

## ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Working Together To Make Alsip A Great Place To Live

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Halloween this year is on Wednesday, October 31st. The Alsip Police Department would like for you and your family to enjoy a safe Halloween by practicing the following tips;

- Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Visit people you know
- Remind children not to enter a strange house or car.

- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Make sure your costume lets you see and hear perfectly (watch and listen for cars)
- Check out treats when you get home.
- Make sure your costume fits properly to avoid tripping or falling
- Wear brightly colored clothing or put glow-in-the-dark objects on your costume so cars can see you

- Carry a flashlight
- Set a time limit for children to Trick-or-Treat.

The Village of Alsip ordinance provides that all Trick-or-Treat activities, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, will be conducted between 3:30pm-7:30pm.

Make this and every Halloween a safe and happy one.

### IDENTITY THEFT Tips on Protecting Your Good Name

Identity theft is a serious crime. It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft can cost you time and money. It can destroy your credit and ruin your good name.

- Never leave your purse or wallet unattended
- Don't carry anything with your social security number printed on it in your purse or wallet.
- Remove delivered mail promptly. Deposit any outgoing mail at your local post office or US Postal drop box.
- Unless you initiate the transaction, NEVER give personal information over the phone or internet.

- Shred all documents you are discarding, including credit card info, personal forms, and account statements.
- Never click on links sent in unsolicited emails; instead, type in a web address you know.
- Don't use an obvious password like your birth date, your mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Match credit card receipts to monthly statements.

Annually request a copy of your credit history and review it for unauthorized activity. To request an Annual Credit Report call: 877-322-8228 or [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

If you become a victim contact the 3 major credit reporting agencies and report the incident to your local police department.

Credit Reporting Bureaus  
Equifax Credit Bureau Fraud Department: 800-525-6285 or Equifax.com

TransUnion Credit Bureau Fraud Department: 800-680-7289 or transunion.com

Experian Information Solutions: 800-397-3742 or Experian.com

Visit the Alsip Police Department to request an Identity Theft informational brochure.



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

**9-2: 11700 BLK KOMENSKY:** Red Buick entered and wallet taken; vehicle unlocked

**9-3: 11900 BLK LEAMINGTON:** White Volkswagen entered and rummaged through; vehicle unlocked

**9-3: 11900 BLK LAWLER:** Multiple vehicles entered in area; loose change, gift cards, and wallet taken

**9-11: 11800 BLK KARLOV:** Wallets taken from blue Chrysler parked in lot of residence

**9-14: 12500 BLK MANSFIELD:** Debit card and loose change stolen from unlocked white Dodge

**9-20: 4500 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Audio equipment stolen from grey Pontiac parked in lot of residence

**9-21: 4600 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Black Chevrolet had speakers taken; forced entry to car door

**9-26: 4400 BLK 123<sup>rd</sup> PL.:** Victims duffle bag filled with items stolen from unlocked brown Buick

## Burglary – Residential

**9-29: 5000 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Appliances stolen from residence; offender identified and arrested

## Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

**9-4: 4200 BLK 126<sup>TH</sup> ST.:** Security door shattered by unknown subject

**9-6: 12700 BLK KENNETH AVE.:** Screen door damaged by named subject; no complaints filed

**9-18: 11700 BLK LEAMINGTON AVE.:** Victims grass damaged by unknown subject

**9-25: 12200 BLK HARDING AVE.:** Storm door to residence damaged by an unknown subject

**9-25: 12700 BLK LACROSSE AVE.:** Grey Chrysler sustained paint damage by unknown subject

## Identity Theft Crimes

**9-30: 11700 BLK KARLOV AVE.:** Victims personal information used to receive auto title

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

**Deter  
Detect  
Defend**

Safe guard you personal information

Routinely monitor your financial accounts and billing statements

Defend against ID Theft as soon as you suspect it

Visit [AnnualCreditReport.com](http://AnnualCreditReport.com) or call 877-322-8228, to order your free credit reports each year.

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## Motor Vehicle Thefts

No Reports Taken

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## Theft Over/Under \$500.00

**9-13: 5000 W. 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Wallet taken from victim's residence; suspect named

**9-20: 3400 BLK 124<sup>th</sup> PL.:** Handicap placard stolen from victims vehicle by unknown subject

**9-15: 12800 BLK LOVELAND AVE.:** Two bicycles stolen from backyard of victim's residence and vehicle damaged

**9-25: 12300 BLK BENCK DR.:** Victims cell phone stolen by unknown subject



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

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.alsippolicedepartment.com](http://www.alsippolicedepartment.com)

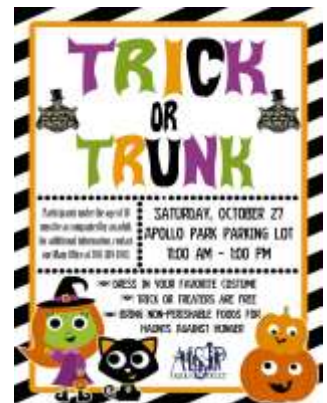
### Alsip Police at Trick or Trunk

The Alsip Police will be joining the Alsip Park District at their annual Trick or Trunk FREE community event scheduled for Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm at the Apollo Recreation Center Parking Lot, 12521 S. Kostner Avenue.

The Alsip Police Department will be handing out treats along with other local families and businesses. Don't forget to dress up in your favorite

costume and bring some non-perishable foods for the park districts food drive.

For more information contact Ofc. R. Merlo #79 at 708.385.6902 ext. 249 or email: [rmerlo@villageofalsip.org](mailto:rmerlo@villageofalsip.org)  
Or the Alsip Park District at 708.389.1003, [www.alsipparks.org](http://www.alsipparks.org)



### Event Update!

The Alsip Police Department would like to thank all who donated to Illinois Special Olympics during the Cop on Rooftop, Torch Run, and National Night Out events. With your generosity the Alsip Police Department has currently submitted \$14,876.00.