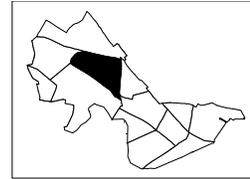


# NEIGHBORHOOD 9

# PEABODY



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

**POPULATION:** 11,794 residents  
5,208 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$58,708

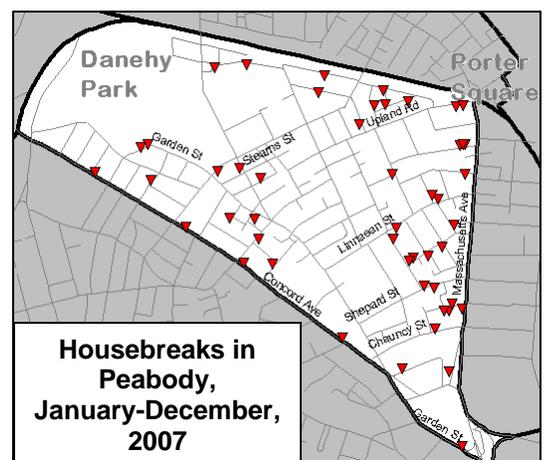
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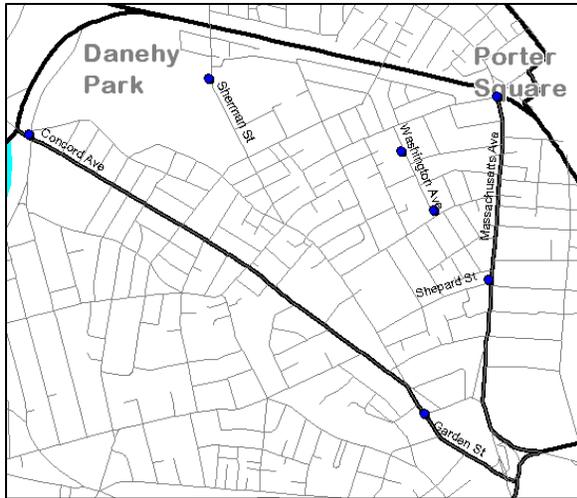
## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2003-2007

CRIME	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Housebreaks	58	66	48	43	59
Street Robbery	9	8	11	13	7
Auto Theft	26	53	26	38	18
Larceny from MVs	44	76	61	111	125
Malicious Destruction	79	80	79	72	83
Drug Incidents	6	9	3	5	8

## 2007 YEAR END REVIEW

- Peabody experienced a 37% increase in **housebreaks** from 2006 to 2007. Of the 59 reported breaks, 14 were attempts. A man was arrested in January in connection with six housebreaks involving entry through front doors using master keys. A Dorchester man was arrested in late May after he had either entered or attempted entry into homes through the front door. Incidents were most prevalent in January (22% of the incidents) and during the summer months of June through August (27% of the incidents). Langdon St, Concord Ave, Martin St, Linnaean St, and Fayerweather all reported multiple incidents at a single location. Entry was usually gained by way of forcing open front doors or accessing unlocked windows. Laptops, jewelry, and cash were the typical targets.





- One discernable pattern of **street robberies** emerged in Peabody (and spread into North Cambridge) in 2007. In this pattern, a number of pack robberies were reported after 9:00 p.m. around the Danehy park area of Peabody between August and October. Overall, no victims in Peabody experienced any serious injuries or required medical treatment as a result of a robbery. Three arrests were made in an incident in September after an officer posed as a victim in order to buy back a stolen cell phone from the suspects who robbed him.

- **Auto thefts** decreased by 53% in Peabody from the previous year. Hondas were most often targeted, followed by Fords, Acuras, Chevrolets, GMCs, and Plymouths, accounting for a combined 13 of the 18 thefts. Though no clear pattern developed, roughly 38% of the incidents occurred on either a Tuesday or

Wednesday. In addition, 28% of the incidents occurred during May. Ten of the eighteen stolen vehicles have been recovered to date.

- Incidents of **larcenies from motor vehicles (LMVs)** in Peabody increased by 13% from 2006 to 2007. This increase is relatively small compared to the citywide LMV increase of 64% in 2007. Over 51% of the incidents occurred between the months of July through October. There were a number of LMV patterns in this neighborhood, including a pattern in which 15 vehicles were broken into during April and May along the Agassiz border. Another LMV pattern developed throughout the course of the year in Peabody that targeted Acura parts, the majority of which were tires. In total, 11 early 2000 model Acuras were targeted in Peabody and Agassiz. Overall, the most popular targets in LMVs throughout the year were GPS navigation systems. Suspects broke windows in 78 (62%) of the 125 motor vehicles to gain entry. A few of the streets that experienced multiple incidents were Upland St, Lancaster St, Agassiz St, Garden St, and Mass Ave.

- Eleven more incidents of **malicious destruction** were reported in Peabody this year than in 2006. Of the 83 incidents that took place, 60 involved damage to motor vehicles. Incidents of note include a spree in early September in which 11 smashed vehicle windows were reported, apparently shot out with a BB gun. In addition to car damage in this neighborhood, there were 13 reports of graffiti, 7 of which occurred at businesses. In total, 9 businesses and 10 residences experienced damage. Streets that were hit multiple times with malicious destruction include Cadbury Rd, Field St, Bay State Rd, Fayerweather St, and Walden Square Rd.

