



West Allis Police Department

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

December 2013, January - February 2014



Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 302-8000 Crime Prevention: 302-8050 Lt. Jeff Nohelty: 302-8054

WAPD - Neighborhood Partnership Meeting

Monday, December 16th at 6:00 PM

WAPD-Courtroom, 11301 W. Lincoln Ave.

Since January 2009, Neighborhood Partnership Meetings have been extremely valuable in addressing neighborhood concerns, while updating citizens on current law enforcement issues, crime trends, and challenges that impact our quality of life. The next Neighborhood Partnership Meeting will be held on Monday, December 16th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Allis Police Department Courtroom, 11301 W. Lincoln Ave.

Chief Padgett will address the following topics and others:

- Current West Allis crime trends and information
- Updates on changes occurring within the Police Department
- Community support and assistance
- Addressing citizen's concerns and questions
- Station tour

In addition, there will be a K-9 demonstration and door prizes, including a 32" flat panel TV. Refreshments will be provided.

WEST ALLIS FORECLOSED PROPERTY INITIATIVE

It is no surprise that the harsh economic times of the last few years have had a devastating effect on many aspects of our economy, including the housing market. Throughout West Allis and the rest of the country, there are many homes that have been foreclosed and many others that have been vacant or abandoned by owners who are financially unable to maintain them. These foreclosed, vacant, and abandoned homes are inviting to criminals and are often targeted for burglary (copper pipes, central air units, etc.), vandalism, trespassing, and other illegal activity.

The City of West Allis is aware of some of these foreclosed, vacant, and abandoned homes; however, there are a large number of these homes that have not been reported to the City of West Allis. It may take months (or years) before the City of West Allis is made aware that a home is vacant or abandoned.

We are asking for your help! We ask if you are aware of Foreclosed/Vacant/Abandoned homes in your neighborhood, you call the Foreclosed/Vacant/Abandoned Home Hotline at (414) 302-8148, and provide the specific address to us. We can utilize police and other City services to more closely monitor the property and work to reduce crime associated with vacant homes. We can also ensure that these homes are not left in disrepair, which will keep our neighborhoods looking good. Without your help, we are unable to track the true number of these properties that exist. Please take an active approach to maintaining your neighborhood and call (414)302-8148 to report Foreclosed/Vacant/Abandoned Homes to us.

As always, if a crime or suspicious activity is in progress, call the WAPD non-emergency number at (414)302-8000 or 911 for a true emergency.

Upcoming Events

Christmas on the Avenue

Saturday, Dec. 7th
City Hall, 7525 W
Greenfield Ave.
Tree lighting at
4pm, parade to
follow

WAPD Neighborhood Partnership Meeting

Monday, Dec. 16th
at 6pm
WAPD - 11301 W.
Lincoln Ave.
Door Prizes

CAAD - New Years Eve Family Night

Tuesday, Dec. 31st
WA Central HS
6:30-11pm

CAAD - Winterfest

Saturday, Feb. 8th
WA Hale HS
6:30-9:30pm

WA-WM Crime Stoppers Bowl-a- thon

Sunday, March 9th
AMF Lanes, 10901
W. Lapham St.

WAPD Citizens Police Academy

Tuesdays, March
18th - May 20th
7-10pm, WAPD,
11301 W. Lincoln
Ave.

Landlord Training Program

Projected start date
of March / April
2014-details to
follow

REMOVAL ORDINANCE (11.12)



With winter now upon us, please remember to be considerate and remove snow in a timely manner. A segment of the West Allis snow and ice removal Ordinance is below as well as a new 2013-14 Snow Emergency Procedure

Duty to Remove. The owner, occupant or person in charge of any premises shall remove and clear or cause to be removed and cleared from the public sidewalk abutting or fronting his premises all snow and ice to the width of at least three (3) feet on such sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours of the ending of a snowfall. When ice has so formed on any such sidewalk that it cannot be removed, the owner, occupant or person in charge of the abutting premises shall prevent such ice from causing a hazard to the users of the sidewalk by sprinkling the walk with sand, abrasive material or other product designed to prevent ice accumulation. In constructing the provisions of this section, where the premises are occupied, the occupant or person in charge shall be deemed the proper person whose duty it shall be to comply with the provisions hereof.

