborhood Watch
Safety Tips – Spring/Summer 2008

WHILE WORKING IN THE YARD

Spring is here! We're all busy planting and cleaning up our yards. Our front and back doors are open letting in the fresh air and we also have the garage door open to make it easier for us to get all those things we'll be using to transform our yards into beautiful masterpieces. What a wonderful time of year! UNLESS…we decide to take a break from our work, go into our home for a cool, refreshing drink, and are confronted by a stranger! This has happened to a person in another neighborhood. She was working on the side of her house and a man had entered through her open front door. He apparently found it quite easy to steal jewelry and other small pocket items. Dressed in a jogging suit, he quickly departed in a run, and probably appeared to neighbors to be nothing more than another jogger. Luckily, he departed and did not inflict personal harm to this woman. Please consider how easy it is to stick a house key in your pocket. If you're going to be working in your back yard, lock your front door and take a second to shut your garage door. If you're going to be working in your front yard, lock your back door. (After all, it only takes a second to jump a fence.) Let's do whatever we can to eliminate the opportunity for a thief to prosper in our neighborhood.