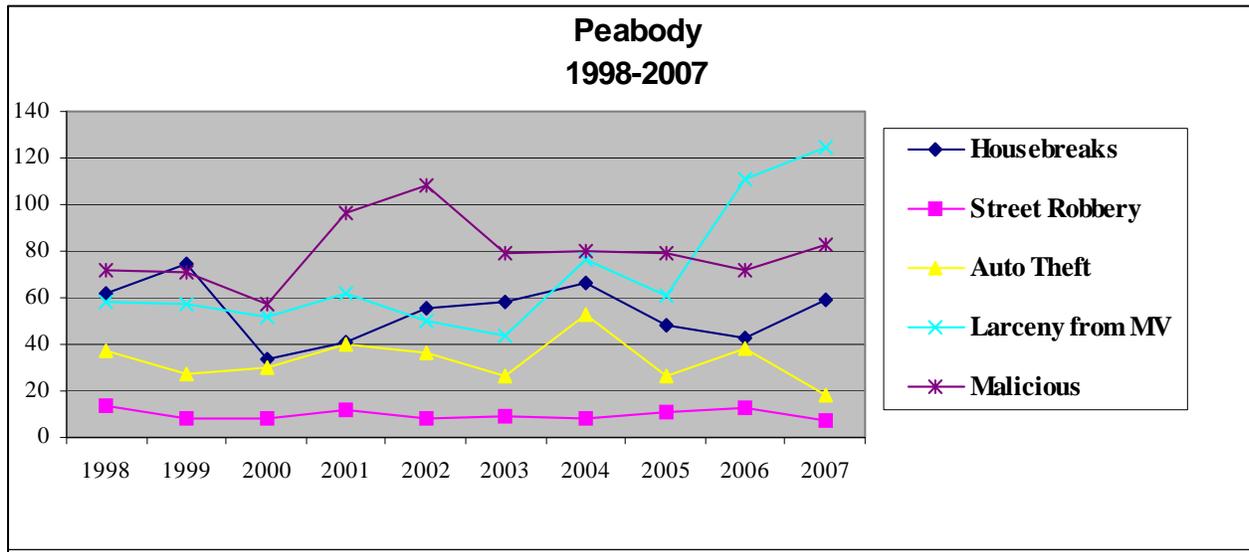
- In 2007, there were eight reported **drug incidents** in Peabody, six of which resulted in arrests (four for cocaine alone). Officers found individuals in possession of drugs subsequent to two motor vehicle stops. In two incidents, patrol officers noticed individuals smoking marijuana in parks, and in another, a man was observed using inhalants behind a cemetery. Three arrests were the result of efforts by the Special Investigations Unit.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2007
Housebreaks	150	53	53
Street Robbery	21	14	10
Auto Theft	94	42	34
Larceny from MVs	74	60	76
Malicious Destruction	135	72	85

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residences include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way), and hundreds of single- and double-family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders is Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** and **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year was no exception, as a housebreak pattern in August-September affected the area of Upland, Cogswell, and Linnaean Streets.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** typically rank high in Peabody compared to most other neighborhoods in Cambridge.
- **Drug activity** and **juvenile crime** have long been concerns in the Walden Square area, specifically around the homeless shelter at 21 Walden Square Rd. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.

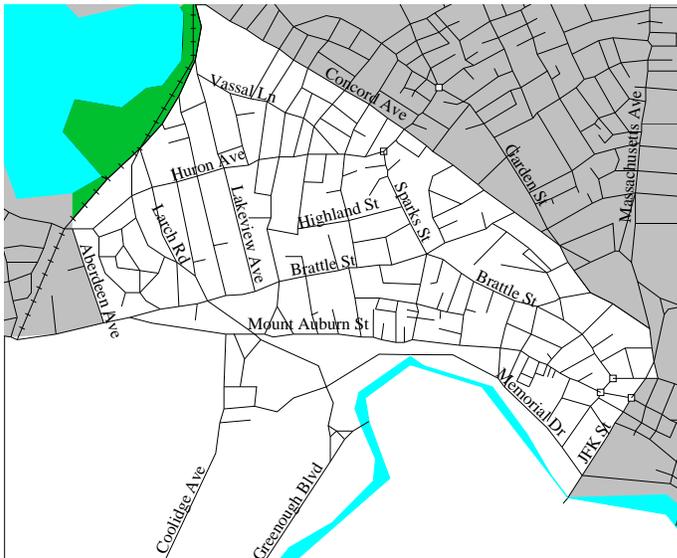
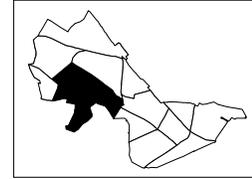


## 2006 YEAR END REVIEW

**Housebreaks** in Peabody decreased by 10% in 2006. Incidents were most prevalent during the summer and mid-fall. Most of these housebreaks involved forcing open front doors or accessing unlocked windows. Laptops, jewelry, and cash were typical targets. • No definite **street robbery** patterns came into existence in Peabody during 2006. Of the thirteen reported incidents, three were pack robberies, two were purse snatchings, and one was acquaintance-related. • Five people were arrested for **drug-related incidents** in 2006, four of which were related to marijuana. • **Auto thefts** in Peabody decreased by nearly 50% from the previous year, with Hondas as the most popular target, followed by Toyotas and Acuras. Nearly 45% of the incidents occurred in July, and seven of the incidents in July occurred during one night alone. • Peabody reported the highest number of **larcenies from motor vehicles** in the City during 2006. Incidents in this area increased substantially by over 80% from the previous year. There were a number of LMV patterns in this neighborhood over the course of the year, including a pattern in which 30 cars were broken into in June in the Richdale and Hubbard Ave area. • There were seven fewer incidents of **malicious destruction** in Peabody in 2006 than in 2005. Of the 72 incidents that took place, 42 involved damage to motor vehicles. In addition to car damage, there were 12 reports of graffiti, 11 of which occurred at businesses. In total, 18 businesses and 10 residences experienced damage.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 10

## WEST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

**POPULATION:** 8,266 residents  
3,887 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:** \$80,746

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1-officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and Harvard 16.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2003-2007

CRIME	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Housebreaks	47	47	41	43	31
Street Robbery	9	7	5	4	6
Auto Theft	30	38	30	13	24
Larceny from MVs	53	68	76	63	105
Malicious Destruction	66	62	61	57	52
Drug Incidents	3	7	5	6	3

