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Property crime in Willoughby

Garage door openers still favoured method of entry for thieves

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There has been a recent spike in property crime in Willoughby with thefts from garages and vehicles and thieves using home owners' garage openers to rob their houses.

"We have a couple distinct concerns to address," said Langley RCMP Cpl. Holly Lang. "First, thieves tend to operate in the cover of darkness."

Police suggest lighting up the streets and homes as a way to deter criminal activity. Citizens leaving your outdoor lights on all night long, Langley suggested.

"If the sort of all-night lighting is a concern, try using energy efficient LED bulbs, she added.

"If victims of crime or their neighbours have surveillance equipment, additional lighting will lead to better quality footage, she said.

Officers from the Langley detachment have successfully identified and arrested thieves from surveillance photographs. They are charged, and often convicted and sentenced for their crimes, she said.

The second concern is protection of properties, like everything out of your vehicle, police warn. In particular, garage door openers should be removed.

"Once a thief has that, they have access to much more than just the large garage in your vehicle," said Langley several homes have been robbed in Willoughby this way, she noted.

"One last thing — if you are working in the yard and have moved around to the back of the house, please remember to close the garage bar door," Langley said.

"When you aren't watching that door, someone can may be, and now they have an opportunity."



GO WITH THE FLOW: Members of the School of Music and Dance's Grade 8 ballet class perform "Liquid Platinum" at the school's Dales and Angeline Hakarinen Recital at the Chantona Theatre on June 19. The school, which has studios in Isadoreff, West Hock and Walnut Grove, was celebrating its 20 years of ballet.

Hottest Lower Mainland housing markets have affordability, amenities in common

People more willing to relocate to Fraser Valley, according to May numbers

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What do the hottest selling neighbourhoods in the Fraser Valley have in common?

Affordability and access to amenities are a big part of the real estate equation, according to Royal LePage agent Adil Dinani.

Dinani looked at new listings of single detached homes, and how long it took before they were sold,

as the basis for compiling a list of the hottest neighbourhoods in eight Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley cities for the month of May.

Over the last year, Dinani said he has seen a shift in the interest of Lower Mainland buyers and their willingness to move to the Fraser Valley.

With prices continuing to rise, buyers are now considering affordable options outside their

preferred neighbourhood, turning to places like Langley and Surrey, he said. "They want a home within walking distance of parks, libraries and gyms."

"As long as the neighbourhoods are good, schools are good, and there are amenities nearby," said Dinani.

"Before, there was pushback. Crunched legs!

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