Crime Data in Lakemont

Crime Analysis and Insights for the Lakemont Community

What We Did

The LCG team has collaborated with the Bellevue Police Department (BPD) with their crime analysts and our new Sector Captain Ben Jones, to apply a data-driven, fact-based approach to understanding crime trends in our neighborhood. By analyzing crime statistics, 911 call data, and arrest records, we have worked to gain a clear and objective picture of what is happening in Lakemont overall, neighborhoods of Lakemont, and in Overlook, including break-ins and other key trends. Today, we are presenting our findings to the residents of Lakemont, based on extensive data analysis and verification conducted in partnership with the BPD to ensure accuracy. We shared this data already with the apartment owner and the property management of Overlook.

Why This Matters

Our goal is to provide real, actionable solutions based on evidence rather than perception. While some community members have expressed concerns that crime is increasing, others have questioned whether these concerns are exaggerated. Our analysis confirms that crime has indeed risen, and this increase is not simply a byproduct of population growth. By addressing these findings with data, we aim to foster informed discussions and develop effective strategies for community safety.

Our Methodology

For a detailed breakdown of our methodology, please refer to the final section of this document. In summary, Bill and Orna Berryman, with additional reports from the BPD and with advice from their crime analysts and Captain Ben Jones, analyzed crime data using four primary sources:

- **911 Calls** (filtered to exclude routine patrols and assistance calls) 2020-2025
- **911 Calls from Overloo**k with apartment identifiers, 2023-2025
- **Crime (offences0 Logs** specific to our area 2020-2025
- **Arrest Records** 2020-2025

Juxtaposed on these stats, we used geolocation data that's available for most crimes, to identify where crimes are occurring in our respective neighborhoods. While no specific house can be

easily pinpointed - we can narrow it down to the sub-neighborhood. This multi-source approach has provided a well-rounded, evidence-based view of crime trends in our neighborhood.

All data has been verified by the City of Bellevue, and all analysis was conducted by LCG. We are now sharing these insights with the community to promote transparency and collective action toward enhanced neighborhood safety.
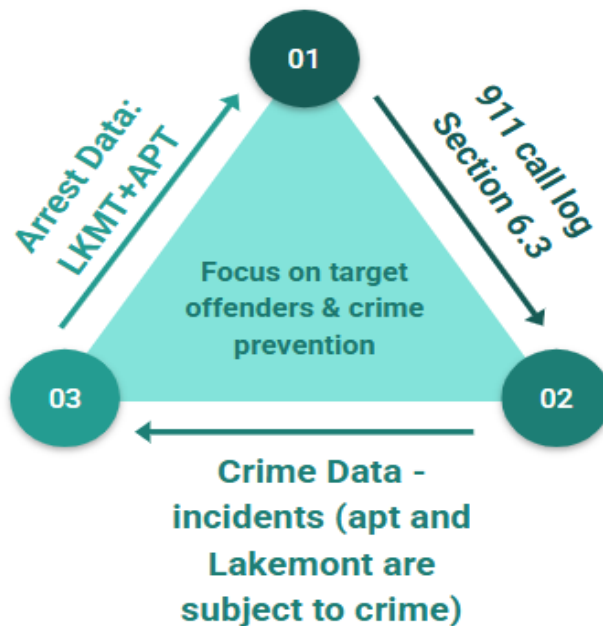
Conclusions

Key Findings and Recommendations

1. **Overall Crime Increase:** Crime has increased across all Lakemont neighborhoods, despite no significant rise in the number of residents—there have been no new apartment complexes or housing developments, apart from a few added ADUs.

2. **Disproportionate Impact on Overlook:** Overlook experiences higher crime rates than the rest of Lakemont, with motor vehicle theft related crimes being the most prevalent offenses.

3. **Crime Trends in Overlook:** While Overlook residents are frequently victims of crime, data also indicates that crime incidents originating from Overlook are higher compared to the rest of Lakemont. However, there is absolutely no indication that the robberies at
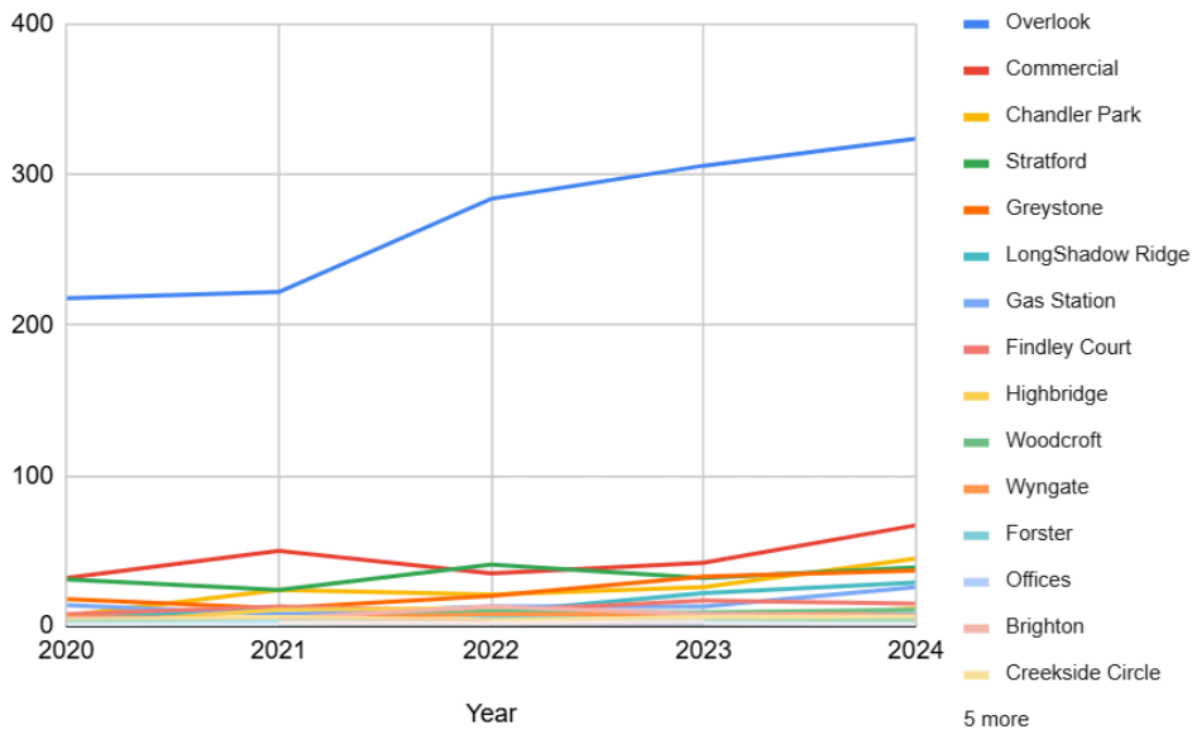
Lakemont stem from Overlook; and there is no way to establish any correlation between our Lakemont crimes and the Overlook residents. We have the tools to help the Overlook management deter, evict and reduce the crime rates in the complex.

