

BROADVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Outreach Program Bureau

POLICE WATCH



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Newsletter

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Broadview Celebrates Centennial with style

On July 26th, after months of planning, the Village of Broadview came together as never before, to celebrate the Village's 100th anniversary.

Along the parade route, scores of proud Broadview residents and business owners stood waving and cheering, as the massive Centennial parade dominated Roosevelt Road for over 45 minutes.

Following the parade, at least a thousand people weathered the humidity to enjoy great food, music and other entertainment at the Family Fun Fest. As always, Broadview Police and Fire stood

ready to assure that attendees remained safe and comfortable. We were honored to be part of this historic event, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



National Night Out

On August 5th, residents will gather together under the stars with their Police and Fire Department for our first annual Public Safety National Night Out.

The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NATW's National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August.



This year's event will be a Family Movie Night in the Park, where we will feature Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson in **The Tooth Fairy**. The film will begin at 8:30pm, but feel free to arrive a bit earlier to meet with public safety officers and let your kids explore the Police and Fire Vehicles, which will be on hand just across the street at the Fire Department. Popcorn will be served, but please bring your own refreshments (alcohol is prohibited). Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended, as seating will be on the ball field. We look forward to seeing you there and as always, we look forward to a strong collaborative effort as we fight crime together, in our great village.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Neighborhood Watch Needs YOU!

Broadview Neighborhood Watch meets at the Village Hall on the last Friday of every month, 7pm. See you there.

See current Broadview crime events at:

CRIMEMAPPING.com

Receive emergency text alerts:



Anonymous Crime Tips can be sent to: cops@broadview-il.gov

Dial **911** for Emergencies and 345-6550 for non-emergency Police assistance



Life-changing opportunities for Broadview kids...

The Broadview Police Department is proud to announce that we have joined with the Fire Department to form a "Public Safety" Explorer group. This program is for children and young adults 14-21 years of age, who wish to Explore a career in public safety (Law Enforcement or Fire Services/Paramedic). Exploring provides the unique opportunity for young people to spend time with Broadview Public Safety professionals in the classroom and on the job.

This combination of monthly training, public service, and social events, keeps Explorers engaged and enthusiastic, while providing a fun and safe environment for learning. This is a great first step toward a rewarding career serving others.

For more information, contact Police Sgt. Tom Kostka at tkostka@broadview-il.gov or Firefighter Tracy Kenny at tkenny@broadview-il.gov



Broadview Boy Scout Pack #92 Visits the Police Department

On July 22nd, members of Broadview's new Boy Scout Pack #92 visited the Police Department for a tour. While they were here, we discussed some of things that make Scouts similar to law enforcement professionals, such as: Strength of character, service to others, and honesty. We also all wear uniforms which display unity of purpose and common goals. Hosting groups like this, gives us an opportunity to connect with the community and break down barriers that existed in the past.

Thanks to Boy Scout Pack#92 for coming out and spending the evening with us. It was a pleasure meeting all of these fine young men and the adults who lead them. You're welcome to return any time.



Crime Alert - Vehicle Burglaries

We have continued to experience an increase in vehicle burglaries throughout most of the village. **In July, almost every case involved unlocked car doors**; the vehicles were either parked on the street or in driveways, but all the offenders needed to do was try the door handle.

In response to this increase, officers have been asked to heighten their awareness when it comes to suspicious people, and vehicles that are parked and occupied.

Two subjects have been identified in a string of recent car burglaries in neighboring towns. In coming days, our Detectives will speak with these individuals, and determine whether or not they are responsible for any of the crimes in Broadview.



Please remember to lock your car doors when you park your vehicle, and make sure to remove or conceal valuables. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please don't hesitate to call the police department and let us check it out. Your call may be what we've been waiting for, and your neighbors are counting on you when they're not around.