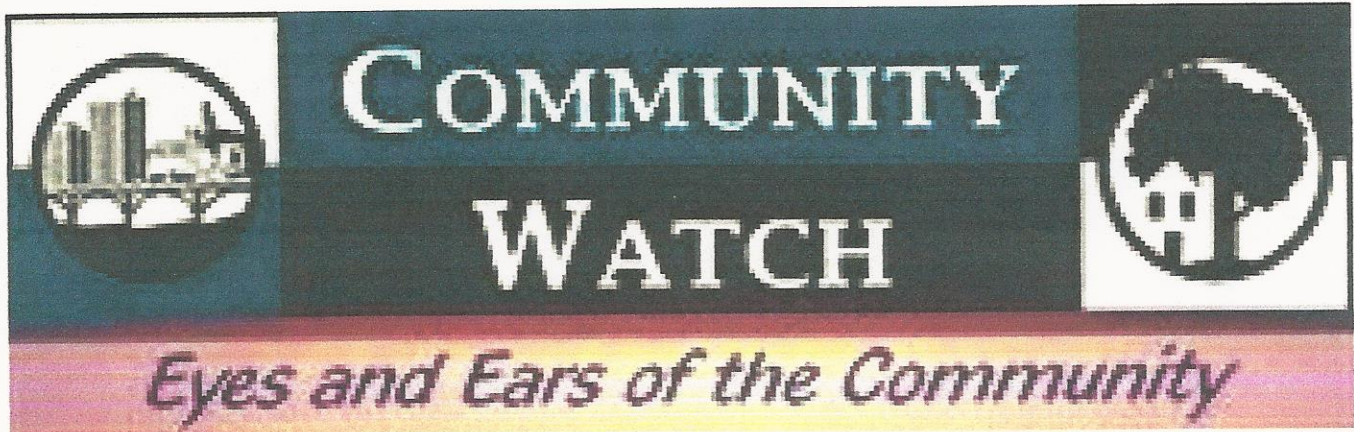


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“Community is not just about ME it’s about US”

DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2013

GUESTS: Linda Gurgel, *IN Attorney General Outreach Services*

TIME: 6:30PM

Katie Goodrich, *Gavit H.S. Senior/Times Columnist*

PLACE: Edison School
7025 Madison

Sgt. John Muta, *Hammond Police Dept*

Shopping Safety Tips

Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member and park in a well-lit area

- Dress casually and comfortably
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible
- Always carry your driver’s license or identification along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible
- Keep cash in your front pocket
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused
- Keep a home record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home
- Be careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, con-artists may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings

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