4. **Crime Prevention in Overlook:** There are actionable steps Overlook management can take to enhance security and better protect residents from both internal and external crime threats.

5. **Crime Patterns in Lakemont:** Over the past three years, theft has been the predominant crime affecting the rest of Lakemont, particularly in the Long Shadow Ridge area.

6. **Overlook's Role in Crime Trends:** There is no evidence to suggest that Overlook is the sole cause of the crime increase in Lakemont. However, there is clear proof that Overlook can improve its crime prevention efforts and take stronger measures to deter external criminal activity.

7. **911 Call Trends:** The sharpest increase in 911 calls has been observed in Overlook, as well as in commercial areas and Chandler Park.

8. **Community-Wide Crime Prevention:** Residents across Lakemont can enhance security through modern crime prevention technologies, improved mailbox security, and reinforcing home and street safety.

9. **HOA Involvement:** The HOA board can take specific actions to support crime prevention efforts, including:

   ○ Enforcing mailbox security standards

   ○ Funding Flock security systems

   ○ Installing security cameras to protect mailboxes and other vulnerable areas

10. **Call to Action:** The LCG team has been actively advocating for a multi-faceted approach to crime prevention. We encourage all residents to join us in making Lakemont a safer community.

Police calls

Overall there has been an uptick in police calls in Lakemont with the bulk associated with Overlook.

Calls per neighborhood (including businesses)

Legend:
- Overlook
- Commercial
- Chandler Park
- Stratford
- Greystone
- LongShadow Ridge
- Gas Station
- Findley Court
- Highbridge
- Woodcroft
- Wyngate
- Forster
- Offices
- Brighton
- Creekside Circle
- 5 more

The same chart without Overlook shows increases in calls in some neighborhoods and flat in others.

Calls by Neighborhood
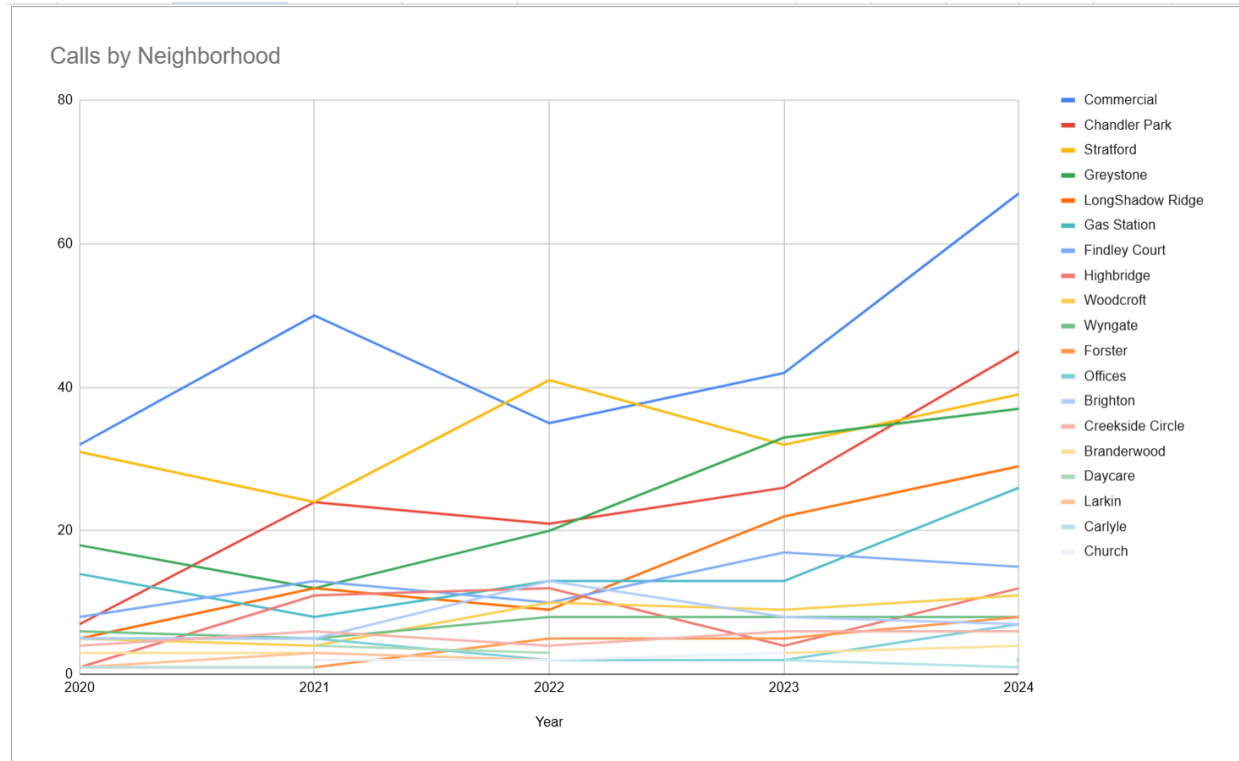
Recognizing that Overlook has 400 households, looking at the trend on a per-household basis shows overlook had 50% more calls/household in 2024 than all neighborhoods except LongShadow Ridge. One of the major reasons for the increase in calls in the non-Overlook neighborhoods is the number of Alarm responses (20%) - potentially due to the installation of alarm systems following the burglaries in 2023.

