

ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Working Together To Make Alsip A Great Place To Live

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SECURE YOUR VEHICLE TO PREVENT THEFTS

Thefts from vehicles have always been a big problem in every community. Thefts consist of stolen valuables from a vehicle, and it often occurs in business parking lots, and your own driveways and garages.

The undeterred thieves break windows or punch locks to gain entry into your vehicle. In some cases, vehicles are being left unlocked. This allows thieves to gain easy entry and any valuable items in plain view are stolen.

The targeted items in these unwelcome entries are mostly cash/coins, purses, wallets, stereos, laptops, I-pods, cellular phones, and even compact discs.

Recently unlocked vehicles have been entered and garage door openers have been used to access the residential garage where other items are stolen.

The Village of Alsip is

generally a safe community, however, unlocked vehicles and opened garage doors make easy targets, require practically no ability to enter, and provide increased opportunity for a crime to be committed.

Please review the following safety prevention tips.

- Do not leave valuables in plain view inside vehicles, even if parked at home
- If valuables must be left behind, place them inside locked trunk before arriving to destination
- **LOCK YOUR VEHICLE & GARAGE!**

- Park the car in a well-lit area
- Use anti-theft devices
- Report any suspicious activity – business area or neighborhood
- Never leave an unattended vehicle running
- Keep specific vehicle information (license plate #, identification # VIN) in a safe place to provide to officers if your vehicle is stolen

Please use good judgment when protecting your vehicle and property.



SCHOOL ZONE DRIVING TIPS

August welcomes our children back to school. While driving in school zones we must remain alert and comply with driving laws to keep all persons safe!

Here are some quick tips to remember.

- 20 MPH speed limit. 7am-4pm on school days in marked school zones
- Absolutely no cell phone usage in a school zone including texting



- Obey crossing guards at all times

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

8-27: 4200 BLK 124th PL.: Unlocked red Chevrolet parked on street entered; Purse, loose change, and laptop stolen by unknown offender

Burglary – Residential

8-2: 4700 BLK 128th PL.: Multiple tools and hand bag stolen from unlocked garage

8-10: 12500 BLK KEELER AVE.: Ladder removed from unlocked garage and placed outside the residence by unknown offender

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

8-1: 4600 BLK 128th PL.: Stop sign stolen from corner

8-1: 11500 BLK VILLA CT.: Paint and tire damaged on gray Ford parked in lot; suspect named

8-3: 5000 BLK 113th ST.: Windows damaged on residence; unknown offender

8-13: 11500 BLK VILLA CT.: Interior door damaged at residence by named subject

8-14: 5300 BLK MINT JULIP DR.: Rear window and trunk damaged on white Chevrolet parked in lot; unknown offender

8-20: 3900 BLK 124th ST.: Windows shattered on residence; offender arrested

8-21: 12500 BLK ALPINE DR.: Door and frame damaged at residence; offender arrested

8-31: 4100 BLK 127th ST.: Interior door to residence damaged; suspect named

Identity Theft Crimes

8-1: 12800 BLK BLOSSOM DR.: Victims personal info used to open account

8-6: 4500 BLK 123rd ST.: Victims information used to receive financial benefits

8-3: 11800 BLK KOMENSKY AVE.: Victims personal information used to access account

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

8-1: 11900 BLK RIDGEWAY AVE.: Red Chevrolet stolen from parking lot; suspect named

8-28: 11500 BLK LAVERGNE AVE.: Silver Hyundai stolen from residence; unknown offender

8-5: 3600 BLK BENCK DR.: Blue Dodge stolen from driveway of residence; unknown offender

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

8-3: 4600 BLK 122nd ST.: Delivered package stolen from foyer of building; unknown offender

8-19: 4000 BLK 127th ST.: Delivered package stolen from residence by unknown offender

8-5: 3800 BLK 124th ST.: Victims wallet stolen while dropped onto ground; suspect named

8-19: 12700 BLK KENNETH AVE.: Monies stolen from residence; suspect named

8-8: 4400 BLK 118th ST.: Political flag stolen from residence; suspect named

8-28: 3900 BLK 115th PL.: Victim missing (2) checks from check book; 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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COME OUT AND SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the "Cop on Rooftop" and "Torch Run" events have been cancelled this year. The athletes of Special Olympics Illinois still need our support especially during these difficult times.

The Alsip Police Department had designated (4) Saturdays to sell Torch Run Merchandise to the public. All monies from merchandise sales will go to Special Olympics Illinois.

T-Shirts, baseball hats, pins, and raffle tickets to win a Harley Davidson will be available.

Please stop by and make a donation towards Special Olympics Illinois on the following Saturdays:

September 12th & 26th from 9am-12pm. We will have a small booth set up across from Lane School Early Childhood Center – 12250 S. Orchard Avenue in front of the Village Garage.

If you have any questions please contact Officer R. Merlo, Crime Prevention Unit, at 708-385-6902 Ext.249 or email:

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COME & SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

Alsip Police needs your support for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. APD will be collecting donations and selling merchandise with all proceeds going to the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. You can drive up or walk up to the booth on the listed dates and times. Please remember to wear masks and use social distancing.

The booth will be located at 12250 S. ORCHARD AVE. (in front of the Village Garage which is across from Lane School Early Childhood Center).

August 8 & 22 - September 12 & 26 9am-12pm RAIN OR SHINE

2020 Law Enforcement Torch Run Merchandise

