

## ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## Alsip Police Department Internet Transaction Safe Zone



As part of a national effort to deter crimes that might occur during a transaction that began on-line, the Alsip Police Department is allowing the use of the vestibule area (entrance to the police department) by parties who are engaged in such transactions. While the generic term Craigslist Zone is often used, in Alsip it is simply referred to as an Internet Transaction Safe Zone.

The police vestibule is available 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Citizens DO NOT have to call first and, if they do, no appointment will be made. All we ask is that all parties in the transaction remain civil and law-abiding.

Under normal circumstances there will be NO police intervention, documentation, or witnessing to a transaction. However, should one of the parties request an officer, one will respond.

Something else that citizens need to remember is that police cannot use the State computer system to run model numbers, serial numbers, etc. of items that are part of a private exchange.

Anyone with questions may call the Alsip Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (708)385-6902 Ext.249.

## How to Drive Safely in Rain

Driving in the rain can be a scary thing, day and night. It can be difficult to see out of a wet window. Especially when you begin to hydroplane! Here are some tips to avoid getting into an accident while it's raining.

- Keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times

- Turn your headlights on
- Keep a minimum of five car lengths from car in front of you
- Drive at or below the speed limit
- Be sure to know the condition of your tires and wiper blades
- Be aware of hydroplaning
- Avoid flooded roads

- Use your defroster
- Use rain repellent product on windows & mirrors

Keep your eyes on the road at all times and drive as safely and calmly as you can. Eliminate all distractions from inside the vehicle. Be aware of your surrounds and 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

**7-10: 12600 BLK ALPINE DR.:** (2) vehicles entered with electronics and credit card taken; unknown offender made forced entry

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## Burglary – Residential

**7-9: 4900 BLK ENGLE RD.:** Jewelry stolen from residents; offenders unknown (ruse burglary)

**7-12: 3800 BLK 124<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Jewelry stolen from residence; forced entry made; suspect named

**7-26: 13000 BLK BLOSSOM DR.:** Forced entry into garage; memorabilia and power tools stolen

**7-29: 4646 W. 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Residence entered and rummaged through by unknown offenders; no items reported stolen

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## Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

**7-2: 3800 BLK 124<sup>th</sup> PL:** Rear door to residence damaged; suspect named

**7-2: 4700 BLK 115<sup>th</sup> PL.:** Victims lawn damaged by fireworks; unknown offender

**7-15: 12100 BLK LAVERGNE AVE.:** Graffiti sprayed on sidewalk; unknown offender

**7-15: 12700 BLK KENNETH AVE.:** (2) windows on residence damaged by rocks thrown; suspects named

**7-19: 12000 BLK KILDARE AVE.:** Victims black Chevrolet parked in lot near residence had window shattered, wiper damaged, and paint scratched. Suspect named

**7-20: 12700 BLK KENNETH AVE.:** (2) tires damaged on blue Chevrolet parked in lot. Unknown offender

**7-26: 4100 BLK 127<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Black Mercedes parked in lot with deep scratches and registration sticker scratched off; suspect named

## Identity Theft Crimes

**7-6: 11500 BLK LAWLER AVE.:** Victims personal information used to access account to make purchases

**7-9: 11600 BLK PULASKI RD.:** Victims personal information used to access credit to make purchases

**7-17: 3600 BLK 125<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Victims personal information used by unknown offender to receive benefits

**7-20: 4500 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Multiple accounts opened using victims personal information

**7-22: 12400 BLK TRIPP AVE.:** Victims personal information used to obtain employment status by unknown offender

**7-22: 5000 BLK 118<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Victims personal information used to receive benefits

**7-23: 11600 BLK KILBOURN AVE.:** Victims personal information used by unknown offender to receive benefits

**7-30: 4500 BLK JEAN ST.:** Victims personal information used to open line of credit without permission or knowledge

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

**7-27: 4400 BLK 124<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Red Chevrolet stolen from residence sometime overnight by unknown offender

## Theft Over/Under \$500.00

**7-6: 3700 BLK 121<sup>st</sup> ST.:** Gray and black mountain bicycle stolen from front of residence; unknown offender

**7-20: 4800 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Delivered package stolen from residence by unknown offender

**7-21: 11500 BLK LAVERGNE AVE.:** Jewelry stolen from residence; unknown offender

**7-21: 4100 BLK 115<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Delivered package taken from box by unknown offender

**7-27: 12000 BLK TRIPP AVE.:** Political sign stolen from victims lawn

**7-29: 4600 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Delivered package stolen from



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!

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## 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.

Please stop by and make a donation towards Special Olympics Illinois on the following Saturdays: August 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> or September 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Alsip Police Department has 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.



### GAME 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**  
Special Olympics **RAIN OR SHINE**