Calls per household - last 5 years
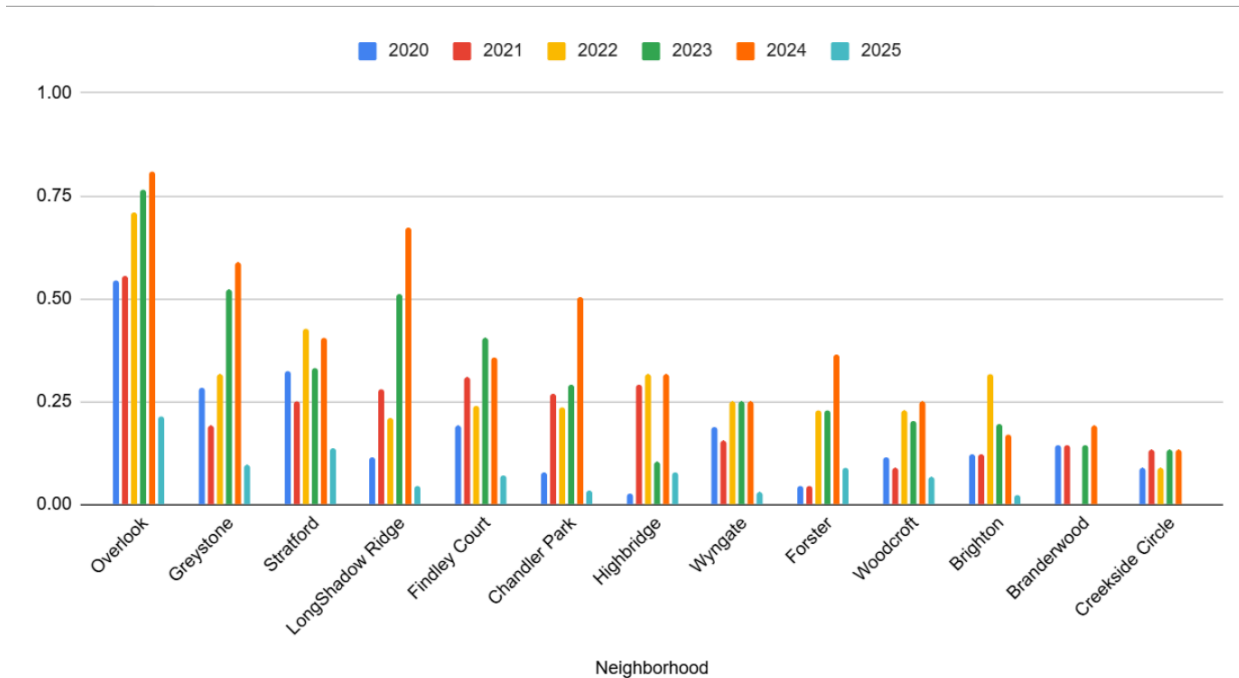
Criminal cases opened per/neighborhood

Not all calls to the police result in a case being opened (alarm calls for example). There aren't enough cases/neighborhood to compare on a per-household basis however the Overlook had 173 criminal cases opened (0.43/household) while the rest of Lakemont residents had 130 cases opened (0.21/household) or less than half as many.
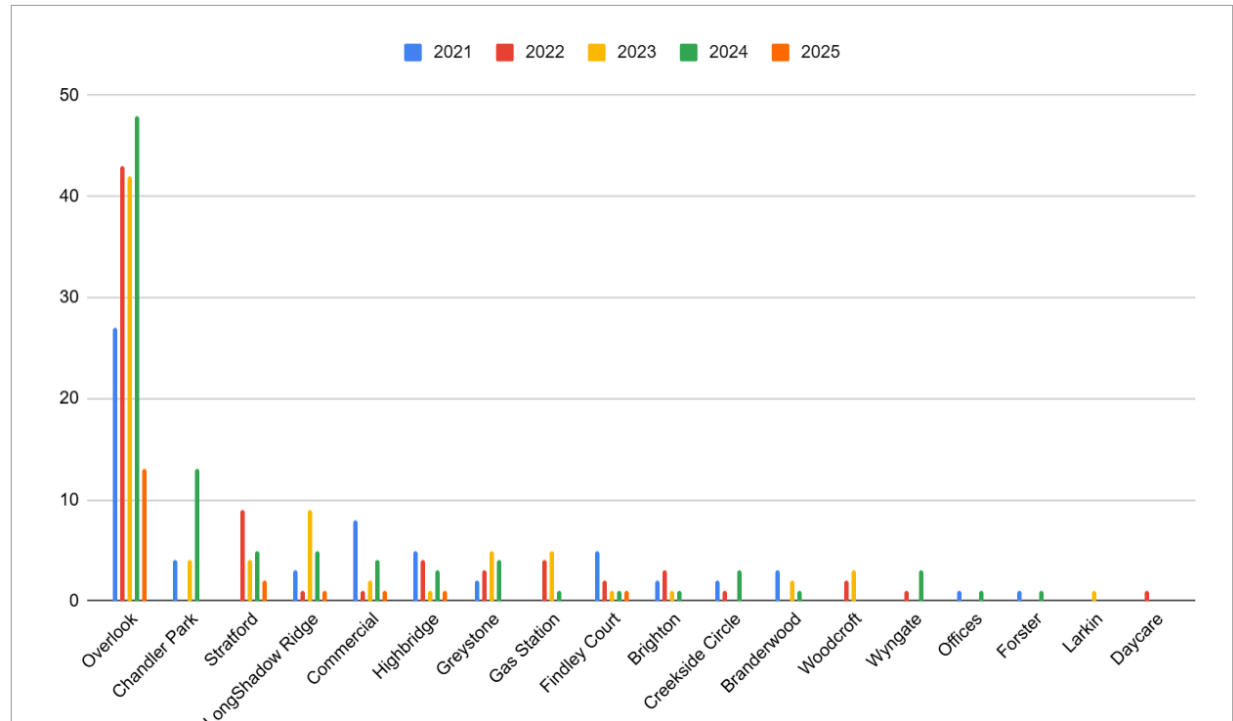
Aggregating the above graph, the overall number of cases has been increasing year over year while the population has remained the same for our neighborhood (no new construction in Lakemont)

