



COMMUNITY WATCH NEWS

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The Carpentersville Police Department is appreciative of the effort and assistance provided by resident Mary Narducci in formulating this community newsletter. Thank you Mary for a job well done!

START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IN YOUR AREA TODAY!

Define the neighborhood. Determine the area your Watch group will cover. Keep in mind that the bigger the area, the bigger the group will be. That means you will need a larger space for meetings, more materials for flyers, more time to organize, etc.

Secure a meeting spot. If your Watch only covers your street, meetings can probably be held in a private home. If your area is much bigger, you may need to obtain permission to use a school or church in the area.

Identify crime or quality of life issues in your area/neighborhood. This is done by talking and networking with neighbors, business leaders and stakeholders



Neighborhood Watch-A Community Effort in Improving Quality of Life

in our town.

Get help from law enforcement. Contact Officer Salvaggio at MSalvaggio@-Vil.Carpentersville.il.us and he will assist in facilitating the program.

Recruit neighbors. The most effective way to get others involved is to convince them that there is a real need for a Watch Group and together we can make a difference.

DID YOU KNOW WE ALREADY HAVE ACTIVE GROUPS OPERATING IN CARPENTERSVILLE?

That's Right! We are proud of the following Neighborhoods and Watch Groups already active and successful:

- Keele Farms
- Silverstone Lakes

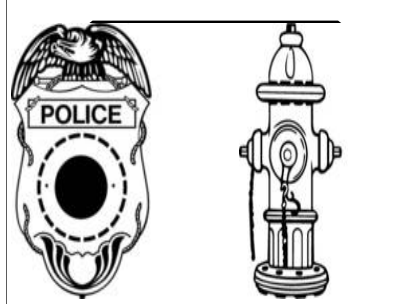
- Lakewood Estates/ White Oaks Pond
- Winchester Glen
- Spring Acre Hills

If you live in one of these neighborhoods and you

wish to become involved with your watch group simply contact Community Resource Officer Michael Salvaggio for contact information on these groups.

PERSONAL SAFETY-HOW TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM

- Have sturdy/solid doors at all entries into your home and garage
- Trim and maintain shrubs and landscaping around doors and windows
- Don't give personal information out over the phone, mail or internet unless it is a trusted, verified source.
- Always lock car doors when you leave your car, even if it is just for a minute.
 - Always be aware of your surroundings and be assertive and confident.
 - If you carry a purse, hold it close to your body, if a wallet keep it in your front pocket.
- Don't leave valuables such as cell phones, purses, jewelry, in view of car windows as these may tempt thieves.
- Make sure your home is locked with a deadbolt and exterior lights illuminate dark, secluded areas. Pick up all valuables at night such as bicycles and place them in locked garages or sheds. Should something not seem right call police at 911 emergency. Remember these simple tips and avoid being a victim!
- Don't leave valu-



Call 911 for any emergency requiring police or fire response.

Did you know that more than 10 million people will be victims of identity theft this year? Identity theft is the # 1 crime today-even larger than drug trafficking!

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION-BY CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST CHRIS MCGOEY

- Run credit reports regularly
- Reconcile checking and credit card accounts in a timely fashion
- Limit number of credit cards to reduce exposure
- Destroy all pre-approved credit applications
- Never give account information, social security numbers, drivers license numbers or personal identification numbers (PIN) out to other people
- Shred all bank account statements & tax documents when you are ready to dispose them
- Don't give out PIN info or write the numbers on the cards
- Photocopy all credit cards both front and back should you need to call and cancel them for suspected fraudulent use
- Keep your purse close-by

HOMETOWN CORNER FACTS YOU CAN USE!

- Carpentersville is the 3rd largest municipality in Kane County with a population of 37,393
- The Dundee Township Park District provides numerous spaces, areas, classes and facilities to recreate
- The Boys & Girls Club of Dundee Township offers numerous programs within the Village afford-

ing our youth the opportunity to learn important skills while honing their leadership skills. Over 1000 youth are served annually by the Club



Get out and enjoy town!