## 2007 YEAR END REVIEW

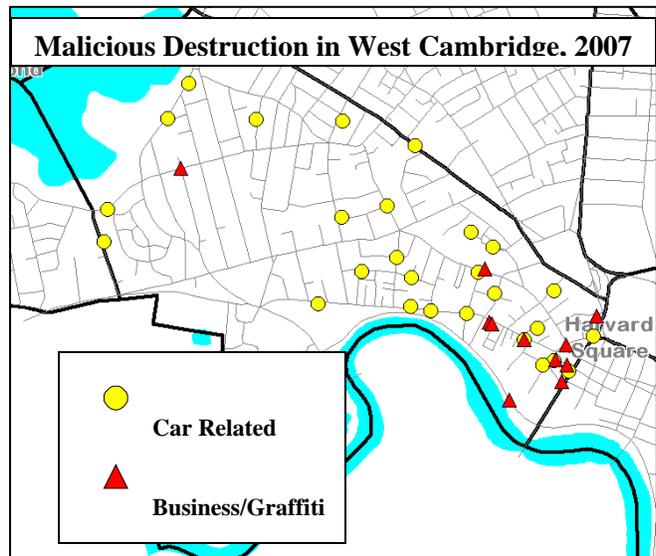
- Housebreaks** decreased by 28% in 2007, recording the lowest number of housebreaks in West Cambridge in the last five years. December was a particularly active month in West Cambridge, with a pattern of eight reported housebreaks. Entry was gained or attempted through windows in the early morning hours, and small items such as cash and jewelry were common targets. An arrest was made in connection with these breaks in early January 2008. Twenty-three percent of the breaks were attempts in which no entry was gained. Two people were arrested for breaks in this neighborhood throughout the year.

- West Cambridge historically has a low **street robbery** rate when compared to the other city neighborhoods, and in 2007 the total increased by two incidents, which is comparable to past years. Four of the incidents occurred on Brattle St. One incident was a drug deal that went bad and another was committed by an acquaintance that was later arrested. A majority of the other robberies were grab-and-runs in which suspects snatched victims' property out of their hands or from their pockets.

- **Auto theft** increased by 85% in West Cambridge in 2007, after experiencing a decrease of over 50% in 2006. However, the number reported in 2007 was still lower than the five-year high of 38 thefts reported in 2004. The majority of the cars stolen in 2007 were parked on the street at the time of the theft, as opposed to in garages or parking lots. Hondas were overwhelmingly the cars of choice for thieves, representing just about one-third of all cars stolen in West Cambridge. However there was no single model type that stood out. There was an arrest made in May on Mass Ave of a suspect who stole a car from an acquaintance. Half of the vehicles stolen in 2007 have been recovered to date.

- **Larceny from motor vehicles** increased by 67% in 2007 after hitting its lowest total in three years in 2006. The five-year average for larcenies from motor vehicles in West Cambridge is 73, proving that the number (63) recorded in 2006 was below average. Although the most popular method of entry in 2007 was by breaking a window, at least 11% of the victims reported having left their vehicles unlocked or their windows opened at the time of the thefts. The majority of targeted vehicles were parked on the street, but approximately 18% of vehicles were parked in lots or commercial garages. The most common items targeted were GPS devices, accounting for 47% of the larcenies. There were also nine reports of larcenies from the exterior of vehicles. The majority of the targets in these exterior thefts were Honda tires, although a few Audi tires and headlights were also reported stolen. There were two larceny from motor vehicle arrests made in two separate incidents on the same day in June.

- Over the past five years, **malicious destruction** incidents have steadily decreased in West Cambridge. Approximately seven businesses reported damage other than graffiti, including broken windows and damaged property. These incidents were clustered around the Harvard Square commercial area. There was a spree of vehicle vandalism at the St. Peter School in April, in which multiple cars were found with gouges and scratches. In other incidents, seven victims reported that their car windows had been smashed and seven reported that their vehicle had been pinstriped. Motor vehicle-related incidents accounted for 79% of the incidents. There was an arrest of a suspect who was observed writing on a building on Winthrop St in July.



- Three **drug incidents** occurred in West Cambridge in 2007. One of the incidents involved a suspect trying to pass a prescription for oxycodone that had already been filled earlier in the day, but the suspect never returned to pick it up. An incident in September resulted in two out-of-town arrests for the distribution of marijuana. In September, three people in their early twenties were arrested for distribution of marijuana after reports were received that they had been soliciting people in the pit area of Harvard Sq.

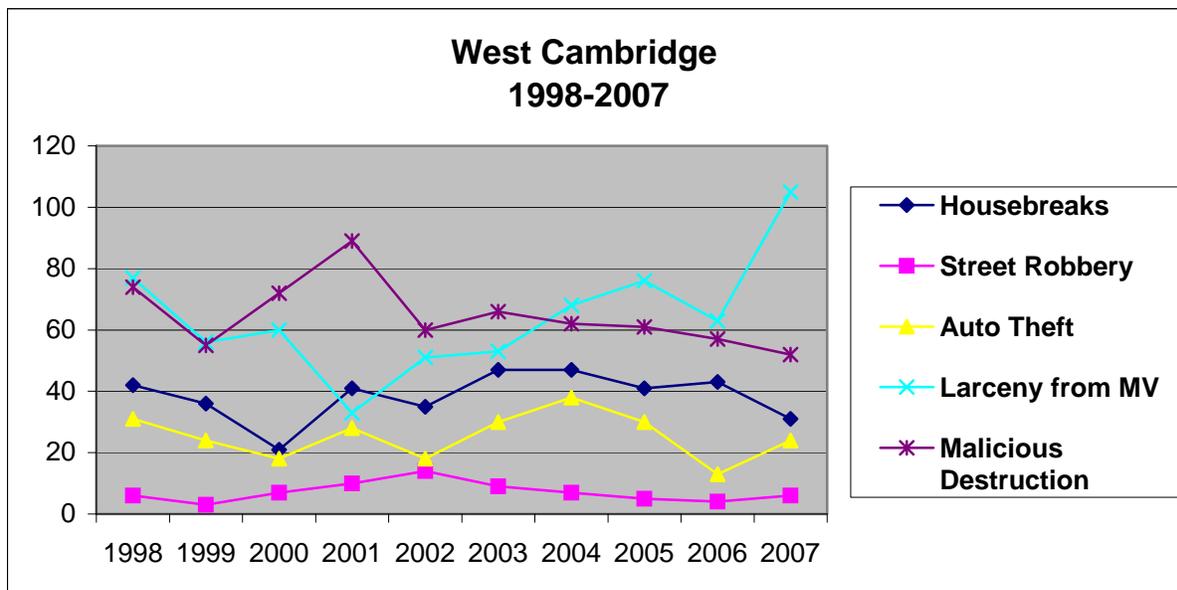
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2007
Housebreaks	105	38	41
Street Robbery	18	11	8
Auto Theft	105	41	26
Larceny from MVs	134	72	64
Malicious Destruction	92	76	64

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is geographically the largest neighborhood in the City. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic. Its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools.

*Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Although West Cambridge's population is slightly higher than average, almost all of its target crimes are lower than average.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** is concentrated in the area bordered by Sparks, Brattle, and Mt. Auburn Streets. The incidents occur primarily on weekends, late at night. The related crime of **malicious destruction** registers at average levels.
- **Housebreaks**, once a pressing problem, have been reduced substantially since the 1980s. Summertime residential burglary patterns, once the scourge of West Cambridge, have not appeared for years.
- **Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from persons** become a problem every spring and summer around Harvard Square and in its many commercial establishments.

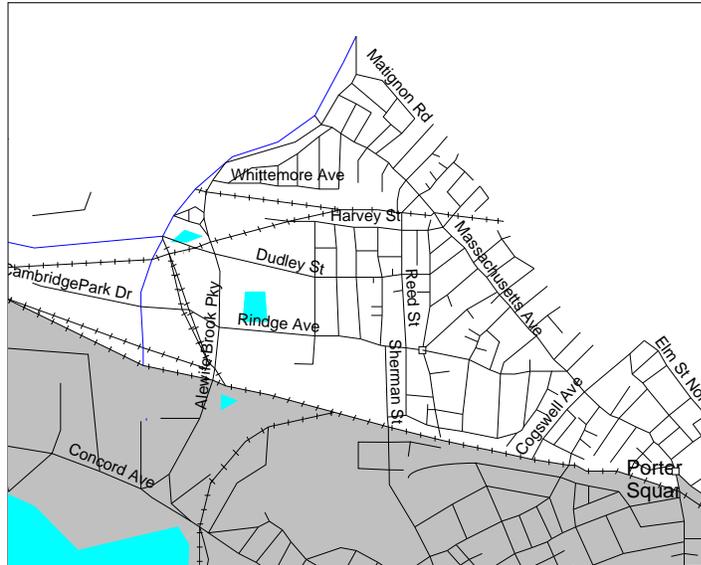
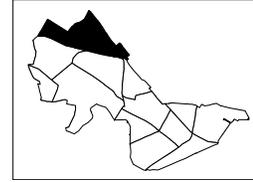


## 2006 YEAR END REVIEW

**Housebreaks** increased by two incidents in 2006, yet totals have remained relatively constant over the past five years in West Cambridge. December was a particularly active month in West Cambridge, reporting seven housebreaks. • West Cambridge historically has a low **street robbery** rate when compared to other city neighborhoods, and in 2006 that total dropped by one incident. • Thirteen vehicles were stolen in West Cambridge in 2006, reflecting a decrease of over 50% from 2005 totals. Hondas were overwhelmingly the cars of choice for thieves in this neighborhood, representing just about one-third of all cars stolen in West Cambridge. • **Larceny from motor vehicles** decreased by 17% and hit its lowest total in the past three years. At least 17% of the victims reported having left their vehicles unlocked or their windows opened at the time of the thefts. • The total number of **malicious destruction** incidents in 2006 stayed relatively equal to the 2005 total. There were multiple tire slashings reported on Concord Ave from late September into mid-October. • Five **drug incidents** occurred in West Cambridge in 2006. Four of the incidents resulted in at least one arrest.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 11

## NORTH CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

**POPULATION:** 10,642 residents  
4,699 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$44,784

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2003-2007

CRIME	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Housebreaks	70	49	52	31	55
Street Robbery	27	18	16	18	11
Auto Theft	32	41	41	21	24
Larceny from MVs	63	60	53	64	100
Malicious Destruction	106	77	96	108	68
Drug Incidents	7	15	9	18	12

### 2007 YEAR END REVIEW

- The number of **housebreaks** in North Cambridge increased by 77% from 2006 to 2007. A large portion (22%) were attempted housebreaks in which no entry was gained. Four people were arrested throughout the year in connection to the breaks. Massachusetts Ave, Cogswell Ave, Rindge Ave, and Clifton St all saw multiple incidents of housebreaks. In June, there was a pattern that began to emerge involving window entries into houses, either by removing or cutting the screens. The majority of these breaks were attempts and occurred during the daytime when most people were away from their residences.

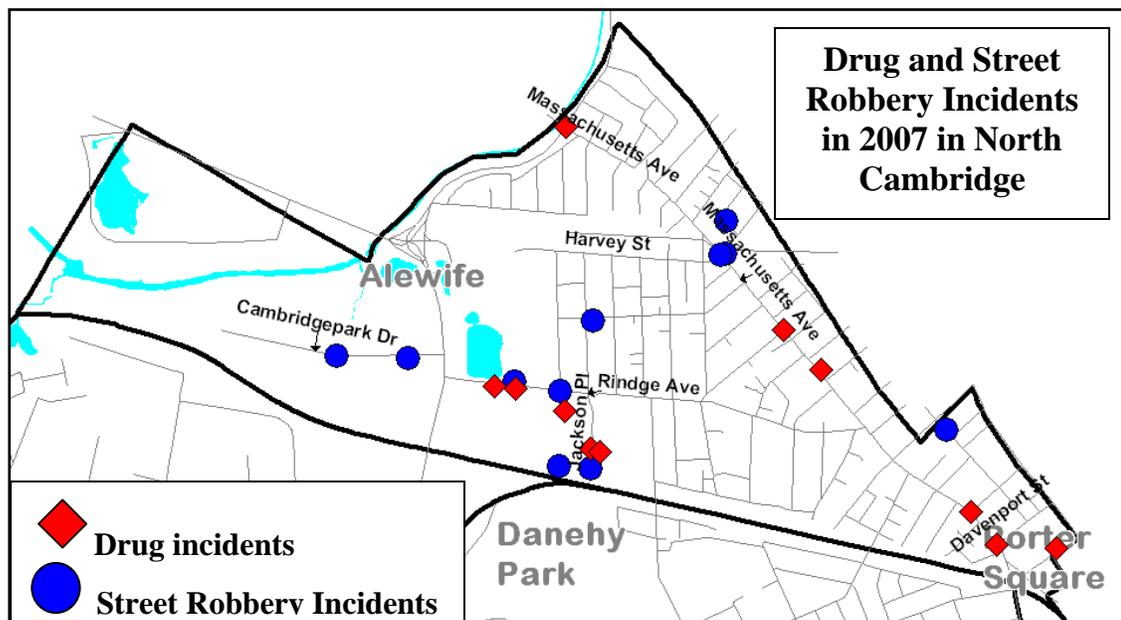
- In 2007, **street robberies** in North Cambridge decreased by seven incidents from the previous year. There were four pack robberies, in which more than three suspects were involved, and seven robberies that were predatory in nature. A problem developed in September in which juvenile males were riding around on bikes and bothering the residents of the neighborhood. An armed robbery arrest was made in September of three males in Somerville, and this put an end to the problem in North Cambridge. The majority (73%) of the street robberies in this neighborhood occurred between 9:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on weekend nights.

