



West Allis Police Department

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

September-October-November 2013



Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 302-8000 Crime Prevention: 302-8050 Lt. Chad Evenson: 302-8054

SCRAP METAL THEFTS – PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

An upsurge in the market price for aluminum, copper, and other metals is driving an unusual crime wave in cities across America, including West Allis. Scrap metal thieves are stripping aluminum siding and gutters from houses, copper coils from air conditioning units, and even stealing aluminum patio furniture and cast iron lawn ornaments, often during daytime hours. The hundreds of dollars that thieves can receive by cashing in your stolen property can cost you thousands of dollars to repair or replace. Please consider these tips when securing your property:

- Secure central a/c units with a padlock and chain so thieves can't steal the entire unit or reach the valuable metal.
- Record you're a/c unit's serial number in the case of theft – While this won't prevent the crime, it could help solve it.
- Install motion sensors on your outdoor lighting. This is an inexpensive way to deter burglars – when the lights come on, they will think someone is coming.
- Lock garages and sheds that contain tools and ladders that thieves can use to steal your property.
- Keep plants around your gutters and downspouts trimmed. That way, passersby will be able to spot the thieves at work.
- Scrap metal thieves are taking catalytic converters out of cars. When possible, park your car in a garage or well-lit area.

Thieves also continue to target metals, including copper, in abandoned / foreclosed homes- If you see suspicious activity inside or near a home you know is vacant, call police at 302-8000.

CAR BREAK INS – DON'T BE A VICTIM

Motor vehicle break-ins are a constant issue in all West Allis neighborhoods. Thefts from motor vehicles can occur anywhere and at all hours of the day and night. Consider these tips the next time you park and leave your vehicle:

- Keep your car visible-Whenever possible, park in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- Keep windows and sunroofs closed and doors locked. All too often, thefts from vehicles are from unlocked cars.
- Hide your valuables – Many thieves act on impulse. So keep your valuables out of sight – either with you or in a locked trunk.
- Stow your valuables before your arrival – Experienced thieves often stake out areas looking for people placing items in their trunk. Place valuables in your trunk before you arrive at your destination. And don't forget to hide telltale evidence such as power plugs, MP3 adapters, and GPS system suction cup mounts.

The aftermath of a car break in can be expensive, both in repair costs and replacement of your valuables, as well as making you feel vulnerable. Help protect yourself by following these simple tips.

Upcoming Events

Downtown West Allis Classic Car Show
The 23rd Annual
Downtown West Allis
Classic Car Show,
Sunday, Oct. 6th,
10am–3pm.
S. 70-S. 76 St. on W.
Greenfield Ave – Free!!

Block Captain Appreciation Dinner
Wednesday, October
23rd, 6pm in the Hale
Cafeteria, 11601 W.
Lincoln Ave. Call
Crime Prevention at
(414) 302-8050 for
reservations.

Community Breakfast of Thanks and Giving
Monday, Nov. 25th,
7:15am at Klemmer's
10401 W. Oklahoma
Ave. Call 302-8292
for more info.

City Christmas Tree Lighting
Sat. Dec. 7th, 4pm at
City Hall, 7525 W.
Greenfield Ave.
Parade to follow.

Neighborhood Partnership Meeting
Monday, Dec. 16th
6pm – 7:30pm.
West Allis Municipal
Court Room, 11301 W.
Lincoln Ave.
Door prizes to be
determined.



HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK
Saturday, October 26th - 4pm-9pm Greenfield Park's Picnic Area 3
(Enter the park on S. 123 St. / W. Lincoln Ave.)



The Community Alliance Against Drugs (CAAD) and the West Allis / West Milwaukee Recreation Department in cooperation with the West Allis Police Department are sponsoring the fourth annual "Halloween in the Park", a family event with hayrides, campfires, games, crafts, spooky stuff and more around Greenfield Park from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. Wear a costume and be eligible for a prize. There will also be food and beverages including: hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee, soft drinks, popcorn, chips and s'more kits available at a very reasonable price.

Come join us for this free, fun, alcohol and drug free event in Greenfield Park!

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS

Did you know you can sign up to receive e-mail and text messages from the City? You can subscribe to receive news, alerts, and updates from fourteen different categories including refuse and recycling collection updates, public safety alerts, and community events. See the complete list and sign up at www.westalliswi.gov/notifyme. Most updates are also posted to the City Facebook page and the City Twitter account.

