

# ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

**Working Together To Make Alsip A Great Place To Live**

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## GYPHY & TRAVELER SCAMS “RUSE BURGLARIES”

Every Spring and Summer, the Village of Alsip, has an increase in “gypsy and traveler” activity. To law enforcement agencies, the word “gypsy” refers to people who travel in small groups across the country perpetrating crimes of theft, burglary and fraud.

There have been several reported thefts, in prior years, of offenders specifically targeting *elderly* residents. These incidents typically occur during daylight hours.

The suspect or suspects (*you may only see one person*) will, literally, walk right into a home for the purpose of stealing jewelry, money, or other valuables. Thieves will represent themselves as government employees, or

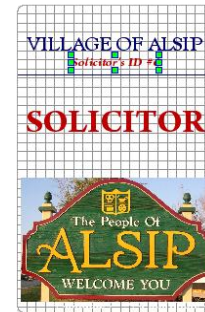


construction, landscape, utility company employees, and even a “*new*” neighbor.

Homeowners should be suspicious of anyone who knocks on their door with offers that sound “to good to be true” or false emergencies.

Do not open the door for someone you do *not* know or have *not* called. Always keep your doors locked, even when you are working outside of the home.

Sample ID’s



Check references and go through the Better Business Bureau, [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org), to check out any company soliciting your business.

Request a photo ID card from anyone who says they are a Village of Alsip employee. The Alsip employee and solicitor ID’s should look like the above pictured samples. Call 911 immediately to report any suspicious activity.

Stay vigilant and safe.

## Distracted Driving

The Alsip Police are concerned about your safety on our city roads.

We would like drivers to put away distractions and focus only on the road.

Attempting to multi-task is undoubtedly a regular activity for most people,

but it is critical to remind ourselves of the most important task behind the wheel – Driving Safely.

Distracted driving contributes to up to 8,000 crashes every single day, across the country, 100 of which end in a fatality.

*Reminder:* Drivers in Illinois are required to use a Bluetooth headset or speaker phone while talking on their cell phone.

Behind the wheel, there is no such thing as a small distraction. Drive safely.

Lock Out Crime  
– Protect your  
home from  
intruders

Use sturdy  
doors

Use safe locks

Install a  
viewfinder

Consider  
window pegs

Secure sliding  
glass doors

Consider  
various outdoor  
lighting options

Never allow  
strangers into  
your home

Put some  
electrical  
equipment on  
timers

## Burglary From Motor Vehicle

**3-2: 11500 BLK LAWLER:** Several electronics stolen from white Nissan parked near residence

**3-28: 4000 BLK 127<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Electronics stolen from silver Chevrolet; 22 year old male arrested

**3-26: 4600 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Black Chevrolet entered and no items taken

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## Burglary – Residential

**3-7: 3900 BLK 124<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Laptop stolen from residence; No forced entry

**3-27: 4900 BLK ENGLE RD.:** Garage door pried open; unknown items stolen

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## Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

**3-1: 12700 BLK KENNETH AVE.:** Glass door damaged on residence; suspect named

**3-13: 3900 BLK 124<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Mailbox damaged at residence

**3-2: 4500 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Black BMW rear windshield damaged while parked on street

**3-13: 4100 BLK 127<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Black Cadillac scratched while parked in parking lot

**3-3: 12800 BLK ORCHARD LN.:** Silver Chevrolet found with paint damage; suspect named

## Identity Theft Crimes

- 3-1: 5000 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Victims personal information used to open multiple accounts; suspect named
- 3-13: 12300 BLK 44<sup>th</sup> CT.:** Victims personal information used to open account without authority
- 3-19: 4600 BLK 131<sup>st</sup> ST.:** Victims personal information used to take monies from account without authority

- 3-26: 3700 BLK 120<sup>th</sup> PL.:** Victims personal information used to access account to make a purchase
- 3-28: 12800 BLK BLOSSOM DR.:** Victims personal information used in the attempt to collect monies by unknown offender
- 3-28: 12700 BLK KENNETH AVE.:** Victim discovered unauthorized transactions; 25 year old male arrested

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

**Deter  
Detect  
Defend**

**Safe guard your personal information**

**Routinely monitor your financial accounts and billing statements**

**Defend against ID Theft as soon as you suspect it**

**Visit  
AnnualCreditReport.com  
or call 877-322-8228,  
to order your free credit reports each year.**

## Motor Vehicle Thefts

- 3-9: 12600 BLK KEDZIE AVE.:** Black Infinity stolen from parking lot by unknown subject
- 3-20: 12600 BLK KEDZIE AVE.:** Black Ford stolen from parking lot by unknown subject

## Theft Over/Under \$500.00

- 3-19: 11600 BLK KILDARE AVE.:** Gaming counsel stolen from residence; suspect named
- 3-31: 11800 BLK KARLOV AVE.:** Multiple clothing & electronics stolen from residence; suspect named



Awareness is the Key to Your Safety.

### VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6131

Crime Prevention Unit.....708-385-6902 x249

Crime Free Housing Program.....708-385-6902 x249

Village of Alsip Departments

Building/Clerks/Water Department.....708-385-6902

Fire Department Non-Emergency.....708-385-6121

Health Department.....708-385-6902 x336

Public Works Department.....708-385-6902 x364

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### ALSIP POLICE COP ON ROOFTOP 2019!

The Alsip Police Department is preparing to join other law enforcement agencies, across the state, with participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run 2019 Events.

#### WHAT IS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN (LETR)?

The LETR is the single largest year-round fundraising vehicle benefitting Special Olympics Illinois. Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different

legs (routes) to its final destination – the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Summer Games in Normal, IL.

Money raised by the LETR is used to assist nearly 21,000 specially gifted athletes, and more than 4,000 young athletes ages 2-7, with and without intellectual disabilities, annually from communities throughout the state.

Alsip Police Department officers will once again be staking out the rooftop of Dunkin' Donuts (location to be determined) to heighten awareness



and raise donations for the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics Illinois.

**This year's Cops on the Rooftop Event will take place on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our local Dunkin' locations (TBD) (please check our website and Facebook for updates soon!)**

