

October 1, 2012

Fall Edition



TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Watch

We Want You!

Please tell others you may know about our program. We are always looking for other block captains to join our cause. The Hampton Glen, Fairoaks, Turtle Creek, Spring Valley and Meadowbrooke subdivisions are represented. We are looking for someone to represent other areas in town. Responsibilities would include: Gathering emails, phone numbers of those in your neighborhood (flyers) , attending watch meetings, and disseminating information from the meetings to your neighbors. Help us make an impact within your community! Contact Sgt. Bob Radosevich for additional information, bradosevich@troypolice.us.



Mark Your Calendars for the Next Meeting

When: October 23, 2012

Where: Troy City Hall, 116 E. Market St.

CODE RED

The Madison County Board has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System. It is an ultra-high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system will allow telephone calls to be made to targeted areas of the County in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (i.e. chemical spill, missing child, evacuation notices). Contact the Madison County EMA office (618/692-0537), Monday through Friday, (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) to register over the phone, or you may register online at www.troyil.us.

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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO:

	Police	[618] 667-6731 x5 Non-Emergency Number
	Fire	[618] 667-6722 Non-Emergency Number
	911	As usual, any emergency that is life-threatening should be reported by dialing 9-1-1.



Halloween Trick or Treating Safety Tips



The Troy Police Department would like to take this opportunity to wish all a happy and safe Halloween. Please take a moment to review the following safety tips to help ensure a safe Halloween for all of our junior GOST AND GOBLINS!

- ◆ Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- ◆ Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within the Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- ◆ Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- ◆ When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant.
- ◆ Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- ◆ Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- ◆ Plan ahead to use only battery powered lanterns or chemical light-sticks in place of candles in decorations and costumes.
- ◆ Teach children their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free from any phone.
- ◆ Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.
- ◆ Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.

Remind Trick-or-Treaters:

- ◆ By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
- ◆ Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
- ◆ Only trick-or-treat in well known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
- ◆ Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- ◆ If no sidewalk is available, walk at the furthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- ◆ Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- ◆ Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- ◆ Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- ◆ Always walk, never run across a street..
- ◆ Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks.
- ◆ Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- ◆ Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will.
- ◆ Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that may be offered.
- ◆ No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
- ◆ Law Enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

DATE/HOURS

October 31, 2012

6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Fall “to-do” List Regarding Local Wildlife

A possum, raccoon or other critter could damage your property and threaten your health and safety if it seeks shelter in your home. Add the following projects to your fall to-do list to keep local wildlife from moving in.

- Inspect your home’s exterior for openings animals could use as entry points. These might include vents, damaged shingles, holes in siding and gaps where different building materials meet. Large holes should be permanently repaired or covered with a chew-resistant solid material or screen, such as ½-inch hardware cloth. Fill smaller gaps or cracks with caulk, mortar, expandable foam or steel wool.
- Cover your chimney with a chimney cap.

- Top window wells with grates or plastic covers.
- Trim tree branches that overhang rooflines.
- Repair or replace damaged fascia or soffit boards.
- Repair or replace damaged windows or doors.
- Eliminate food sources. Cover compost bins and store pet food indoors. Secure trash can lids with locks or cables.
- Keep gutters clean and remove debris piles from your lawn. Store material such as firewood off the ground; stack to minimize openings. Before repairing or sealing possible entries, make sure an animal hasn’t already made itself at home. Inspect

chimney flues and attics for clues such as droppings. Stuff holes loosely with paper or sprinkle powder outside openings, and then return after a few days of calm weather. If the paper and powder are undisturbed, make any necessary repairs. If there are signs of activity, call a professional to have the animal safely removed.



Prevent Theft—Close Garage Doors

The Troy Police has seen a rise in the issuance of Courtesy Notices which have been issued throughout the community. Officers might leave a notice at your door or on your car. Garages are a common entry point for burglars. Open garage doors serve to advertise your belongings to passersby, which

increases the likelihood of theft. Homeowners should make sure their garage door remain closed anytime they are not present. Garden tools, lawn equipment, and gasoline are attractive items for thieves looking to steal. If you believe you have become a victim of theft from your garage or

home, do not touch anything and contact the police department as soon as possible (667-6731).

