

# EDISON

## COMMUNITY WATCH

*Eyes and Ears of the Community*

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

DATE: Wednesday, September 1, 2010

GUESTS: Frank Mrvan, North Township Trustee

TIME: 6:30PM

Sgt. John Muta, Hammond Police Dept

PLACE: Edison School

7025 Madison

### THINGS CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES

- Where they can and cannot go in the neighborhood. Make sure your children know whose home they are allowed to visit without you.
- Children of all ages should know their name, address, telephone number, how to use a telephone and how to dial “911” in case of an emergency. If you have a cell phone, make sure your child has that number too. Teach your children to call a designated “back-up” family member or trusted friend if they are unable to reach you.
- The same safety rules apply as children get older, including the use of a “buddy system” and letting you know where they are at all times.
- ALWAYS keep the door locked when home alone and **NOT** to open the door for anyone. Make sure your child knows not to tell anyone who calls or comes to the door that they are home alone.
- Make sure your child knows adults **DO NOT** need to ask children for directions or for help finding a puppy or kitten. Teach your child that it is okay to be suspicious of an adult who seems too friendly.
- Just because someone knows their name doesn’t mean your child should trust that person.
- It’s okay for your child to trust their instincts. If someone approaches them or tries to take them away, they should yell “this is not my mother/father!”

**GENTLY USED COATS WANTED:** Please bring your donation to our meeting

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**Janet Venecz**

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