Village of Mamaroneck PSA

The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department has seen an increase in check fraud, which involves checks being stolen and altered. These incidents are being investigated and are part of a bigger problem being seen throughout the country called "check washing". The crime involves a person(s) stealing mail in bulk looking for checks made payable to recipients. Once they have recovered a check, they use chemicals to remove the payee and the original dollar amount on the check. They then rewrite the stolen check for a higher dollar amount to a payee, who usually has a fake identity and account.

Please consider the following when making a payment:

- If possible, utilize online banking options to pay for a bill.
- If you mail out a check, please utilize a ***black ink gel pen*** and drop off the payment inside the Post Office.
- Keep your checking account balance with just enough funds to cover your bills.
- Check your account regularly for any suspicious transactions.
- If you are a victim of a check(s) being stolen, please report the incident to the Police Department, United States Postal Inspection at 1-877-876-2455, and your bank immediately.