Follow the City of West Allis on Twitter and like us on Facebook. Facebook pages are available for the City of West Allis, the Library, Fire Department, and Police Department.



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE WEST ALLIS AND WEST MILWAUKEE A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE?

West Allis / West Milwaukee Crime Stoppers is a group of concerned citizens that help support law enforcement efforts by offering a cash reward for information called in anonymously through the Crime Stopper Tip Line (**476-CASH**). To be eligible for the cash reward, the information provided must result in an arrest and criminal prosecution.



You can help by joining Crime Stoppers, Inc. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month and begin at 8:00 a.m. at the West Allis Police Department Substation, 6900 W. National Ave. Crime Stoppers also hosts three fundraisers each year. If a lack of free time is an issue in your life, consider a tax-deductible donation. Every \$5, \$10, or \$20 donation makes a difference and helps take a bite out of crime. Since 1991, West Allis – West Milwaukee Crime Stoppers, Inc., has approved over \$34, 000 in rewards. The results of these rewarded tips was 3, 336 arrests, \$460,000 in property being recovered, and \$2,629,000 of drugs being seized.

If you would like to contribute either your time or money, please fill out the information below and mail your contribution to West Allis / West Milwaukee Crime Stoppers, Inc. at 11301 W. Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI. 53227. Or contact Sgt. Jeritt Mees in the WAPD Crime Prevention Bureau at 302-8053.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

<p>___ Donation of \$ _____ is enclosed (tax deductible receipt will be provided)</p> <p>___ Please contact me with more information about the Crime Stoppers organization.</p>

2013 FALL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP Saturday, October 12th 9am, West Allis Police Department Substation

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the fall city clean up taking place at the West Allis Police Department's Substation on Saturday, October 12th. At 9:00am, we will meet at the substation, 6900 W. National Ave., and provide volunteers with supplies and assignments. After the cleanup, all are invited back for lunch where food and soft drinks will be provided. In addition to volunteers, we are in need of clean up supplies such as paint, paint rollers, work gloves, and graffiti removal chemicals (environmentally friendly of course). If you are able to donate your time or supplies, please contact the Crime Prevention Bureau at (414) 302-8050.

Lastly, if you know someone responsible for graffiti (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 leave your name when providing information on the Crime Stopper Tip-Line, (414) 476-CASH (2274).

WEST ALLIS MEET 'N TREAT



Sunday, October 27th has been designated as "Meet 'N Treat" day in West Allis. Activities will be permitted in the City of West Allis from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. As we continue this fun tradition, parents are reminded to closely supervise their children's activities, inspect all treats carefully, and take precautions in areas of vehicular traffic.

West Allis City Ordinance 10.10(2): ALLEY PARKING

If you are among the many West Allis residents that park behind their home near the alleyway, please do so responsibly. Parked vehicles extending beyond the property line and into the alleyway create obstructions for neighbors passing through, interfere with snow plows and street sweepers, and violate the following City Ordinance:

10.10(2) No person shall park and leave unattended any vehicle on any public alley within the City, nor shall any person park a vehicle so that any part of the vehicle extends over or onto the public alley, or sidewalk.

Violating of this Ordinance can lead to a \$20.00 fine as well as costs associated with your vehicle being towed. Please be considerate of your neighbors and City vehicles by keeping the alleyways clear.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – THANKS TO YOU A SUCCESS!!

On behalf of the West Allis Police Department, we would like to thank the volunteers and sponsors who helped make National Night Out 2013 a huge success. With great weather, the community responded once again with a large turnout. Our department could not host an event of this size without the support of the sponsors and tireless volunteers.

Thank you to Aurora West Allis Medical Center for once again being our major sponsor. In addition, we would like to recognize Target Corporation and Rupena's for their generous contributions. Lastly, congratulations to all of our coloring contest and block party winners!!!!



We were able to provide so many activities due to the financial support of our major sponsor **Aurora West Allis Medical Center**, along with a host of other sponsors, donators, community groups, businesses, organizations, and volunteers. **THANK YOU** to each and every one! Your time and support are greatly appreciated. We could not do it without you...