- North Cambridge reported a low number of **auto thefts** in 2007, as it did in 2006. Half of the thefts occurred from Thursday to Sunday. Hondas and Toyotas were the two most commonly targeted vehicles, accounting for 29% of the reported stolen vehicles. Over 70% of the stolen cars have been recovered to date.

- **Larcenies from motor vehicles** increased by 56% from 2006 to 2007. Pemberton St, Rindge Ave, and Mass Ave each reported more than four incidents. The majority of the incidents occurred overnight between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Of the 100 larcenies, entry was gained into the motor vehicle through a broken window in 54 instances. Note that in 15% of the larcenies, the perpetrator gained entry through an unlocked door. Thirty-one cars had their GPS devices stolen, which was part of a GPS theft pattern occurring throughout the city. Stereos, CDs, and various electronics left in plain view were also common items taken. There were two incidents that resulted in the arrests of five people.

- North Cambridge reported a 37% decrease in **malicious destruction** incidents in 2007, recording the lowest number of malicious destructions in this neighborhood in the past five years. Motor vehicles were targeted in nearly 62% of the incidents, including window smashings, pin-striping, tire slashings, and other destruction (i.e. egging). Eight incidents targeted businesses and twelve targeted residences or houses. There were also five reports of graffiti, one of which resulted in an arrest in March.

- Every drug incident in North Cambridge resulted in an arrest in 2007, equaling 23 arrests in 12 reported incidents. The majority of these arrests were for possession of marijuana or possession with intent to sell marijuana. Only a small number were for intent to sell cocaine or heroin, or for the use of a forged prescription. A large number (66%) of the arrests occurred between August and November.

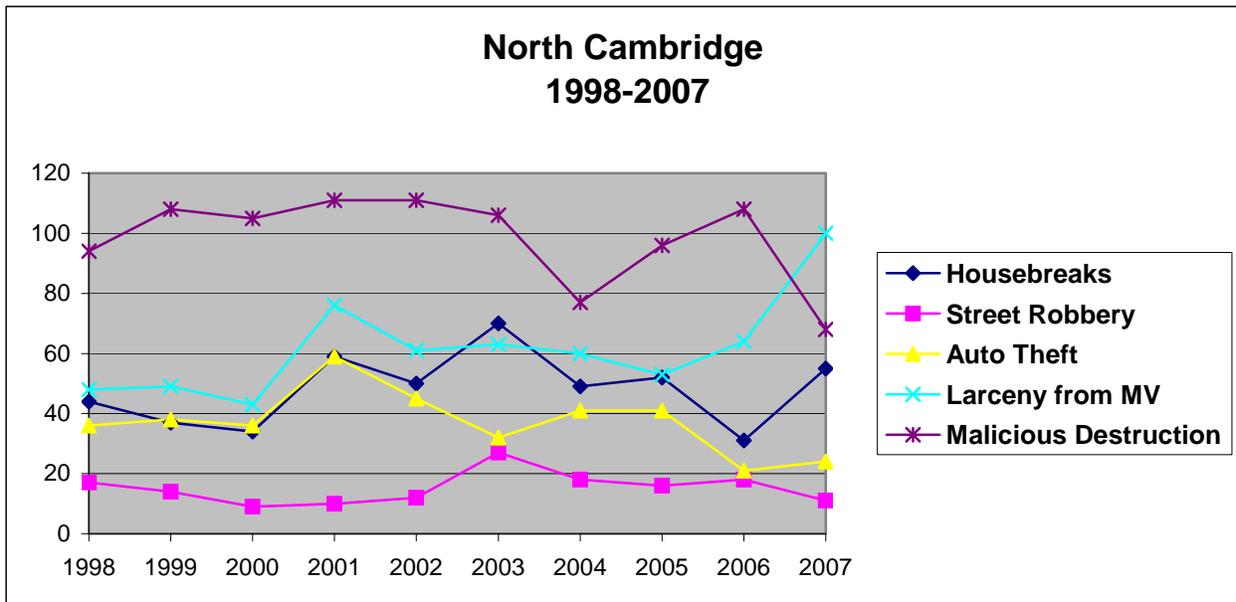


ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2007
Housebreaks	100	64	52
Street Robbery	30	21	16
Auto Theft	130	68	38
Larceny from MVs	105	62	68
Malicious Destruction	125	112	97

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak averages have generally decreased since the 1980s.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) throughout the year. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is also reported frequently in this area.

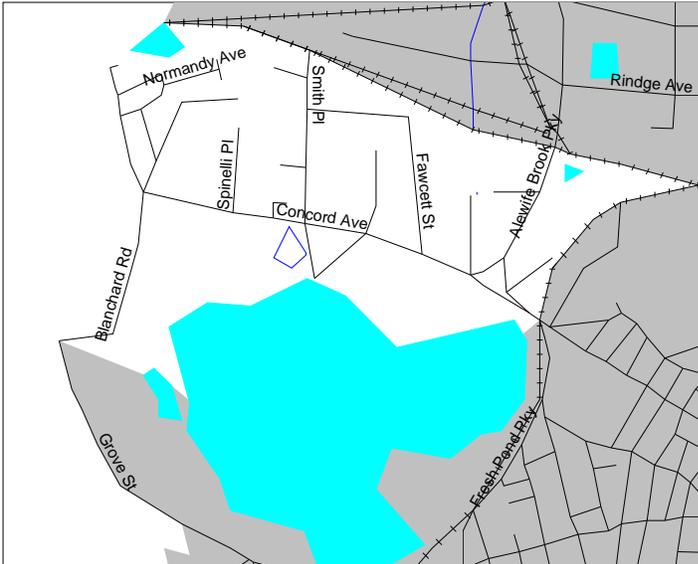
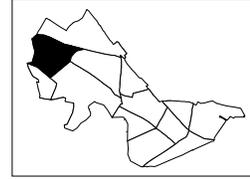