Criminal Cases Opened in Lakemont
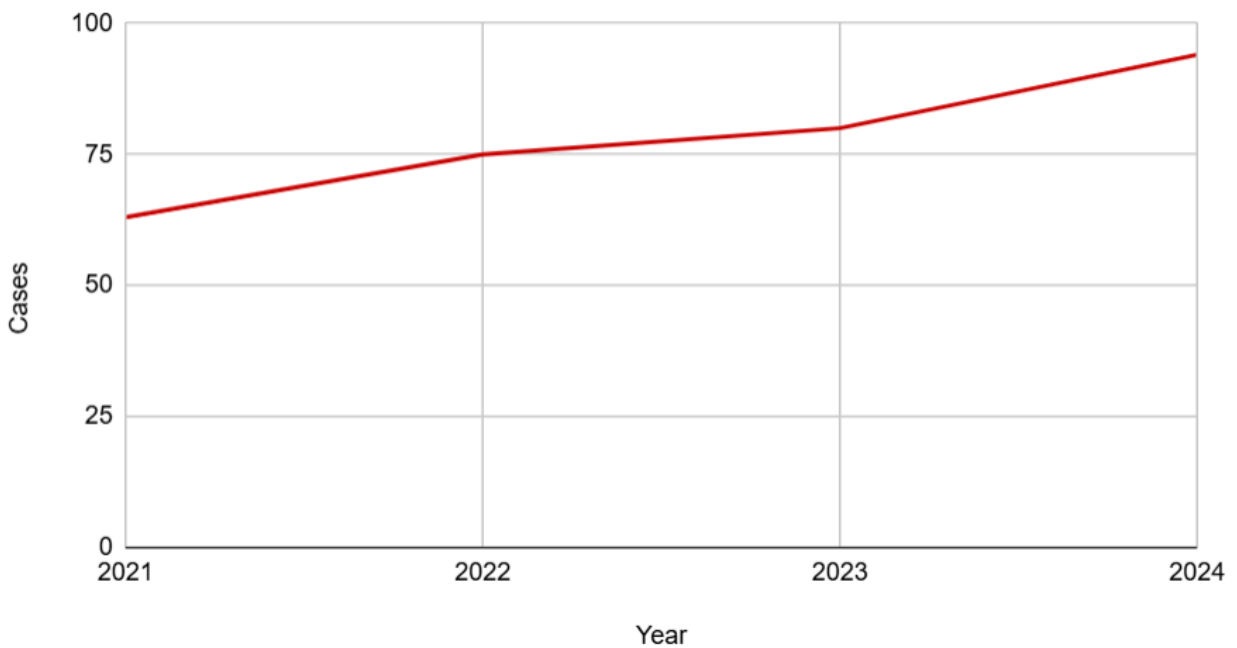
Focus on Overlook: Data post COVID is most relevant so we are examining 2023-2025

- 721 calls since Jan Jan/2023-Jan/2025 (incl. Non-violent, cancel etc) with address in OV alone
- About 2/3rd had addresses so we can pinpoint the apartment with most calls.

Here are the top 911 calls for Overlook from 1/2023-3/2025 in Overlook. Total 721 calls.

INC_TYPE	COUNTA of INC_TYPE
ASSIST	173
FOLLOW-UP	119
DISTURBANCE	57
911	54
SUSPICIOUS EVENT	47
PAPERS	44
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	21
ASSIST - FIRE	21
POSSESSION STOLEN PROPERTY	19
HARASSMENT	19
TRAFFIC GENERAL	17
ORDER VIOLATION	16
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY/VANDALISM	15
MISSING PERSON	13
ALARM	9
ASSAULT	8
THEFT	7
MV PROWL	7
INFORMATION	7
ANIMAL	7

FIREWORKS	6
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	6
TRAFFIC MDC	5
HIT & RUN	5
ACCIDENT	5
WEAPONS	3
FORGERY	3
BURGLARY	2
WARRANT	1
VUCSA	1
TRESPASS	1
ROBBERY	1
PROPERTY LOST/FOUND	1
OFFICER INITIATED	1
Grand Total	**721**

Can we pinpoint who/where in Overlook to help the management company?

Yes we can.

We can pinpoint, from a different 2 year back 911 calls with apartment data, the exact few apartments that cause most of the activity in 911 and crimes for Overlook. The specific data was shared with Colleen the apartment manager and with George, the apartment owner-rep.

For privacy, these are not real apartment numbers, but for demonstration only. 1 apartment generated 26 911 calls in the last 2.5 years.