- ◆ *Prepare*
- ◆ *Prevent*
- ◆ *Protect*

Prescription Drug Drop-off Box (located in lobby at TPD)



There's a reason that prescription drugs are intended to be taken under the direction of a doctor: if used improperly they can be dangerous. Teens are making the decision to abuse prescription medicines based on misinformation. In fact, many people think that abusing prescription drugs is safer than abusing illicit drugs such as heroin. As the facts will tell you, prescription drugs can have dangerous short- and long-term health consequences when used incorrectly or by someone other than for whom they were intended. Read the entire article at: http://teens.drugabuse.gov/facts/facts_rx1.php

Citizens Police Academy

Have you ever wanted a better understanding of law enforcement functions and the criminal justice system that the Troy Police operate under? Come join us for the first session which starts in October, 2012. For more information, contact Lt. Brent Shownes at the police department or via email: bshownes@troypolice.us.

- ◆ **What is the CPA?** It is a program that provides residents and business owners with an overview of the law enforcement functions of the Troy Police Department and the criminal justice system we operate in. Through classroom and hands on instruction, the students will learn what it is like to be a police officer in Troy.
- ◆ **When is the CPA?** The class will begin on a date to be determined yet in October and continue for the following 6 weeks. We will meet every Tuesday from 6:30PM-9PM.
- ◆ **Where is the CPA held?** Classes will be held in the City of Troy training room (depending on availability).
- ◆ **What will I learn at the CPA?** Some sample topics are: Tour of the police facility, Hiring process, Patrol Operations, Crime Scene Processing, Traffic and Criminal Law, DUI, Police K9 Demonstrations, Firearms & Weapons.
- ◆ **Who teaches the class?** The majority of instructors are Troy Police Department Officers. There may be a few guest speakers from outside agencies
- ◆ **Who can apply for the CPA?** The CPA is a free program open to residents of the community 21 years of age and older. The class is limited to 20 students.
- ◆ **How can I apply for the CPA?** All that is required is a completed application. Applications are available at the Troy Police Department or on the website: <http://www.troyil.us>.
- ◆ **How will I know if I am granted a seat?** You will be contacted approximately 2 weeks prior to the start of the CPA



TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Troy Police Department
Citizen Police Academy

Participation Permit Application / Promise To Release

Please Print:

Full Name of Participant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Employer: _____

Reason For Applying:

NOTE: A background check will be conducted on each applicant. The Troy Police Department reserves the right to deny entry in the Academy based on the findings of the background check.



TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

In consideration of the benefits that I will receive from my participation in the Troy Police Department Citizens Police Academy, I do hereby release the City of Troy, its police officers, public officials, agents and employees from any liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of actions which I may hereafter have on account of any and all injuries or damages to me or to my property, or my death, arising out of or related to any happening or occurrence while I am participating in the academy class. For the same consideration, I also agree to forever hold the city of Troy and said persons harmless from any and all such liabilities, claims, demands, actions or causes of actions. The terms thereof shall be in full force and effect during the period of my participation in the Troy Police Department Police Citizens Academy.

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____

Please mail, email, fax or drop off completed applications before Friday, September 7th. Return applications to:

Troy Police Department
116 East Market St.
Troy, IL 62294
ATTN: Lt. Brent Shownes
Ph: (618) 667-6731 Fax: (618) 667-6493
Email: bshownes@troypolice.us

Daylight Savings Time November 4, 2012, 2:00 AM

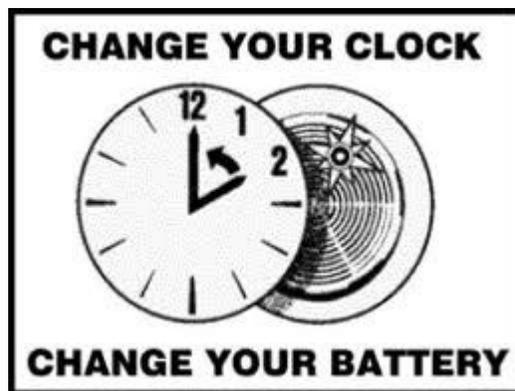
Fire officials are urging residents to use the return of daylight saving time today as a reminder to change the batteries on their smoke and carbon monoxide monitors.

