



West Allis Police Department

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

March-April-May 2016



Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 302-8000 Community Services Bureau: 302-8050 Lt. Jeff Nohelty: 302-8054

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: FREE LANDLORD TRAINING

The 2016 Landlord Training classes will be held on Thursday evenings, from April 7th through May 5th - Sponsored by the West Allis Police Department

The West Allis Police Department will once again sponsor FREE Landlord training for West Allis Landlords. Informational sessions are held in the courtroom at the West Allis Police Department, 11301 W. Lincoln Ave. The starting time is 6:30 pm. Presentations last approximately 2 hours. The below dates and topic schedule is currently being finalized. **For detailed information, please contact Corporal Rod Nelson at 414-302-8059, or the Landlord Training Calendar Hotline at 302-8166 for exact dates of each topic.** There is no need to pre-register – you can attend any or all of the classes. Tentative topics include:

Thursday April 7th – TBD

Thursday April 14 – TBD

Thursday April 21 – *Applicant Screening & Rental Documents – Presented by Tristan Pettit of Petrie & Stocking Law Firm*

Thursday April 28 – *Tenant Litigation, Evictions, Collections and Lease agreements – Presented by Dainis Sika of Nitschke & Sika, S.C.*

Thursday May 5 - TBD



WANTED: BLOCK WATCH CAPTAINS

The West Allis Police Department is looking for Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. As a Block Captain, you will be asked to deliver the quarterly Neighborhood Watch Newsletter in March, June, September, and December. You might also be asked to assist in organizing Neighborhood Block Watch meetings requested by your neighbors or the Police. Block Watch Captains determine their level of activity. There are committees for Newsletter Assembly & Distribution, National Night Out, and other Special Events. Others only distribute the quarterly newsletters. Your support at **any level** is needed and greatly appreciated.

If asked to organize a block watch meeting, block captains will schedule the meeting with Lisa in the Community Services Bureau and work with a Crime Prevention Officer to discuss topics such as: neighborhood crime trends (thefts / burglaries), home security strategies, self protection, scams, suspected drug activity in the neighborhood, or other crime related topics to fit the neighborhood's need. Meetings can be held in your home, backyard, garage, or at the Police Department. If you are interested in becoming a Block Watch Captain or would like to schedule a block watch meeting, please contact Lisa in the Community Services Bureau at 414-302-8050.

Please note: Block Watch Captains receive a free family membership to CAAD (Community Alliance Against Drugs), a \$20.00 value.

Upcoming Events

WAPD Citizens Police Academy

Tues. March 15 thru May 17, from 7-10 pm
WAPD, 11301 W. Lincoln Ave.

Election/Vote

Tues. April 5
Visit

www.westalliswi.gov
for voter registration information

Landlord Training Program

WAPD courtroom –
Thurs. April 7th through
May 5th, 6:30 pm

West Allis Community Dinner / Dance

Sat. April 16
Hampton Inn & Suites
8201 W Greenfield Ave
from 6-11pm

City Clean Up

Sat. April 16th 9:00am,
WAPD Substation,
6900 W. National Ave.

Spanish Health Fair

Sat. April 16
Lincoln Intermediate
School (7815 W
Lapham St)

West Allis A La Carte

Sun. June 5th, Noon-
6:00pm, W. Greenfield
Ave. / 70-76th St.

2016 National Night Out

Monday, July 25th

SCAMS

TARGET YOU
PROTECT YOURSELF

Protect yourself – Don't fall for the below listed scams during this tax season:

- **Phone Scams:** Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remains an ongoing threat to taxpayers. The IRS has seen a surge of these phone scams in recent months as scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation and other things. The IRS reminds taxpayers to guard against all sorts of con games that arise during any filing season.
- **Phishing:** Taxpayers need to be on guard against fake emails or websites looking to steal personal information. The IRS will not send you an email about a bill or refund out of the blue. Don't click on one claiming to be from the IRS that takes you by surprise. Taxpayers should be wary of clicking on strange emails and websites. They may be scams to steal your personal information.
- **Identity Theft:** Taxpayers need to watch out for identity theft especially around tax time. The IRS continues to aggressively pursue the criminals that file fraudulent returns using someone else's Social Security number. The IRS is making progress on this front but taxpayers still need to be extremely careful and do everything they can to avoid becoming a victim.



COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Don't forget that "Coffee with the Mayor" is held on the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings start at 9:00 a.m. and go until at least 10:00 a.m. These bi-monthly meetings are held at local coffee shops. Bring your ideas on how we can make West Allis an even better place to live! Visit www.westalliswi.gov to learn the location of meetings for 2016.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CITYWIDE CLEAN UP–April 16th

This year's spring citywide clean up, organized by the Community Services Bureau at the West Allis Police Department, will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. Meet at the WAPD Satellite Station, located at 6900 W National Ave at 9:00 am to sign in, pick up supplies, and receive location assignments. At 11:30 am all volunteers are welcome back to the Satellite Station for lunch. What a great way to get some fresh air, exercise, and meet some of your neighbors all while cleaning up our great city! Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, remember that if you know someone responsible for graffiti vandalism (or any other crime), the West Allis-West Milwaukee Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to their arrest. You do not have to provide your name when providing information on the Crime Stoppers Tip-Line, (414) 476-CASH (2274).

