



ZONE 2 NEWS

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Greetings Zone 2 Residents! Hopefully you have had a safe and wonderful winter. Spring is finally on the horizon. Please remember to lock your garages, automobiles, and doors. When the weather gets nicer it seems that people are so busy that sometimes they forget. Last year there was an increase in thefts of lawn furniture, flower boxes, and lawn mowers in zone 2. These objects can all be moved in a hurry, so if you can find a way try to secure them. Invest in good locks for your belongings.

SPRING FEVER



Calls involving juveniles always seem to sky rocket during the Spring and Summer months. As the weather improves it is natural that people want to be outside more and more active. Given those factors and general teenage angst, it can seem as if Down Town Oak Park and the parks have been taken over by juveniles. Even though, the weather is nice there are still boundaries that must be set. One example of this is congregations of juveniles that are being loud or rowdy in public places. Anyone who is disturbing the peace is subject to penalties. The Park District of Oak Park has rules and guidelines. Depending on the infraction, the consequences can range from Local Ordinance tickets, arrests, or persons being banned from the park all together. Because there have been so many calls about rowdies in the park, the Community Policing Unit has decided to create a "park mission". This mission will encompass all of the parks in Oak Park. This mission will be to reduce some of the issues we have had in the parks. Please remind your teens to act appropriately in public for their safety and the safety of all of those around them♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦

It is important to remember that given the current condition of the economy it is harder to find employment and that affects the crime rate. Please make sure to report any suspicious people in the alleys or walking from house to house. If you are unsure if a person belongs in the area and do not wish to leave your name, you can leave a suspicious person sighting anonymous.



A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT:

Commander Williams and Sgt. Rygh!!

Commander Williams worked as the Commander of the Second Watch for many years and we are very proud to have him as our new Commander. Sgt. Rygh worked as the Juvenile Detective Unit Sergeant and now brings his expertise to our unit.



Zone 2 Residents have a new edition to their beat at 6311 North Avenue. Finally, the new Substation has been completed. The Substation is located next to The Cash America on North Avenue and Ridgeland. A very special thank you for the generosity of Richard and Marge Blaurock and Bud Andersen who made the substation happen. This is a great opportunity for residents who have questions or concerns to call and make an appointment to meet at the substation. The Substation is a convenient place to meet rather than having to travel all the way to the main station at 123 Madison. Since this Substation will not be manned 24 hours a day please make sure and call me at 708/606-1936 or if I am not working 708/386-6400 for non-emergency matters.

The next Zone 2 meeting will be held on April 8th, 2009 at 6311 North Avenue at 7:00 P.M.