Division of the Carpentersville Police Department offers regular classes on how to sharpen parenting skills and communicate effectively with children. Contact Department Social Worker Griselda Hernandez for further information.

- The Social Services

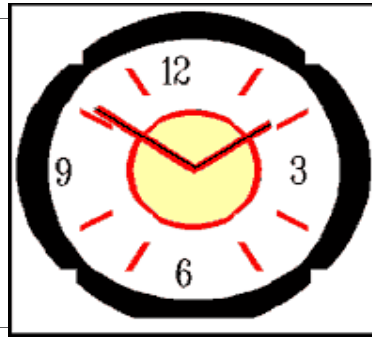
IT'S WHAT TIME? DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER ARE?

Curfew laws and ordinances are enacted to protect our children. The following information should be used when determining your child's curfew:

Persons under the age of 17 may not be present in any public place between 12:01 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. on Saturday and Sunday and between 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. Sunday through Thursday, unless married, accompanied by an adult, or engaged in

employment, religious, political, or other constitutionally protected activity.

Of course you can implement more stringent curfew requirements in your household as you deem appropriate. And if your child is driving during certain late evening/early morning hours their drivers license is restricted by the Illinois Secretary of State and State Statute. For further information visit the Illinois



Secretary of State at:

- www.sos.state.il.us

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

PROVENA ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL ELGIN, IL

Did you know that as part of their commitment to the community Provena St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, Illinois provides Car Seat Safety Checks? This program runs every Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. and registration is **REQUIRED**. Please call the Hospital at 847-931-1800 for further information.

Illinois Child Safety Seat Rules and Requirements.

- Each driver & front seat passenger must wear a fastened safety belt.
- Children under **8 years of age must** be secured in a child safety seat.
- Those under 16 years of age must be properly

secured in a safety belt.

- The parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 8 is responsible for providing a child safety seat/booster to anyone who transports his/her child.

Source: Illinois Department of Transportation

Does my child need to be placed in a child safety seat?

CONFLICT RESOLUTION SUGGESTIONS

- Anger is a normal feeling
- How we handle & deal with anger can make the difference between handling conflict effectively or having conflict ending in violence.
- Be aware of anger triggers which could be verbal or nonverbal behaviors or actions.
- Anger triggers can inter-

fere with communication.

- Use anger control strategies such as walking away from a situation and build upon that foundation.



Don't Worry Be Happy!

- Allow these strategies to work before anger gets the best of you-or others.

- Remember to not become abusive or violent when angry and use your communication skills to

make your wants and needs known.

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Dear Visitors,

On behalf of the Carpentersville Police Department, I wish to thank you for reading Community Watch News. Here you will find information concerning our department and issues affecting the quality of life in our community.

Our civilian and sworn members are committed to ensuring that Carpentersville remains a safe place to live, work and raise a family. I am proud of the services the Police Department offers and pleased to highlight the accomplishments of our members.

We invite you to contact us with your comments, questions and concerns. By expressing your views, you will help to ensure that the Police Department remains responsive to the needs of our Village.

Sincerely,

David R. Neumann, Chief of Police

HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOUR RESIDENCE SAFE-FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE SUGGESTIONS

- Install adequate lighting that illuminates porches, walks, front and back yards
- Lock all doors to the outside
- Lock your garage
- Make sure you have window security locks installed on all windows
- Make sure all windows, doors and garage overhead doors are closed at night
- Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed under windows so potential intruders cannot hide behind them
- Keep shades and cur-



- tains closed in garages and sheds
- Do not leave valuables outside or unattended- this includes bicycles, toys, power tools and lawn equipment
- If out of town make sure it looks as though

- someone is home
- Do yard work and maintenance before you leave
- Tell a family member or trusted friend / neighbor of your trip. Ask them to look after your property and report any suspicious activity or circumstances to the police immediately
- Contact the United States Postal Service to place a hold on incoming mail should your leave be extended. The hold service is free and simple to activate.