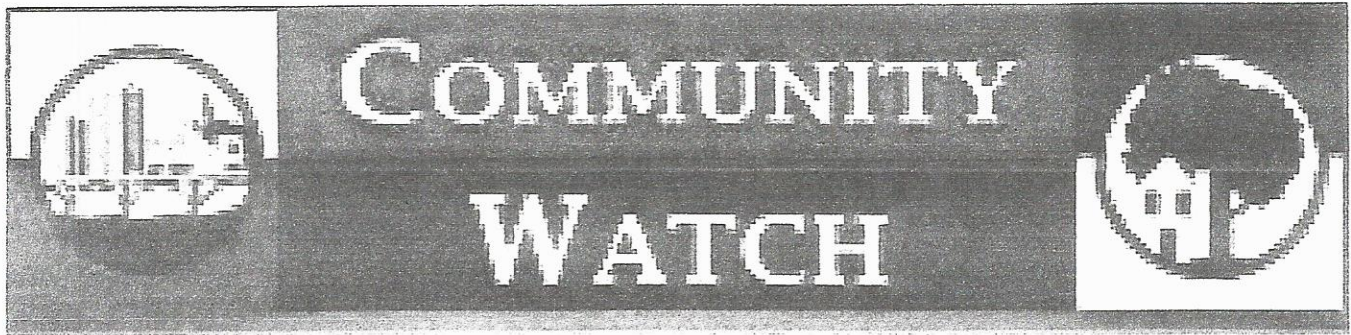


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Eyes and Ears of the Community

“Community is not just about ME it’s about US”

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DATE: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 **GUESTS:** Edison School Choir
TIME: 6:30PM Linda Levan, *Identity Theft Specialist*
PLACE: Edison School, 7025 Madison Sgt John Muta, *Hammond Police Dept*

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- NEVER shop alone
- DO NOT put gifts in your car and go back shopping – this is an invitation for thieves.
- NEVER leave your purse unattended
- BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS when returning to your car with an armful of gifts.
- If you suspect someone is following you, don’t go directly home. Drive to the nearest police or fire station or to a well-lighted, populated area for help.
- Be courteous to your Holiday visitors or even the mailman and SHOVEL YOUR SIDEWALKS!!!
- NEVER leave your holiday lights on if you are not home.
- NEVER leave decorative candles unattended. The best way to avoid a fire is to be cautious.
- DISPOSE of gift-wrappings immediately to prevent small children from putting the wrappings in their mouth and choking.
- DO NOT put a whole computer or TV box in the trash. Break the box down. A computer or TV box in the trash is an invitation for a thief to break in your home and get your NEW computer or TV.
- ALWAYS call 911 in case of an emergency

WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE

- Shop secure websites only. Use only merchants you know and trust.
- Use a prepaid credit card if possible. Avoid using a debit card to make purchases online because debit cards are tied to your bank account.

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