## 2006 YEAR END REVIEW

The number of **housebreaks** in North Cambridge decreased 40% from 2005 to 2006. Massachusetts Ave, Dudley St, and Porter Rd all saw multiple incidents of housebreaks. • In 2006, street robberies in North Cambridge increased by two incidents over the previous year. The majority (56%) of the street robberies occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Multiple incidents were reported on Cambridge Park Drive, Porter Square, and White St. • North Cambridge reported its lowest number of **auto thefts** in five years, with 21 incidents. The majority (33%) of the activity was reported along Massachusetts Ave and Rindge Ave. Hondas accounted for one third, or 33%, of the reported stolen vehicles. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** increased by 21% from 2005 to 2006. Cogswell St, Rindge Ave, and Dudley Street each reported more than four incidents. • North Cambridge reported the highest number of **malicious destruction** incidents in the City in 2006. The number of reports jumped from 96 in 2005 to 108 in 2006. • Increased patrol vigilance resulted in a high number of **drug** arrests in North Cambridge in 2006. All but 5 of the 18 drug incidents resulted in an arrest.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 12

# HIGHLANDS



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

**POPULATION:** 673 residents  
281 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$56,500

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2003-2007

CRIME	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Housebreaks	3	1	1	3	2
Street Robbery	1	1	4	5	2
Auto Theft	4	12	5	3	6
Larceny from MVs	16	22	16	18	21
Malicious Destruction	30	42	18	16	8
Drug Incidents	1	1	1	1	1

## 2007 YEAR END REVIEW

- Cambridge Highlands reported the second lowest number of **housebreaks** in the City in 2006 with only two incidents. One incident was domestic in nature and nothing was taken in the other incident. Housebreaks are rare in this neighborhood because the residential population is very low.
- The number of **street robberies** in the Highlands decreased by three incidents in 2007, and was tied with MIT for the lowest number of incidents in the City. All of the robberies occurred in the 100-200 block of Alewife Brook Parkway and occurred in August and October. One incident was a pack robbery and the other resulted in the arrests of two people after they attempted to rob two females.
- Auto Thefts** increased from three to six incidents in 2007. Two of the cars were stolen from Mooney St and all the thefts were spread throughout the year. Of the six stolen vehicles, only two have been recovered to date.
- With only 21 **larcenies from motor vehicles** in 2007, the Highlands reported the second lowest number of larcenies. Eight incidents occurred on Alewife Brook Parkway (Fresh Pond Cinema and Whole Foods parking lots) and three each on Smith Pl, Concord Ave, and Mooney Street. The most common method of entry into the

vehicles was by breaking a window (10 incidents). Note that three of the larcenies occurred to vehicles towed to Mooney St at various times throughout the year; it is unknown whether the items were taken before the vehicles were towed or after. GPS systems, cell phones, tools, and cash were the most commonly stolen items.

- The number of **malicious destruction** incidents in the Cambridge Highlands decreased by 50% from 2006. With only eight incidents, the Highlands reported the second lowest number of malicious destructions in the City, only reporting more than MIT. (Note that crime in the MIT area is commonly reported solely to the MIT police, making comparison with other neighborhoods difficult.) A majority of the destruction in the Highlands was concentrated in the parking lots of the Alewife Brook Parkway retail district, representing 63% of the incidents.

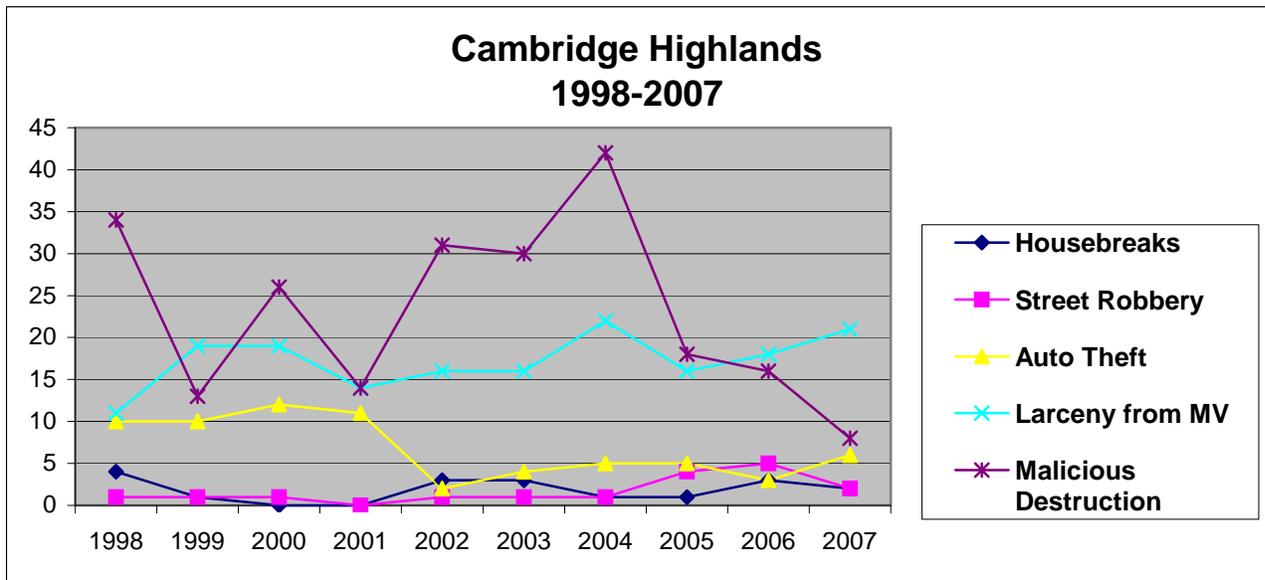
- The lone **drug** incident in Cambridge Highlands took place in September, when one man was arrested for possession of cocaine and oxycontin after officers approached his car and saw the drugs on his lap.