26	1000
18	1001
14	1002
13	1003
11	1004
11	1005
10	1006
10	1007
10	1008
10	1009
10	1010
9	1011
8	1012
8	1013
7	1014
7	1015
7	1016
7	1017
7	1018
7	1019

5% apts produce 41% of calls*

63 DV calls in last 2 years - 3 apts had 3-4 calls

1 apt : 26 calls, including 3 CPS, 3DV, 1 harassment, 5 Juvenile, 3 noise complaints, 7 order service

2nd: Includes 4 DV, 3 follow ups, 1 fraud, 4 order service,
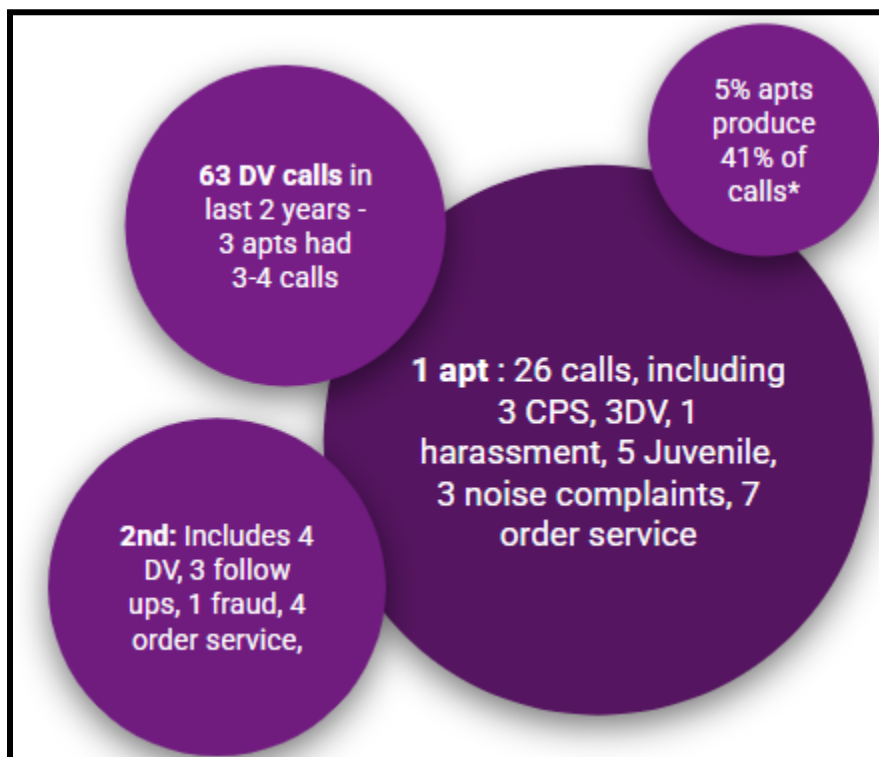
The Overlook Residents are more Victims than rest of Lakemont HOA: Most of them, based on CRIME data, experience 1.7X

1. Crime Data: Where it occurs

442 total crimes reported since 2020. OV are experiencing, compared to rest of Lakemont, highest crime incidents.

Overlook residents experience 70% more crime than rest of Lakemont

1.7X

More in OV than rest of LM.

0.53 Crimes Per household in the last 5 years, vs. 0.32 at rest of Lakemont.

Total number of crimes

442

212 are from OV, 193 at Lakemont neighborhood

Other Businesses

37

Mostly Theft

Looking at Crime data, Overlook Experience a high volume of crime around Motor Vehicle theft, burglaries into MV, and car parts stolen

CRIMES (2 year data)

Overlook residents experience crimes mostly from...

Car Theft, Theft from cars, Car parts theft, Vandalism, Assault and intimidation.

Mostly MV-related -> Preventable with free steering wheel locks, camera, advertisement of cameras such as Flock

LEGEND	COUNTA of Case Number	% of total
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	47	22.17
LARCENY - FROM VEHICLE	39	18.40
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	28	13.21
VANDALISM	22	115.79
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	20	9.43
SIMPLE ASSAULT	14	6.60
LARCENY - FROM BUILDING	8	3.77
LARCENY - AUTO PARTS	7	3.30
INTIMIDATION	7	3.30
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	5	
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	4	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4	
WEAPON OFFENSE	2	
ROBBERY	2	
STOLEN PROPERTY	1	
PORNOGRAPHY	1	
FRAUD	1	
Grand Total	**212**	

Lakemont Residents suffer from different types of crime - mostly theft, larceny, burglary.

Lakemont Neighborhoods experience crime mostly from..

Larceny, Burglary, Vandalism.

MOSTLY PROPERTY THEFT

(Source)

LEGEND	COUNTA of Case Number	% of total
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	61	31.61
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	57	29.53
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	22	11.40
VANDALISM	17	94.44
LARCENY - FROM VEHICLE	13	6.74
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	4	2.07
DUI	4	
LARCENY - FROM BUILDING	3	
LARCENY - AUTO PARTS	2	
INTIMIDATION	2	
FRAUD	2	
BURGLARY	2	
WEAPON OFFENSE	1	
STOLEN PROPERTY	1	
SIMPLE ASSAULT	1	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	
Grand Total	**193**	

Our neighborhoods within Lakemont have different exposure to different crimes (offences).

Most of the offences in the Lakemont neighborhoods outside Overlook, are types of theft - Larceny, Burglary, MV theft, ID theft, and 2nd largest is MV prowl.

Offenses by type - Last 5 years Residential

Cases	Year					
Statute	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
THEFT	12	5	10	15	1	43
BURGLARY, RESIDENTIAL	2	2	11	5		20
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	1	2	4	7	1	15
ID THEFT	2	7		6		15
MV PROWL	1	4	3	2	2	12
MV THEFT	1	1		1	1	4
ORDER VIOLATIONS	3					3
DUI		2	1			3
TRAFFIC		1		1		2
OBSTRUCTION	1			1		2
FRAUD	1			1		2
ASSAULT			1	1		2
WARRANT	1					1
STALKING					1	1
FIREARMS			1			1
Grand Total	**24**	**23**	**29**	**35**	**6**	**117**

Relative to the neighborhood size, Long Shadow Ridge was hit the most per household in the last 5 years.

