

Resident Beat Officer:
Zone 7 & 8



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South Side Scoop

Dear business owners and residents,
I wanted to take this time to inform everyone how important it is to get involved with your community. Our department, as well as your neighbors, relies on your involvement to help keep our community safe. If you see any unusual activity, suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately. With the weather getting colder and winter approaching, we tend to stay indoors more. This does not mean we have to close the curtains and hibernate. Please open the shades and help us keep an eye on our streets and neighbors. Especially keep a sharp eye out during school hours to ensure our children that they are being looked out for.

If anyone is interested in being a block captain or contact person, please send me your e-mail address so that I can add you to my master copy. This will just be one of many ways that I can get information to you regarding crime patterns, police safety alerts or any information to ensure a safe quality of life. You would then be responsible for passing this information to your neighbors as instructed.

With the new school year under way and families getting settled in, I would like to remind you that I am available to discuss child safety tips with you and your child. I am currently working the teachers at school to give their class a safety presentation to your children.

Sincerely,
OFFICER JOHN
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DRIVERS URGED TO TAKE EXTRA CARE

With the new school year underway, Oak Park police are urging motorists to stay alert – especially when driving in school zones. Motorists need to stay focused and avoid distractions like talking on cell phones, police say, as well as come to a complete stop at intersections and not stop in crosswalks. Drivers must obey the signals of crossing guards and should never attempt to pass a stopped school bus with lights flashing. To protect the many students en route to their neighborhood schools, police have stepped up their presence with additional enforcement efforts at key crossings and along walking routes. For more information on the Oak Park Police Department's school programs, call 708.386.3800 or e-mail police@oak-park.us.



TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS SET

Official hours for Halloween trick or treating are 3:00pm to 7:00pm on Saturday Oct. 31. Parents should accompany young children, especially after dark, and inspect all treats. Other safety tips include:

- Use make-up instead of masks
- Choose flame-retardant costumes
- Wear light-colored clothing at night or add reflective tape to dark colored costumes
- Give and accept only wrapped and packaged candy
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay
- Stay within your neighborhood and visit only homes you know

For more information on trick-or-treating hours, call 708.358.5670 or e-mail clerk@oak-park.us. For safety information, call 708.445.3300 or 708.386.3800, or e-mail fire@oak-park.us or police@oak-park.us.

Annual fall leaf collection

Oak Parkers who chose to rake their leaves rather than compost them can take advantage of the village's annual fall leaf collection program. Residents will have seven opportunities to have their leaves picked up.

- East Ave. to Harlem's pick up dates are: Oct. 20, 27. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24. Dec. 1.
- East Ave. to Austin's pick up dates are: Oct. 19, 26. Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Rake leaves only, do not park on or near pile of leaves, dampen piles after raking to avoid wind-blown leaves.



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!