<b>ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS TARGET CRIMES</b>			
<b>Crime</b>	<b>1981-1990</b>	<b>1991-2000</b>	<b>2001-2007</b>
Housebreaks	6	2	2
Street Robbery	8	2	2
Auto Theft	54	16	6
Larceny from MVs	38	23	17
Malicious Destruction	28	26	23

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS**

Cambridge Highlands’ minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands’ border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands typically vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the thirteen neighborhoods.
- **Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicle, and malicious destruction** have occasionally become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile-related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- **Larceny from persons** occasionally exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocket pickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.

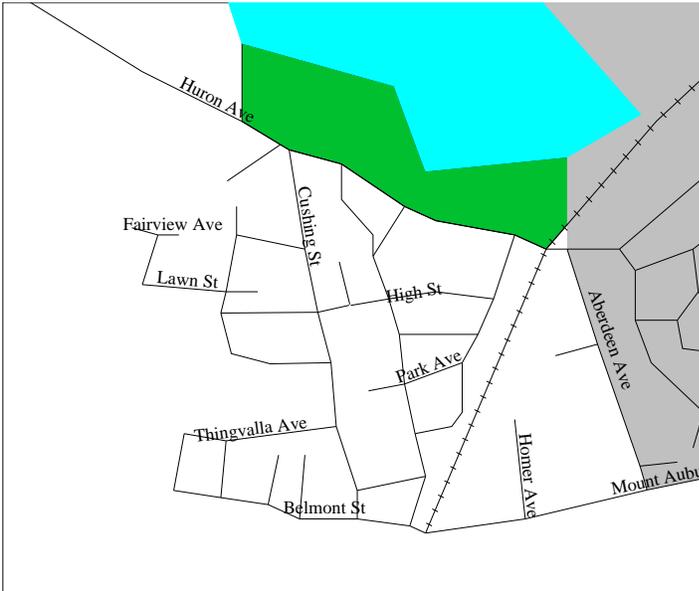
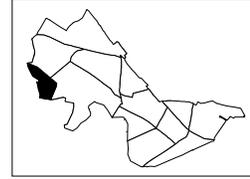


## 2006 YEAR END REVIEW

Cambridge Highlands reported the second lowest number of **housebreaks** in the City in 2006 with only three incidents. • The number of **street robberies** in the Highlands increased by one incident in 2006, but was still the fourth lowest number of incidents in the City. All five of the robberies occurred in the 100-200 block of Alewife Brook Parkway and were scattered throughout the year. • **Auto Thefts** continued to decline in 2006 with only three cars stolen. One report was filed against an employee who used a company vehicle for personal use. The second car was stolen from the Alewife Brook Parkway, and the third was stolen from Griswold Street. Of the three cars stolen, only one has been recovered to date. • With only 18 **larcenies from motor vehicles** in 2006, the Highlands reported the second lowest number of larcenies in 2006. Five incidents occurred on the Alewife Brook Parkway and three incidents each on Normandy Ave and Mooney St. The most common method of entry into the vehicles was through a broken window (nine incidents). Note that entrance was gained in two larcenies because the vehicle owner left the car door unlocked. • The number of **malicious destruction** incidents in Cambridge Highlands decreased by two incidents from 2005. With only 16 incidents, the Highlands reported the third lowest number of malicious destructions in the City. A majority of the destruction in the Highlands was concentrated in the parking lots of the Alewife Brook Parkway retail district (38% of the incidents), and the Concord Avenue business district (31% of the incidents). A majority of the reported destruction occurred at business locations (seven incidents), with five being reports of broken windows. • The lone **drug** incident in Cambridge Highlands took place in April, when three men were arrested for smoking marijuana outside of a movie theater. When searching the suspects, police found three separate bags of marijuana, along with drug paraphernalia and cash believed to have been the profit of previous drug sales.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 13

# STRAWBERRY HILL



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, the Watertown line, and the Belmont line.

**POPULATION:** 2,335 residents  
1,061 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$44,107

Neighborhood #13 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 13A and 13B.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2003-2007

CRIME	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Housebreaks	15	11	8	9	11
Street Robbery	3	1	2	6	0
Auto Theft	5	5	8	6	5
Larceny from MVs	10	15	21	17	18
Malicious Destruction	23	18	23	15	23
Drug Incidents	2	2	0	1	1