Offenses by location - Last 5 years Residential

Cases	From Date - Year					
Neighborhood	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Chandler Park	4		3	12		19
LongShadow Ridge	3	1	8	4	1	17
Stratford		7	4	3	2	16
Greystone	2	3	5	4	1	15
Highbridge	3	3	1	3	1	11
Findley Court	5	2	1	1	1	10
Brighton	2	3	1	1		7
Creekside Circle	2	1		3		6
Woodcroft		2	3			5
Branderwood	2		2	1		5
Wyngate		1		2		3
Forster	1			1		2
Larkin			1			1
Grand Total	24	23	29	35	6	117

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ARREST DATA

Arrest data shows a disproportionate number of arrests in Overlook vs. Rest of Lakemont. Not all arrests are residents of our neighborhood, however, the location indicates where the arrest was made.

Neighborhood	Arrests in Lakemont
Overlook	68
Stratford	12
Chandler Park	8
Long Shadow Ridge	4
Woodcroft	1
Highbridge	1
Greystone	1
Brighton	1

Arrest Data by Neighborhood. Note that Stratford is DUI due to the geo location of where those arrests take place.

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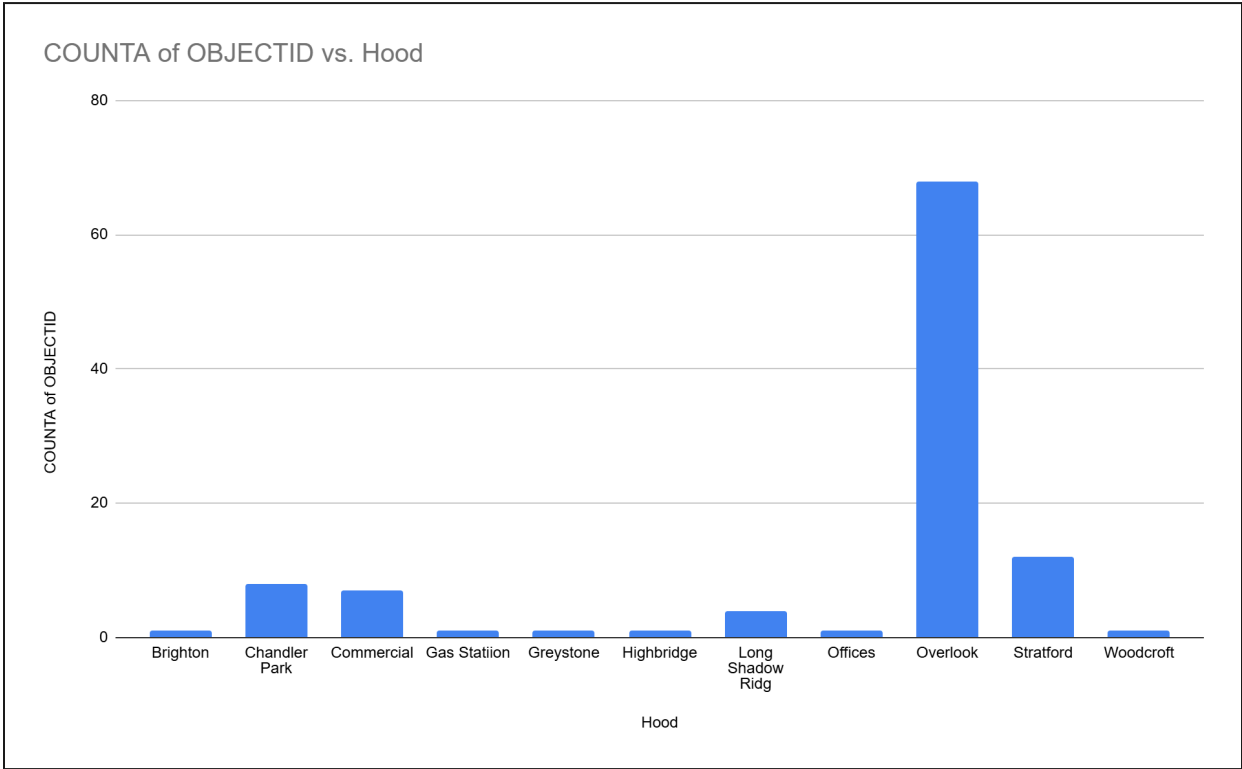
Here are the arrests across all of Lakemont Neighborhoods:

Arrest Count in the lakemont area
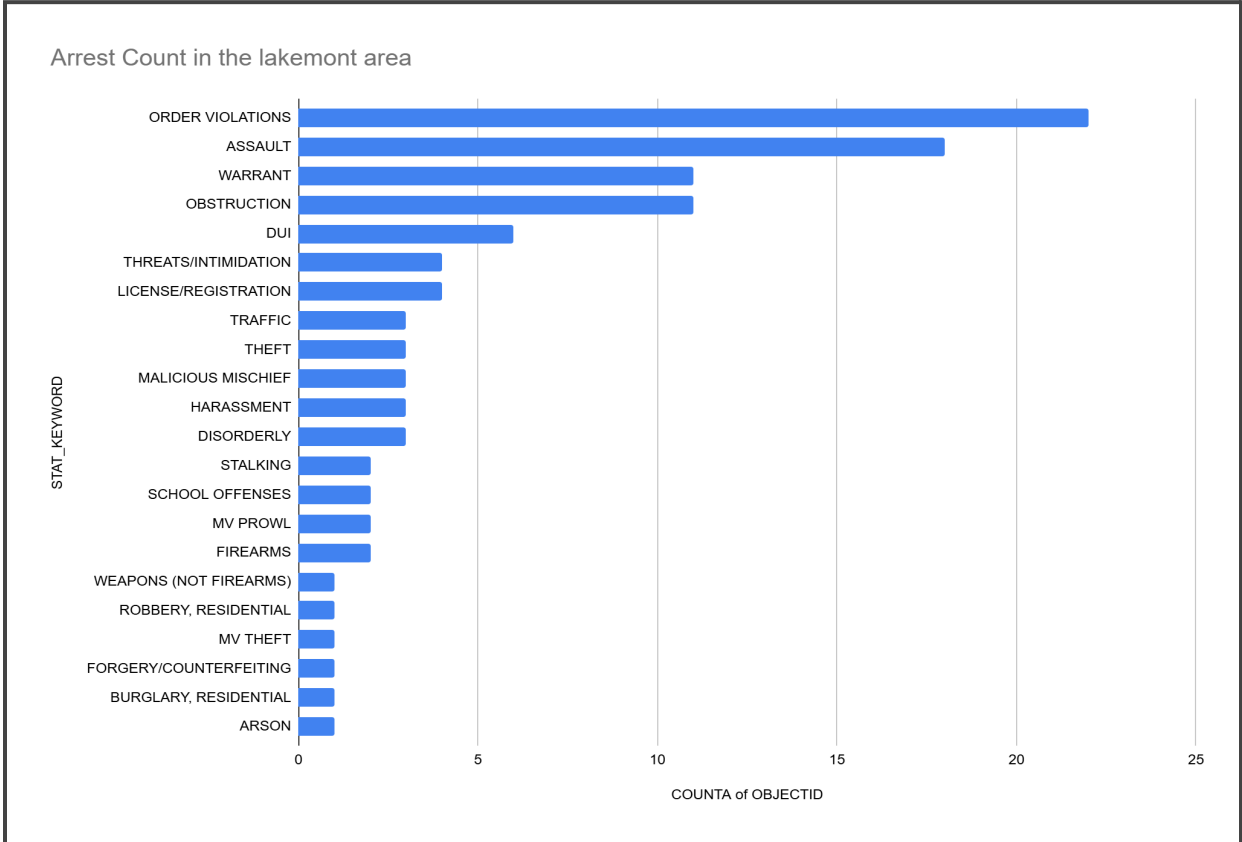
Recommendations for Overlook Apartments

