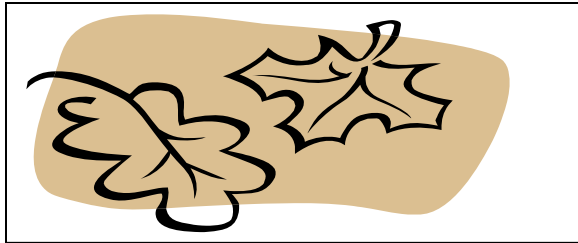


# ZONE 2 NEWS

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6311 NORTH AVENUE SUBSTATION

Greetings Zone 2 Residents! Fall is slowly but surely arriving. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. I had a great time at the many block parties in Zone 2 this past summer. The frigid temperatures will be here soon so if you are planning to escape the weather and go some place warm, please contact me for Vacation House Checks. If you are leaving for the entire winter or just a few days, it is a great service and will put your mind at ease!



Oak Park residents are fortunate to live in a place where property owners really care about the exterior of their houses. With the current real estate market, some home owners have been fortunate and some have not. If there is a home in your neighborhood that appears to be abandoned or is not in compliance with building and property standards please contact me via e-mail or telephone so that I can notify the appropriate department.

Some examples of property standards violations:

- \*Failure to maintain lawn.
- \*Failure to maintain roof or building structure.
- \*Excess garbage or trash around a residence.
- \*Unsanitary conditions.
- \*Too many people living in residence (usually condos).

*Callers can remain anonymous*

## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Recently the Oak Park Police have been disseminating information through mail and emails regarding residential burglaries. In the last few months a rash of residential burglaries has occurred on the North Side of Oak Park. Many homeowners wonder what they can do to be proactive in crime prevention. Most burglary arrests stem from a resident observing a suspicious person. If a resident were to call regarding a suspicious person in the area of their home, the call can be anonymous. Occasionally people do not like to call police for issues that they are "unsure" about. There are many times that we receive calls days later in which a resident feels upset that they did not call regarding a suspicious person. Please note that residents should make a habit of calling on suspicious people. If someone is lingering in your neighborhood and does not live on the block, than it is important for residents to call the police. We must all do our part to make our neighborhoods safe.



Halloween is just around the corner! The Resident Beat Officers want to ensure your child has a fun and safe Halloween. If your child is old enough to Trick or Treat on his/her own, we suggest that the child go with a group. Be sure to wear costumes which do not obstruct your sight. Always inspect candy before kids eat it! Giving your child a cell phone in case of emergencies is always a good idea but remember some phones are advanced so teach them how to use it. Have fun, be safe, and pay attention when crossing the streets!

***NEXT ZONE MEETING: November 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at 6311 North Avenue.***