Home fire deaths occur every three hours, and 66 percent of those deaths occur in homes that don't have working smoke alarms due to worn out or missing batteries, officials said. A working fire alarm greatly increases your chances of surviving a fire.

Smoke detectors should be placed on every level of your home and outside bedrooms.

They should be tested monthly, and batteries should never be removed for use in other items or to prevent the alarm sounding due to cooking smoke or shower steam. Instead, push the "hush" button, turn on the kitchen fan, open a window or wave a towel near the alarm until it stops making a sound.

Most smoke alarms need a new battery at least once a year. Smoke alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced.



(<http://www.almanacnews.com>)



Vehicle Burglary—A Crime of Opportunity

Vehicle Burglary is most often a crime of opportunity. Our own carelessness is often causing our vehicles to be broken into as well as stolen; however, you can minimize your chances of being a victim by taking away the opportunity.

Here are some tips to remember:

- LOCK your vehicle and take the keys
- PARK carefully in well lighted areas
- USE anti-theft devices
- CLEAN it out; do not leave anything in it
- REMOVE the garage door opener
- UTILIZE your garage to park in, if possible
- MARK it; use an engraver to mark property
- REPORT suspicious activity or persons to the Troy Police Department at 667-6731, for crimes in progress call 9-1-1.



Lock up:

- An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up when you leave your car, and take the keys with you.
- Lock the trunk or tailgate.
- Close all windows – professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings.
- Be sure vent or wind-wing windows are shut tight and locked.
- Lock your car even if you are making a quick stop at the gas station, convenience store or mini-mall.
- At night, park in well-lit areas with lots of people around when out running errands.
- Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, this makes it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

Items to avoid leaving in your vehicle and/or view:

- Cellular phones and chargers
- Pagers
- Cd's
- Purses/briefcases
- Wallets
- Back packs
- Clothing
- Laptops/cameras
- Sports equipment/tools
- Removable stereos including the removable face plates



Helpful Safety Links

A parents guide to internet safety:

<http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide>

Email scams and Warnings:

<http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/e-scams>

Internet Fraud:

http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud/internet_fraud

Protect your computer:

http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/computer_protect

Common Fraud Schemes:

<http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud>

Safety tips for wi-fi users:

<http://www.dirjournal.com/internet-journal/fbi-safety-tips-for-wi-fi-users/>

Illinois Sex Offender Registration:

<http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/>

Netsmart Workshop:

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>

Cyber Bullying:

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Cyberbullying>



If we cannot find you, we cannot help you. Make sure your house has **VISIBLE** numbers. Put the numbers on the mailbox and / or house if not already there.



City of Troy Burning Ordinance

- (1) Outdoor burning shall be allowed only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in containers located not less than 20 feet from any building or structure on private property only, except that the city may conduct outdoor leaf burning which shall be supervised by an officer or employee of the city and in compliance with the requirements set forth herein.
- (2) Outdoor burning shall include only landscape waste, which excludes grass and grass clippings, and shall further exclude burning of any trash, garbage, other disposables or any other materials of any nature whatsoever.
- (3) Outdoor leaf burning which is permitted under this subchapter may be prohibited at any time when, in the opinion of the appropriate official and Mayor or Chief of Police of the city or of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, atmospheric conditions are such that open leaf burning would prove harmful to the health of the citizens of the city.

