

**Resident Beat Officer:  
Zone 7 & 8**



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# South Side Scoop

Dear Business owners and residents,

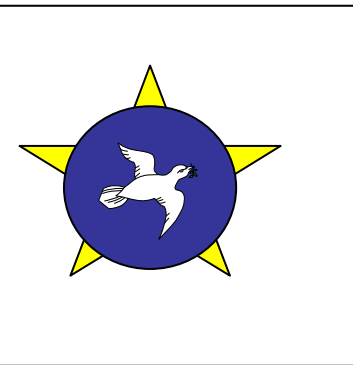
I want to take this time to explain to the residents of zone 7 and 8 what I will be focusing on for the school year as well as what our community policing unit will be doing. As some of you have been noticing, there has been a noticeable police presence around the schools. I have been in the schools and also patrolling around the schools since the school year began. I will also be speaking to every class at some point to discuss safety tips with your children. If you have any questions regarding what will be discussed, please don't hesitate to contact me.

The unit has been monitoring the traffic violations around the school to hopefully send a message to drivers to pay extra attention to children and signs around the school. As I mentioned in previous newsletters, the new traffic laws regarding using a cell phone in school zones are being enforced. The new law also includes no cell phone usage in construction zones. We are all well aware of the construction going on in our area so please pay extra special attention to the construction and school zones. The Roosevelt Road improvement plan is in its final stage, and we are still witnessing increased traffic through our streets. I have received several complaints regarding disobeyed stop signs. Keep in mind that we have hundreds of stop sign in our area alone and it impossible to monitor all. What we can do though is keep an eye our children as they walk to and from school and assist them in crossing the street. We cannot control all of the drivers but we can control how our children get to school. So please get out there and help your children get to school safely.

I would also like to add each of you to an emailing list. Please email me with your name and address or whatever information you want to provide so that I can provide information for you regarding safety tips and any other information that may improve everyone's quality of life. This will allow me and the department to provide a better service. I often hear that people don't call the police because they didn't think that what they saw was a big deal. A simple email can be very beneficial to all.

Again, please feel free to contact me with ANY comments, question or concerns.

Sincerely,  
OFFICER JOHN  
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## COMMUNICATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The village is launching their new communication notification system. The Village of Oak Park can deliver important public safety information directly to residents via telephone, e-mail and SMS text message. To participate, just visit the village website and register. <http://www.oak-park.us>

### Visionary Award – Oak Park Police Department

Throughout Sarah’s Inn history, the Oak Park Police Department has maintained the highest commitment to ensuring officers are best prepared to respond effectively and sensitively to domestic violence calls, to ensuring that the Sarah’s Inn headquarters are well patrolled and safe, and toward effective partnering to raise community awareness about domestic violence.

The Department has been a dedicated partner since the beginning, participating in the 1981 survey that found deep service gaps for survivors. This survey led to the formation of Sarah’s Inn. And for thirty years, the Department has continued its commitment in countless big and small ways – through referrals of survivors to the crisis line, transporting women

to our office, hosting the Survival as Art Project, and sponsoring annual trainings led by Sarah’s Inn Legal Advocates to continue to improve their skills as first responders. Today, under the leadership of Chief Rick Tanksley, the Oak Park Police Department continues to lead the way in the region. And we continue to be grateful for this vital and positive partnership.

#### FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The fall leaf collection program is scheduled for Oct. 17 through Nov 29th. Leaves should be raked into the street at least 18 inches from the curb the day before the scheduled pickup date provided below. Please follow these simple rules:

- Leaves only
- Do not park on or near pile of leaves
- Keep catch basins clear of leaves
- Dampen piles of leaves to avoid blowing

Dates for residence that live between East to Harlem: Oct 18,25. Nov. 1,8,15,22,29

Dates for residence that live between East and Austin: Oct 17,24,31 Nov. 7,14,21,28.



# Last But Not Least...

Remember to keep your property well maintained, after all, “Our homes reflect our community”...let’s show the people of Oak Park that the place to live is South of the expressway!