

Safety and Security Committee
August 7, 2017

- Piles of religious brochures were found under/on top of cluster mailboxes in Oakland Mills. The 21045 postal office is aware of the packages left, with first reports coming from Postal carriers in the 21045 zip code area. The 21045 postal office has notified Postal Regulations and Enforcement in Washington, DC. and an investigation has begun.

Using cluster mailboxes to store or disseminate information is not against postal regulations unless the information is offensive. No complaints have been received by the Postal Office.

- There has been an increase of auto break-ins and theft. Thirty-three vehicles were broken into in Owen Brown last week, and there was one attempted car theft on the 6200 block of Stevens Forest Rd.

- On July 31, three men were peddling eyeglasses at 6 PM on Weis property by harassing customers entering the store. They were sitting on the Weis lawn chairs. A customer called the Other Barn office and asked for the police to be called.

On Aug. 1, I spoke with the manager of Weis. She was unaware of this problem, but was given my printed information. I also suggested the chairs not be left outside. Weis has loss prevention worker, and a security guard. I saw the security guard on Aug.1-2. He came outside of the store on Aug. 2. I suggested their guard be visible. We have been checking for the OM security guard also. I saw the new guard on August 2 while he was walking the shopping area.

- There has been increased police foot patrol and vehicle presence in Oakland Mills, including in our village center. A bike-share bike that had been chained on the Weis property was removed.
- The Oakland Mills Outreach officer has met with 2 residents from Enquiry Ct. due to increased disturbances and concerns.

If you see any suspicious behavior, report it to the police immediately. Request a return call with a report and case number.

Coffee with a Cop - Thursday, August 10 at 10 am
The Other Barn