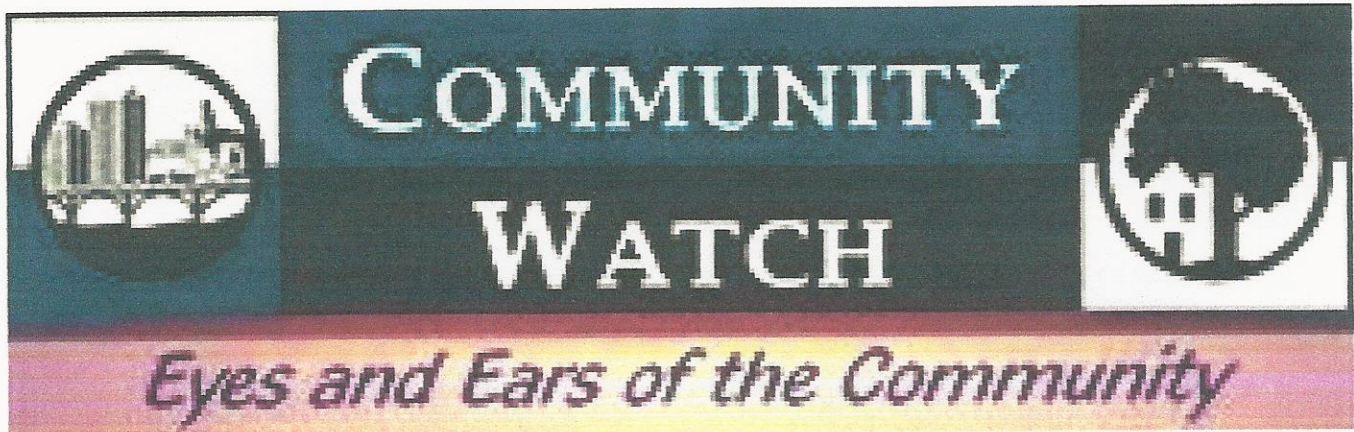


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“Community is not just about ME it’s about US”

DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

TIME: 6:30PM

PLACE: Edison School
7025 Madison

GUESTS: Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr

12 Year Old Optimist Baseball Bulldogs

Sgt. John Muta, Hammond Police Dept

GYPSY SCAM INFORMATION

Typically these scam artists prey on the elderly, particularly at the beginning of the month when social security or pension checks are distributed and cashed. Incidents in Hammond have described the men as Hispanic looking, black hair and brown eyes. They pose as tree cutters, Nipsco employees, water department employees or an occupation that might allow them entry to your home by giving a reason to work on your home. There are generally three men – one to drive a van or station wagon (with Illinois plates), one to distract you at the front door and one to enter the back door to take your money or valuables. They use walkie talkies to communicate with each other and DO NOT carry proper identification.

TIPS TO AVOID BEING SCAMMED

- Keep your outside screen door locked
- If you are not sure of someone’s identity, DO NOT open your door and immediately call 911
- If a subject says they are from a utility service (Nipsco AT&T, etc) ask for identification. If proper identification is not presented call 911
- If you feel something is not right, DO NOT let the subject in your home. Close your door and call the police
- Watch out when leaving your bank with cash. If you see or feel anything suspicious drive to a well lit or busy area and call 911
- Tell your neighbors and friends about scams and keep an eye on the seniors in your neighborhood

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