

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

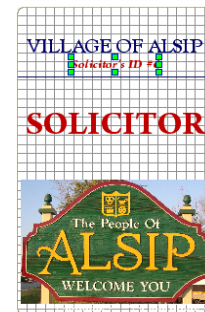


construction, landscape, utility company employees, and even a “*new*” neighbor.

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, 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.

Burglary From Motor Vehicle

3-31: 11600 BLK KOMENSKY AVE: Gift card stolen from silver Toyota; additional vehicle entered and no items taken

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 – Residential

3-5: 3900 BLK 124th ST.: Furniture and bathroom items stolen from residence; suspect named

3-15: 12800 BLK LOVELAND ST.: Multiple tools stolen from garage. No forced entry. Unknown offender.

3-13: 11900 BLK LAWDALE AVE.: Residence entered and multiple bottles of cologne stolen. Unknown offender.

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

3-5: 3600 BLK 122nd PL.: White Dodge hood dented by unknown subject

3-22: 3600 BLK DEER PARK DR.: Wall inside residence damaged by named subject; no complaints signed

3-10: 11700 BLK KEELER AVE.: Silver BMW front windshield damaged

3-25: 3600 BLK 122nd PL.: Rear tail light damaged on black Dodge parked at residence

3-13: 12600 BLK PULASKI RD.: Green Lexus with scratches on passenger side of vehicle

3-25: 12000 BLK KILDARE AVE.: Tires flattened on gray Honda parked in parking lot

Identity Theft Crimes

3-1: 12400 BLK LOVELAND ST.: Victims personal information used to open account

3-6: 3600 BLK 125th ST.: Victims personal information used to access account

3-13: 3900 BLK 115th PL.: Victims personal information used to open account with Cable Company

3-19: 5100 BLK 121st PL.: Victims personal information used to access account to make a purchase

3-20: 11700 BLK KOMENSKY AVE.: Victims personal information used to open multiple accounts

3-30: 3800 BLK 119th ST.: Victim discovered multiple unauthorized transactions; unknown offender

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

No Reports

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

3-9: 12700 BLK LACROSSE AVE.: Gaming counsel stolen from residence; suspect named

3-12: 3700 BLK 128th PL.: Victims vehicle keys stolen; suspect named

3-15: 3900 BLK 124th ST.: Victims delivered package stolen from residence by unknown offender

3-20: 12300 BLK SPRINGFIELD AVE.: Delivered package stolen from Victims residence by unknown offender

3-30: 12700 BLK LACROSSE AVE.: Delivered package stolen from residence prior to victim receiving



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 2020 – TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 28th, 2020 – 5AM – 12PM

The Alsip Police Department is preparing to join other law enforcement agencies, across the state, with participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run 2020 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 tentatively take place on Friday, August 28th, from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our local Dunkin' locations (TBD) (please check our website and Facebook for updates)