Casting Snow on Public Ways. No person shall plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow or ice, or cause snow or ice to be plowed, shoveled or otherwise deposited, from private property or driveway approach between the sidewalk and gutter line upon any street or alley pavement, sidewalk or other public way in the City. Failure to properly remove snow / ice could result in the following citations:

11.12(1)	Snow and Ice Removal	\$76.20
11.12(3)	Snow Dumping on Public Ways	\$76.20



2013-2014 Snow Emergency Procedure

- When approximately three inches of snow falls in a storm, the Department of Public Works usually plows all City streets and alleys.
- A "SNOW EMERGENCY" is declared through a radio or television announcement when a full scale plowing operation is initiated.
- Once declared, **all parking is prohibited on major emergency thoroughfares only for the duration of the emergency.**
- For residential parking, normal alternate side parking would be allowed during declared snow emergencies. Past practice of staying on the same side of the street for the duration of a declared snow emergency has been **eliminated**. Regular residential parking restrictions would apply for all overnight parking.
- Snow emergency regulations shall supersede all other overnight parking regulations for the duration of the snow emergency.

Finally, on certain streets other than emergency thoroughfares where one side of the entire block is permanently posted NO PARKING AT ANY TIME year-round, parking will be allowed on the opposite side during the declared snow emergency regardless of the calendar date on which the emergency is declared

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The West Allis Police Department will be offering its Spring - 2014 Citizen Police Academy beginning on Tuesday, March 18th, 2014 and continuing each of the following nine Tuesdays. Please consider joining this fun-filled educational program.

This is a great opportunity for you to get to know the police officers, command staff, and learn about the inner workings of the West Allis Police Department.

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; this will take place at a semi-formal graduation ceremony, which typically includes Chief Charles Padgett, Mayor Dan Devine, and members of the Fire & Police Commission. **Call Patty at 302-8050 for details.**

WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE CRIME STOPPERS BOWL-A-THON

Come join the fun at the annual WA-WM Crime Stoppers Bowl-A-Thon. This year's event will be held on Sunday, March 9th, 2014, at AMF Lanes- 10901 W. Lapham St., with two sessions: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1:30 pm- 4:30 p.m. For just \$12 per bowler or \$60 per (5 person) team, you receive three games of bowling and lunch courtesy of Rupena's Fine Foods. Lunch will be served from Noon - 2:30 pm. Pre-registration is required to attend. Registration forms can be picked up and submitted to Patty at the West Allis Police Department - Crime Prevention Bureau, or mailed to: Crime Stoppers, 11301 W. Lincoln Ave. West Allis, WI 53227. For more information and / or registration forms, contact the Crime Prevention Bureau at 302-8050.



CAAD WINTERFEST



The Community Alliance Against Drugs (C.A.A.D.) will be hosting its annual Winter fest Family Night on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 6:30 pm– 9:30 pm at Nathan Hale H.S., 11601 W. Lincoln Ave. (use west entrance doors –117th St). Please come out and join us at this fun-filled event. This year, we will have open gym for basketball, and open swim (7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) Please bring a towel and a lock!

We will also have a DJ playing your favorite music, as well as several inflatable attractions for children.

As always, we will be featuring a family friendly movie in the auditorium.

Admission to this event is FREE for CAAD Members. Non-members can join CAAD for \$20.00 per family for the entire 2014 year. Individual memberships cost \$10.00 per year. Non-member fee for this event: \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child under the age of 12. Admission will include a free Winter fest meal (Chili, Hot Dog & Beverage). Additional food, candy, soda and raffle tickets will be available for a nominal fee. Please remember that an adult must accompany children. A non-perishable food item/donation would be greatly appreciated.

SCAM ALERT

The City has been receiving several complaints involves elderly residents being visited by scammers claiming to be roofers, tree trimmers, WE Energies employees, or city workers. In most cases, the suspects are able to talk their way into the victim's home, at which time the resident is distracted by conversation or asked to retrieve an item. At this point, the suspect or an accomplice rummages through the resident's belongings, often targeting cash or jewelry. It isn't until the suspects leave the residence that the victims realize their property is missing.

One way to protect yourself is to never hire someone who shows up at your door and never allow anyone inside your home. If you are told your roof or driveway needs repair, the scammer may take the money and never do the work.

More tips will be provided in the next Neighborhood Watch News Letter.