Our neighborhood resource officer, Officer Ken Brown, has shared these proactive steps neighbors can take to protect themselves and others from crime:

- Lock your car.
- Make sure valuables and any bags (no matter what they may contain) are removed from cars or not visible at all.
- Do not keep your garage door opener in the car.
- Leave your front porch light on all night.
- Consider adding a motion-sensing light for the backyard of your home.
- Get to know your neighbors. Make sure you know by name and face folks who live in a three-house radius around you.
- Let your neighbors know when you go on vacation.
- Make sure all your windows are locked when you leave town.
- If you live on the ground floor and have your windows open, make sure there is nothing of value within arm's reach of the window.
- Do get in touch with police directly when there are concerns. The Madison Police non-emergency contact number is: (608) 255-2345.