Adventure Rock	Dunn's Sporting Goods	Midwest Speleo Cave LLC
All Families/Neighbors/Residents	Eagle Entertainment	St. Aemilian Lakeside
Alzheimer's Association	Elliott's Ace Hardware	Target – West Allis
American Red Cross	Freimund Motorsports Racing	Time-Warner Cable
Andrea's Pizza	Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail	Topper's Pizza
Antigua Mexican and Latin Restaurant	Green Bay Packers	Tri-City Bank
Associated Pregnancy Services	Habush Habush & Rottier S.C.	Ultimate Life Chiropractic
Aurora Diabetic Educators	Heritage Senior Living -West Allis	Village at Manor Park
Aurora Pharmacy	Interfaith Older Adult/Family Caregivers	WA Resident Mary Laska
Aurora Senior Care Resource	Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church	WAWM Chamber of Commerce
Aurora St. Luke's GI Services	Karen Yontz Women's Cardiac Awareness	WA-WM Community Coalition
Aurora Visiting Nurse Association	KC's Inflatables	WAWM Crime Stoppers
Aurora West Allis Medical Center	Kohl's Dept. Store & Staff	WA-WM Recreation Department
Berkshire Senior Community	Landmark of West Allis	WA-WM School Dist. Education Foundation
Bevsek-Verbick Funeral Home	Living Well With Chronic Conditions	West Allis Business Improvement Dist.
Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin	Luther Memorial Lutheran Church	West Allis Cable Communication
Canadian Pacific Kiddie Train – Dan Wolf	Make-A-Wish Foundation	West Allis Community Development
Cataro's Italian Villa	Milwaukee Acupuncture and Wellness	West Allis Fire Department
Children's Community Health Plan	Milwaukee Admirals	West Allis Health Department
Children's Hospital of WI	Milwaukee Area Technical College	West Allis Police Dept. Victim Advocate
Children's Service Society of WI	Milwaukee County 4H	West Allis Police Dept. Crime Prevention
Chiropractic Wellness Group	Milwaukee County Sheriff's Dept.	West Allis Police Reserve
Community Alliance Against Drugs	Modern Woodmen of America	West Allis Rotary Club
Community Asthma Network WAHD	Mt. Hope Lutheran Church	West Allis Senior Center
Community Health Improvement Plan	PTA Council	West Allis Various City Departments
Corner Stone Christian Life Church	Rogers Memorial Hospital	Wildcard Gymnastics
Cousins Subs	Rupena's Fine Foods	Wisconsin Athletic Club
Culver's – West Allis	Schramka-Borgwardt Funeral Home	Wisconsin State Fair Park Police Department
Derrick Family Chiropractic LLC	Scouts Of America	Women's Club of West Allis

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CONTEST WINNERS – 2013

McGruff visited approximately 40 neighborhood block parties on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. *Here are your neighborhood contest winners...*

Most Lights On : <u>1-17 homes:</u> Ross / Laurie Knodl – 2800 S. 86 St <u>18-34 homes:</u> Karen Komassa – 8600 W. Hayes St. <u>35 or more homes:</u> Scott Pollard – 2100 S. 98 St.	Greatest # of People: <u>1-17 homes:</u> Brenda Kerch – 1600 S. 94 St. <u>18-34 homes:</u> Jerry / Bonnie Chesney – 1200 S. 121 St. <u>35 or more homes:</u> Victor Zamora – 1700 S. 62 St.
Theme- Memorial for Police Reserve Capt. Steve Olewinski – Neighbors of Steve Olewinski – 1000 S. 74 St.	

2013 Dessert Contest Winners

Cheesecakes
Cakes and Tortes
Cookies
Bars
Pies

First Place

Jeffrey Stanislawski
Karen Kautzman
Susan Olson
Monica Jerich
Carol Graham

Second Place

Mischell Houck
Mary Rauch
Pat Morris
Jonathan Berry
Valerie Psiropoulos

Third Place

Karen Kautzman
Erin Glubka
Susan Olson

Block Captain Raffle

2 winners - \$20 Rupena's gift certificate
Peggy Martens Cindy Wolf

Coloring Contest Winners

1st Place-\$50
Ages 4-6 Joshua Ortiz
Ages 7-9 Lilyana Ortiz
Ages 10-12 Samuel Kautzman

2nd Place-\$30
Lillyana Hopper
Isaiah R. Sanabria
Natalia Murillo

3rd Place-\$20
Veronica Murillo
Maddy Morris
Josef Ortiz