Priority: Secure Your Residents First

- Use **911 call and crime data** from the Bellevue Police Department to identify high-risk units and focus security efforts accordingly.

- Strengthen eviction processes for repeat offenders **while ensuring compliance with Washington state law**.

Crime Prevention Measures

- **Enhance vehicle security:**

  - Install **license plate scanners** to track and deter criminal activity.

  - Deploy **high-resolution security cameras** to monitor parking areas—Flock systems are highly effective in deterring and identifying criminals.

  - Provide **free wheel locks** to residents to prevent auto theft.

  - Educate residents on the importance of **removing valuables from vehicles** to reduce break-ins.

- **Resident Screening & Monitoring:**

  - Implement stricter **pre-screening for criminal history** during the rental application process.

  - Conduct **monthly reviews of crime-related apartment data**, focusing on repeat offenders and lease violations.

- **Environmental & Community Improvements:**

  - **Trim overgrown vegetation** to eliminate hiding spots for criminals.

  - **Upgrade lighting** in parking lots, walkways, and building entrances for increased visibility.

- ○ **Encourage crime reporting** to improve data tracking and law enforcement response.

- ○ **Foster community engagement:**

    - ■ Establish **open communication channels** between management and residents.

    - ■ Provide a **safe, anonymous platform** for residents to report security concerns.

Call to Action – Lakemont Community

Strengthening Security Across the Neighborhood

- ● **Encourage active crime reporting** to ensure law enforcement and community data reflect real trends.

- ● **Enhance mailbox security**:

    - ○ Mandate secure, theft-resistant mailboxes.

    - ○ Install **security cameras facing mailboxes**—Flock systems have been shown to **reduce crime by up to 80%**.

- ● **Community Crime Prevention Measures:**

    - ○ Promote **"Know Your Neighbor" initiatives**—invite residents to join the LCG distribution list.

    - ○ Advocate for **home security best practices** (see David Miller's guide on securing your home).

    - ○ Install **cameras facing the street** while awaiting the implementation of license plate scanners.

    - ○ **Improve street lighting** and **clear overgrown vegetation** to eliminate hiding spots.

- ● **Take Action with Local Leadership:**

- ○ Support **crime prevention initiatives**—start with securing your home, then encourage neighbors to take similar steps.

  - ○ **Engage with the City Council**—send letters advocating for stronger crime prevention measures.

- ● **Ask the HOA board to allocate funds** toward crime prevention investments, including:

    - ■ **Flock security systems** for license plate tracking.

   - ■ **Upgraded mailbox security** to combat mail theft.

By taking a **proactive, data-driven approach**, we can work together to make Lakemont a safer community for all residents.


APPENDIX: How we got the Incident Data Per Area

1. Download geographically tagged data from the city of Bellevue data source
   https://data.bellevuewa.gov/search?tags=gis_publicsafety
   Using the filters: Police_dist = 6, Sub_dist = 6-3
   (output - 20,000 records)

2. Import data into QGIS as delimited text using the longitude and latitude geometry definition.
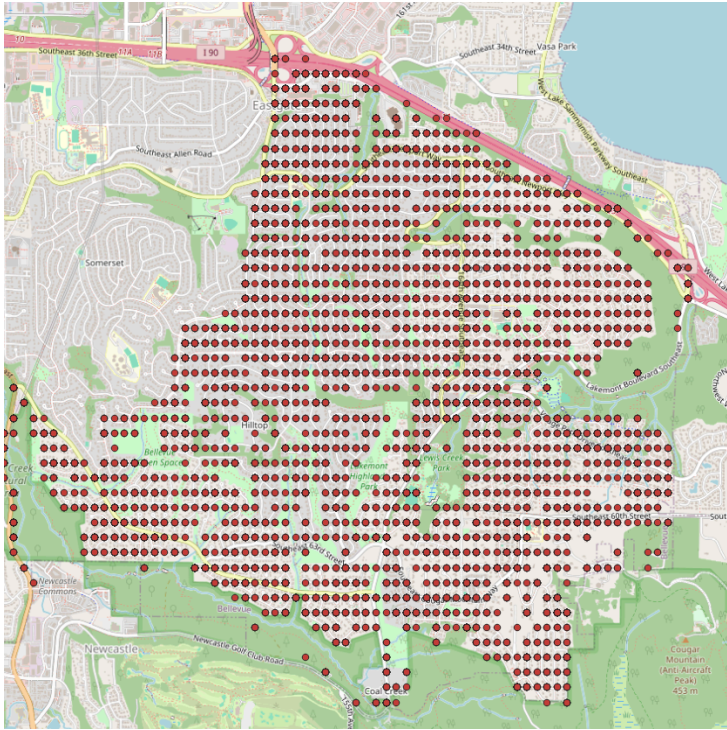