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TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT PREMISE ALERT PROGRAM NOTIFICATION



On August 28, 2009, the Illinois Premise Alert Program (Public Act 96-0788) was enacted, allowing individuals with special needs or disabilities and the guardians of individuals with special needs or disabilities to provide personal information to Public Safety Agencies in the State of Illinois for emergency dissemination to police, fire, and EMS personnel.

The Troy Police Department has embraced this new safety program, as it is designed to enhance police and fire services to those Troy residents who have disabilities or special needs by providing first responders with vital information about individuals at specific addresses. This could be a lifesaver for people who may suffer from Alzheimer's disease, blindness, paralysis, or autism.

The information provided to first responders for the Illinois Premise Alert Program is stored in a police department maintained, secure database. The information in the database can be provided to first responders via our 9-1-1 telephone operators prior to arrival at the scene.

This program allows families and medical personnel to voluntarily provide information about their special circumstances, free of charge. Residents wishing to participate in this program should contact the Troy Police Department at (618) 667-6731 for details or fill out the attached notification form.

Individuals may also complete the required Premise Alert Program Notification Form found at www.troyil.us. Once the form is printed out and completed, interested parties may either fax the form to (618) 667-6493 or mail the form to the address provided below.

**Troy Police Department
Attn: P.A.P. Program
116 E. Market Street
Troy, IL 62294**

Prior to signing the completed form, please make sure you have read the bullet points on the notification form and fully understand the expectations.



TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PREMISE ALERT PROGRAM NOTIFICATION



New
 Change Information
 Remove Information
 Renew

Please Print Legibly.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: ___ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____

Residential Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Place of Employment (if applicable): _____

Work Address: _____

Special Needs Information (check one):
 Medical (disability)
 Hazard
 Information

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please read, sign, and date the following agreement.

- I, the citizen, in completing and submitting this form, understand that information about my special needs will be placed on file with the Troy Police Department Communications Center and will enable emergency personnel to recognize that my call may require special handling. My information will remain confidential and will be used only by Troy Police Department personnel, as conforms to Illinois Public Act 96-0788.
- The provision of special needs information will be kept on file for no longer than two (2) years. If any of the above information changes, I am responsible for notifying the Troy Police Department Communications Center by filing out and submitting an amended request form.
- The provision of special needs information will not result in preferential treatment.
- The information will automatically expire two (2) years from the date it is received by the Troy Police Department. I must renew the form prior to the expiration date if I want the information to remain in the database.
- By signing and submitting this request form, I hereby give my permission for my name and phone number to be released to the emergency and law enforcement agency mentioned above. I understand this information will remain confidential and used only by the police, fire, EMS, and 9-1-1 personnel who serve the City of Troy.