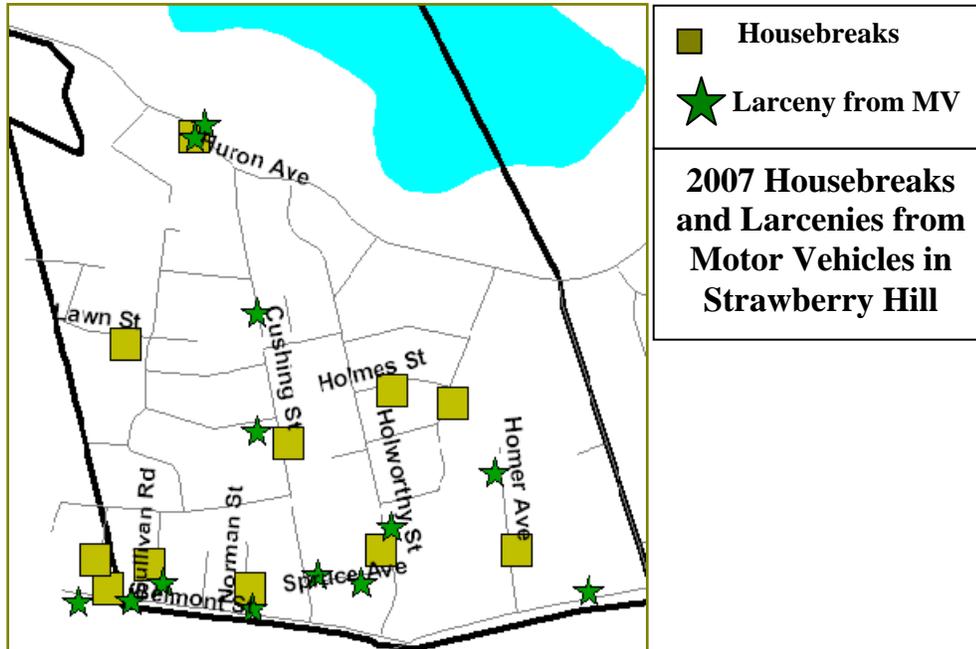
## 2007 YEAR END REVIEW

- Housebreaks** in Strawberry Hill remained steady in 2007 with only two more breaks than in 2006, for a total of 11 incidents. The majority occurred during the daytime on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. There were two attempted breaks to residences on Homer Ave and Lawn St, and one arrest was made in June on Park Ave.
- The number of **street robberies** reached a new low in the past five years with none being reported in 2007. This is a substantial drop compared to the high of six reported in 2006.
- Auto theft** in the neighborhood decreased by one incident from 2006. Strawberry Hill reported the lowest number of stolen vehicles in the City, tied with MIT. All of the auto thefts occurred in the first six months of the year, including three Hondas targeted on Huron Ave. Four of the five stolen vehicles have been recovered to date.
- Larcenies from motor vehicles (LMVs)** increased by only one incident, allowing Strawberry Hill to report the lowest number of LMVs throughout the city this year. November was the most active month for car breaks with six incidents. In over half of the incidents, entry was gained by smashing a window. Suspects also

gained entry into six vehicles in an unknown manner or through an unlocked door. Six of the incidents occurred in the 700 block of Huron Avenue. The most common items targeted were cash and electronic devices.

- The number of **malicious destructions** in Strawberry Hill increased by 53% over 2006. This increase can be attributed to a spree of eight tire slashings that occurred in July on Cushing St and Thingvalla St. Ten of the other reports were also for destruction of motor vehicles, including the smashing of windows, and six incidents involved destruction to a home or business. There was one arrest made for destroying flowers in front of a business.

- There was one **drug** incident reported in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood in 2007. Police saw a car parked in a parking lot with four males inside and observed smoke being emitted from the inside. All parties were arrested for marijuana and one was also charged with an additional count of possession after his backpack was found in the trunk containing nine pills.

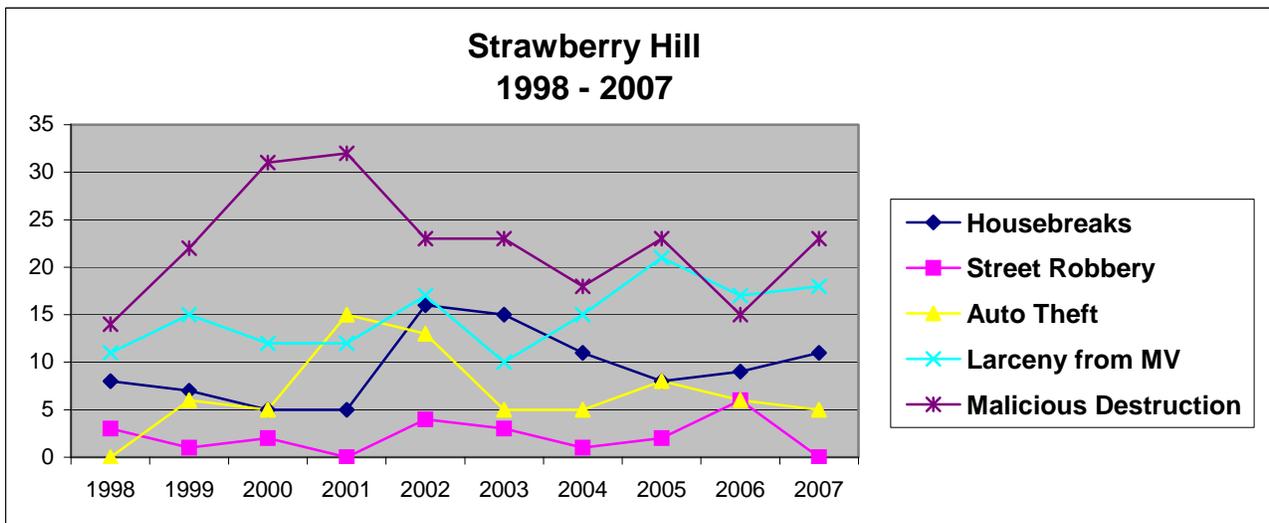


ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR STRAWBERRY HILL TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2007
Housebreaks	17	10	11
Street Robbery	4	3	2
Auto Theft	17	8	8
Larceny from MVs	22	12	16
Malicious Destruction	25	23	22

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With its small population, Strawberry Hill challenges Cambridge Highlands for the lowest crime rates in the City. The neighborhood's citizenry includes the residents of the Corcoran Park housing development and the large apartment building at 700 Huron Avenue. Its primary commercial establishment is Shaw's.

- Overall, Strawberry Hill can be considered one of the safest areas in the City. In 1995, 1996, 2001, and 2007, there were no **street robberies** reported, and only one reported in 1999 and 2004. For **auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction**, Strawberry Hill continually ranks as one of the lowest in the City.
- Corcoran Park has historically been a "hot spot" for the occasional **housebreak**, and for some juvenile crime. Frequent "Park and Walks" address these problems.
- Cars parked in the Shaw's parking lot are sometimes targeted for **auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction**, yet totals for these crimes are usually low. Several years ago, we received a number of reports of pocket picking from this area, but this pattern has not resurfaced.



## 2006 YEAR END REVIEW

**Housebreaks** in Strawberry Hill remained steady in 2006 with only one more incident than in 2005, for a total of nine incidents. Six of the eight housebreaks occurred during the daytime. Three of the breaks occurred at the same apartment complex on Homer Street in May. Aberdeen Way also saw three housebreaks between the months of April and May. • The number of **street robberies** in 2006 increased by four incidents over 2005, bringing the total to six. • **Auto theft** in the neighborhood decreased by two incidents. Strawberry Hill reported the second lowest number of stolen vehicles in the City. • **Larceny from motor vehicles** decreased in 2006 after two previous years of increases. With only 17 incidents, Strawberry Hill reported the lowest number of larcenies in the City. • The number of **malicious destruction** reports decreased by 35% from 2005. With 15 incidents of malicious destruction, Strawberry Hill reported the second lowest number in the City. • There was only one **drug** incident reported in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood in 2006. Police confiscated cocaine, marijuana, and a large quantity of money from a home on Oxford Ave while administering a search warrant.