3. Overlay the Lakemont Neighborhood map on the incident data
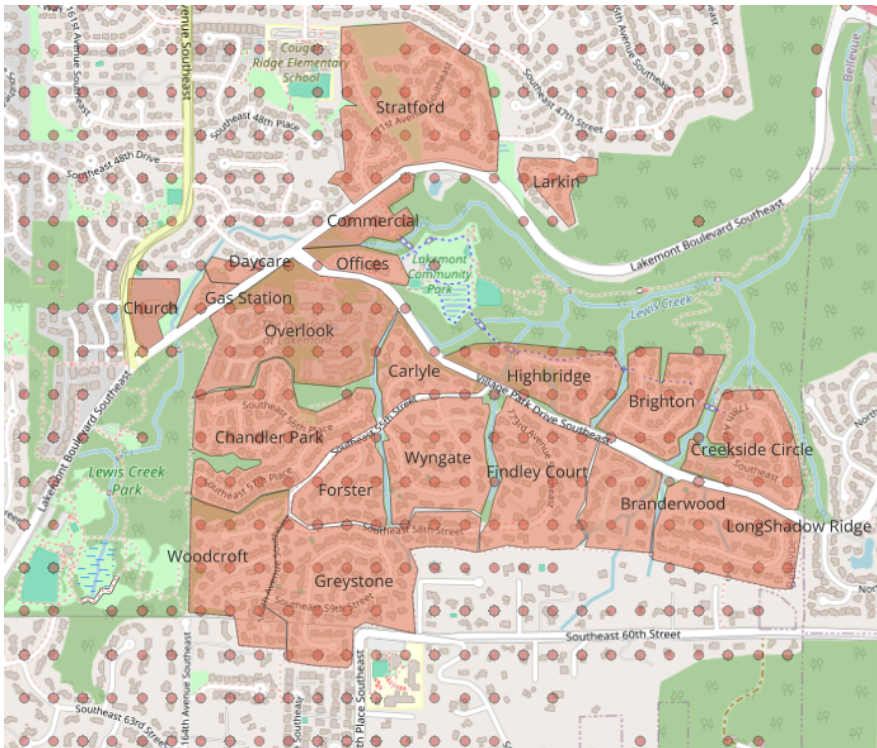
4. Perform a join on the incident data and the neighborhood polygons

5. Export the joined layer as a CSV
6. Import CSV into spreadsheet
7. Create a pivot and exclude rows outside of Lakemont (No neighborhood set from the data join)

Incidents/Year	Year							
Neighborhood		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	**Grand Total**
Overlook		224	248	309	397	410	117	1705
Commercial		36	54	40	51	90	10	281
Stratford		33	26	45	34	39	13	190
Greystone		18	12	22	39	37	6	134
Chandler Park		7	25	21	27	45	3	128
Gas Station		14	9	14	18	34	4	93
LongShadow Ridg		5	12	9	25	30	2	83
Findley Court		11	13	10	20	15	3	72
Woodcroft		5	4	12	10	11	4	46
Highbridge		2	11	12	4	12	3	44
Brighton		5	5	13	8	7	1	39
Wyngate		6	6	8	9	8	1	38
Creekside Circle		4	6	5	6	6		27
Forster		1	1	6	5	8	2	23
Offices		5	5	2	2	7	1	22
Branderwood		3	4		3	5		15
Daycare			4	5		2	2	13
Church			3	2	3	1	1	10
Carlyle		1	1		2	1	3	8
Larkin		1	3	2		1		7
Grand Total		381	452	537	663	769	176	2978
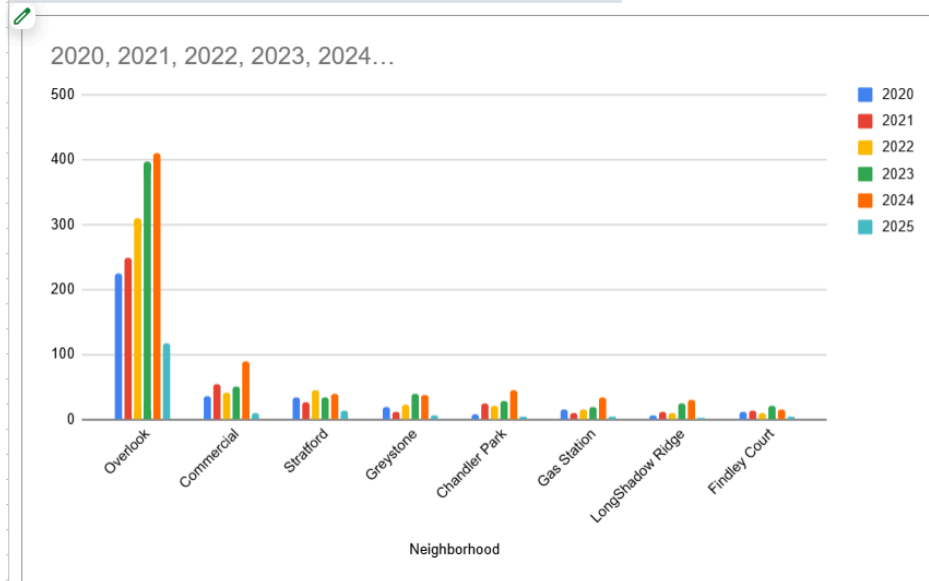
Validate incident record long/lat with Google Maps to verify process.