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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Beat 1



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Slow Down: Speeding Endangers Lives

July 23rd was Speed Awareness Day in Illinois where area police departments were taking increased measures to combat speeding violations. Speeding is a leading cause of accidents and fatalities on our roads. Driving too fast reduces your reaction time, making it harder to respond to unexpected situations. It also increases the severity of crashes, leading to more serious injuries or fatalities. Speeding can cause you to lose control of your vehicle, especially on curves or in bad weather. Driver's stopped for speeding can be cited which can result in fines or jail time depending on the severity. Speeding puts everyone at risk—drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Remember, it's better to arrive late than not at all. Slow down and save lives!

Beat 2



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School Drop Off Zone Tips

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school



Beat 3



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Beat 4



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Back to School SAFETY TIPS

For Students

- Stay alert and walk attentively, no using electronic devices or earbuds while walking.
- Only walk on sidewalks and crosswalks, look both ways before you cross a road.
- Walk 10 feet ahead of a bus if crossing in front of it.
- If riding a bike to school, use safety gear and ride on the right side of the road and in single file.

For Drivers

- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing at a crosswalk or intersection.
- Never go around a school bus with its lights on and stop sign out.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Drive carefully and stay alert at school zones.



AUGUST IS MEDICALERT AWARENESS MONTH

Not all medical bracelets are created equal and that's why August has been designated as MedicAlert Awareness Month.

Are you a diabetic? Are you allergic to penicillin? Do you require certain life-saving medication in an emergency? Do you wish to invoke a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order under certain situations? If you answered yes to any of those question, MedicAlert can tell the doctors caring for you what they need to know.

A medical ID can save precious time in diagnosing the reason for the emergency. It can also clue doctors in on any allergies the wearer has before administering medication or first aid. In an emergency, you may be unable to speak for yourself. A MedicAlert bracelet speaks for you – and may well make the difference in saving your life.

MedicAlert Foundation

The MedicAlert Foundation has been around for over sixty years. In 1953, 14-year-old Linda Collins of Turlock, California cut her finger badly and had to go to the hospital. During a skin test at the hospital (standard procedure), Linda went into anaphylactic shock and nearly died. Motivated by her brush with death, Linda thought up the concept of the silver bracelet, with the medical symbol on one side, special medical instructions on the other. Linda and her father, a doctor, sent the design to a jeweler in San Francisco who designed the first MedicAlert bracelet.

MedicAlert also works in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association, has a national "emergency response service" for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia, at risk of becoming lost. If you're interested in getting a Medic Alert bracelet for yourself or a family member, contact the Medic Alert Foundation at [MedicAlert.org](https://www.MedicAlert.org).



School starts Aug 11th

August Back-to-School Month

Heat Exhaustion

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

Dizziness

Thirst

*Heavy
Sweating*

Nausea

Weakness



Heat Stroke

ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Confusion

Dizziness

*Becomes
Unconscious*

Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.



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Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!



School is back in session starting August 11th. Please be aware of students going to and from school.

KNOW WHEN TO **STOP** FOR FLASHING LIGHTS.

**It's Not A Suggestion,
It's The Law.**



TWO LANE ROADS:

Motorists traveling in BOTH directions must stop for a school bus with flashing amber/red lights.

FOUR OR MORE LANE ROADS:

Motorists traveling behind the school bus must stop. Motorists approaching the school bus from the opposite direction do not have to stop.

- ♦ Walkers should know their route before school starts (take a “test walk” with your child).
- ♦ Bus riders should stay in bus stop area and never play while waiting for the bus.
- ♦ Make sure your child knows the dangers of talking to strangers - be alert for anyone hanging around a bus stop or following your student on their route to and from school.
- ♦ Watch for school buses. Flashing red lights indicate the bus is stopping to load or unload children.
- ♦ State law requires motorists to stop and NOT attempt to pass while lights are flashing.





Streamwood Community



Summer Celebration recap, thanks all who came out for a great weekend!



Officers G. O'Keefe, Robertson, and Cabrera seeking shelter from the storm



K9s Scout and Hope braved the heat for the kids





Community Events



Officers Miljan and Juan & Sgt. Bradtke attended The Streamwood Park District's unplug Illinois at Commissioners Park where kids turn off the electronics and get outside



D.A.R.E. Officers Ed and Juan attended Bartlett's touch a truck event on July 12th.





Community Events



Detective Haden and Officers Juan and Ed attended U-46's Enriching Partnerships of Early Learning program at Sunnydale school.



McDonald's partnered with SPD for their annual Cookie with a Cop and Backpack give away on July 30th.





Officer Rachael Gravedoni



August's Spotlight Employee of the Month is Officer Rachael Gravedoni, who has been with the department for 8 years. Officer Gravedoni is currently assigned to a day shift patrol team and is a member of the Major Case Assistance Team.

The Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) is a multi-jurisdictional team consisting of several agencies that assist in homicide and other significant investigations. MCAT is made up of highly skilled investigators who bring a broad knowledge and expertise base to the team. As a result of her hard work and dedication, Officer Gravedoni has been assigned as an MCAT Field Supervisor. Commander Wojtowicz described her as extremely reliable and as someone who represents the Village in a positive and professional manner.

Officer Gravedoni is being recognized for her professionalism and dedication to serving the citizens of Streamwood, and she deserves to be recognized as "One of Streamwood's Finest"!



Social Services Agency Spotlight



JOURNEYS | The Road Home is a non-profit agency that provides shelter, social services, and housing to people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. JOURNEYS assesses and serves its clients, while broadening community awareness and involvement. The agency consists of PADS Shelters, The HOPE Center supportive services, and Pathways Housing Readiness, providing comprehensive care and support for people in need.



The HOPE Center is a resource center that provides free services to the homeless & those at risk of becoming homeless. Services include food pantry, laundry and shower facilities, mailbox, transportation assistance, and case management which covers job counseling, mental health counseling, housing counseling, housing assistance, and healthcare and legal referrals. This is where people register to use emergency shelters in the area and a family nurse practitioner offers free healthcare on Thursdays and can help accessing prescriptions

New clients should plan to arrive before 3 PM M–F to complete an intake.



Provide safe, overnight shelter and support services to people who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in the Northern & Northwest suburbs of Chicago.

PADS Shelters are closed for the season and will reopen October 1st.

On-Site Shelter: This program helps people who have higher barriers to housing stability or have difficulty accessing PADS Shelters. These reasons might include, but are not limited to mental health/behavioral issues, physical disabilities, and substance use disorders.

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