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

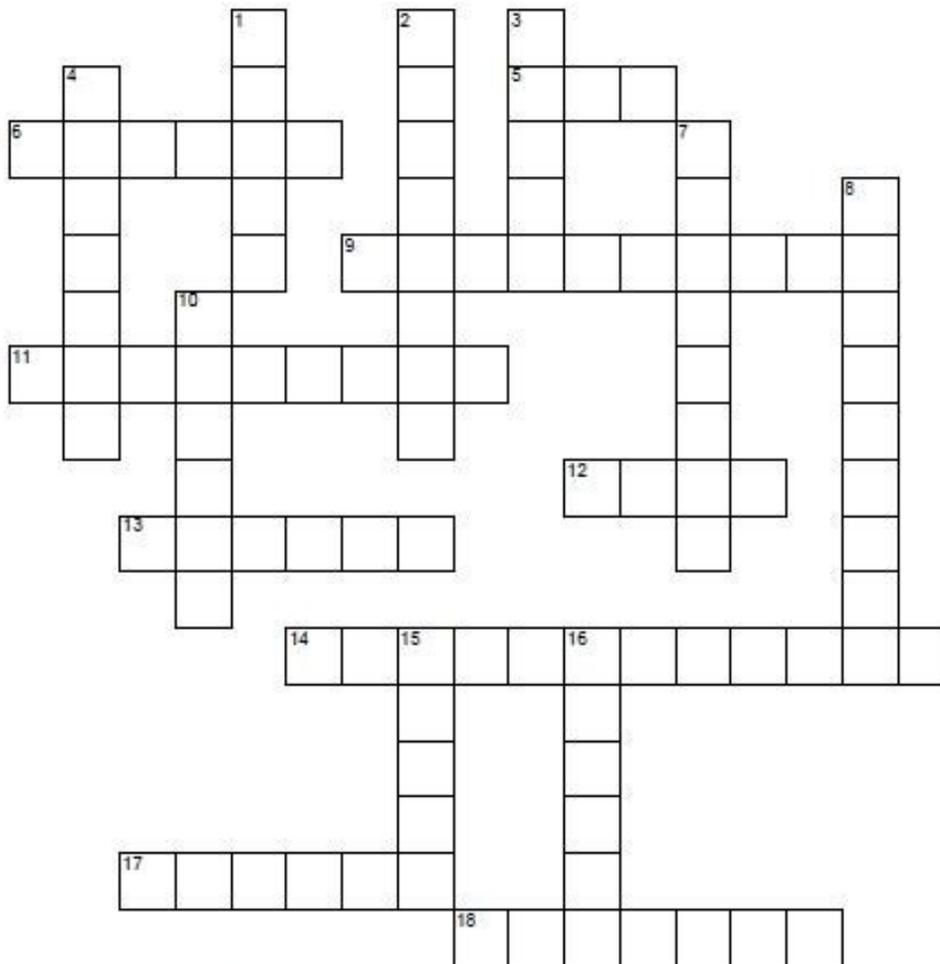
Return completed form to: Troy Police Department, 116 E. Market St., Troy, IL 62294

Autumn Word Search

See if you can find the hidden words associated with the fall season.

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R	P	L	B	S	G	Z	P	Z	B	E	D	Q	E	B	Q	Q	BACKSCHOOL
A	D	O	Y	A	E	S	R	A	E	J	X	H	F	V	G	J	BEAUTY
N	E	O	Y	A	C	E	E	T	A	Y	T	N	U	O	B	L	BOUNTY
G	C	C	N	C	B	K	R	P	U	U	Z	E	K	S	T	A	CHANGE
E	I	J	I	O	Z	R	T	T	T	A	X	K	J	R	H	E	COLORS
M	D	T	T	H	Z	S	E	O	Y	E	M	P	G	O	A	Z	COOL
V	U	C	Y	V	E	X	A	B	S	A	M	O	P	L	N	S	DECIDUOUS
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X	U	Z	S	E	S	G	M	F	L	E	H	X	E	C	S	V	FOLIAGE
C	S	O	K	V	L	U	N	L	R	S	V	O	I	R	G	A	FROST
I	N	J	L	F	T	L	A	A	D	O	M	O	O	X	I	E	HALLOWEEN
N	L	Y	Q	U	B	F	O	O	H	U	S	R	N	L	V	L	HARVEST
E	N	F	A	L	U	T	O	W	R	C	A	T	A	N	I	Z	LEAVES
C	H	A	L	L	O	W	E	E	N	R	A	T	U	R	N	Z	NOVEMBER
S	U	X	I	W	S	G	D	B	U	U	X	M	O	T	G	G	OCTOBER
X	T	S	E	V	R	A	H	Z	T	R	A	K	E	I	T	G	ORANGE

Autumn



<http://cyberdash-kids.com> Cyberdash Kids

ACROSS

- 5 First color of a rainbow
- 6 Thanksgiving gobbler
- 9 Horn of plenty
- 11 Sleep for the winter
- 12 Color changing season
- 13 Buttery color
- 14 Holiday with a feast
- 17 Pumpkin color
- 18 Reap and gather

DOWN

- 1 Tallest plants
- 2 What shivering birds do
- 3 Dirty color
- 4 Halloween gourd
- 7 Super Bowl sport
- 8 Scary holiday
- 10 Goes
- 15 Fruit you bob for
- 16 World Cup sport