Come out and enjoy a fun-filled morning while helping clean up West Allis. Your participation is greatly appreciated!!!



THE WEST ALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT TESTS OUR TOBACCO RETAILERS

The West Allis Police Department is again teaming with WI Wins as we conduct compliance checks of West Allis tobacco retailers. Several times each year, the WAPD sends an underage person into tobacco retailers and has them attempt to purchase tobacco products without identification. Businesses who sell tobacco to the underage person without requesting identification are ticketed. Retailers who comply with the law are given letters congratulating them for doing their part in keeping tobacco products out of the hands of our children.

The Wisconsin Wins (WI Wins) campaign is a science-based, state level initiative designed to decrease youth access to tobacco products. WI Wins was launched in the spring of 2002 as part of a comprehensive approach to preventing youth access to tobacco.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services contracts with local partners, such as the West Allis Police Department, to conduct investigations to establish retailer compliance with the law. Local initiatives also include retailer education and training, media outreach, and community education.

WI Wins uses positive reinforcement to reduce illegal tobacco use to minors. It congratulates local clerks who do not sell tobacco to youth, while educating those who would. This approach creates pride by reducing youth access to tobacco products and provides youth a chance to make a difference in the community

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



The Citizen Police Academy is a *free* ten-week program, with one-three hour session held each week. This program is designed to provide citizens with a first hand look at the operations within the police department. Weekly topics include: police hiring requirements, an overview of the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, Crisis Response Unit (S.W.A.T.), Traffic Enforcement, Criminal Investigations, court room testimony, the Fire Arms Training System, firing range participation, Defense and Arrest Tactics, a K-9 demonstration, the Special Investigations Unit, Identification Bureau - fingerprinting / forensic evidence, accident investigation (reconstruction), information / stats regarding OWI arrests, dispatch operations, and information on our Police Reserve Unit.

A framed certificate of completion will be awarded to each person who successfully completes the academy. The spring 2016 class is already filled to capacity with 36 participants. Information on a fall class will be in an upcoming newsletter. Call Lisa in the Community Services Bureau with any questions, (414) 302-8050.

WEST ALLIS COMMUNITY DINNER/DANCE



The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation, in partnership with the West Allis Rotary Club, Woman's Club of West Allis, and WA-WM Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 27th Annual West Allis Community Dinner/Dance on Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 6-11 p.m. at Hampton Inn & Suites, 8201 W Greenfield Avenue. The event will benefit the (Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 19, West Allis). The Dinner/Dance will feature a catered dinner & "Taste of West Allis" sweet table, dinner music by the Shining Strings, dancing to the great sound of the Larry Lynne Band, and an exciting Silent Auction. Tickets are now available at \$55/person (this is an early bird price) or \$500/Table of 8. For more information, call the Foundation at (414) 302-8292 or visit www.westalliswi.gov.

April Is Alcohol Awareness Month



Did you know.... **Binge drinking** means drinking 5 or more alcoholic drinks within a short period of time for men, or 4 or more drinks in a short period of time for women. Wisconsin continues to be the state with the greatest percentage of adults who admit to binge drinking. Studies show that:

- If a person's first use of alcohol is at age 12 or younger – lifetime alcohol dependence is 41%
- However, if their first use of alcohol is at 21 years of age – lifetime alcohol dependence drops to 11%

Talk to your children. The West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition provides support for the West Allis community to help raise healthy, drug free children. Visit the Coalition website www.wawmcc.org for resources, important news, upcoming events and ways you can become involved.



Sources
CDC, Vital Signs - January 2012



WARMER WEATHER MEANS AN INCREASE IN GRAFFITI

Graffiti continues to degrade our community and the West Allis Police Department is determined to combat this problem, but we need your help. With spring just around the corner, the Graffiti Abatement Program is already underway. Last year, this program cleaned up over **127** graffiti complaints and other similar acts of vandalism. This is a 70% reduction of graffiti since the program started in 2008.

Our goal is to clean up graffiti complaints within 72 hours of the report being received. In certain circumstances, we have also placed cameras in areas that are routinely targeted by vandals. The high tech cameras will capture photos of the vandals that can then be used by investigators to help solve the case, prosecute the vandals, and help recover the costs associated with the crime.

Please remember, citizen cooperation is critical for this program to be successful. Victims need to notify the police when graffiti occurs. Officers will be dispatched to gather essential information and photograph the graffiti for a police report. This information will be forwarded to the Community Services Project Coordinator and a list of cleanups will be given to our graffiti abatement specialist for removal or paint-over.

SPANISH HEALTH FAIR/SAVE THE DATE

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition (WAWMCC), West Allis Health Department, and West Allis Promotoras (Spanish Community Health Workers) will host a Spanish Health Fair on Saturday, April 16 at Lincoln Intermediate School (7815 W Lapham St.) This event is FREE and open to the public but is aimed at the Latino community – speakers and handout materials will be in Spanish.

Come learn about many services that are available, listen to speakers, and try Zumba! Activities, resource tables, music, and refreshments are all part of this fun event.

For further information, please call the West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition at (414) 604-3506 or the West Allis Health Department at (414) 302-8602.