

RVN Neighborhood Watch

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Welcome to Roscoe Village Neighbors.

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Upcoming Events

February 14

RVN Board Meeting

@ Four Treys7pm

March 1

RVN Neighborhood Watch

@ Audubon School.....7pm

March 16

CAPS Meeting

@ 2452 W Belmont7pm

Roscoe Village Neighbors is hosting a Neighborhood Watch

Meeting: Save the Date for Thursday, March 1 at 7pm at Audubon Elementary School. Agenda and more details will be coming soon.

Contact us at roscoevillageneighbors@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or have other immediate questions.

Topic: How do I stay safe when walking around Roscoe Village?

Please keep these general tips in mind when traveling anywhere, including Roscoe Village:

- Avoid walking alone. Remember the saying 'safety in numbers.' If you can walk with someone else, even during part of your trip, do so.
- Keep to well-lit, populated streets. Avoid walking through alleys.
- Avoid taking public transportation alone late at night if possible.
- Be aware of those around you.
- **Put your phone away.** Not only can your phone be a target, but it inhibits your ability to pay attention to your surroundings.
- You are more important than your belongings. Should you be approached by someone who demands your bag, wallet, phone, etc. - give it to them.
- Call 911 if you feel threatened or need to file an incident report.

Important Numbers

Emergency Hotline: **911**

Non-Emergencies – including graffiti removal:..... **311**

Anonymous tip line – text from your cellphone:

TXT2TIP

19th District Police Station:

312-744-8320

Alderman Waguespack:

773-248-1330

Alderman Pawar:

773-868-4747

Parents' Guide to Social Networking Sites

There are many social networking websites that have become an online craze for teens and for many adults. You've probably also heard some stories about how criminals are surfing these pages for their next targets, or how teens are having their identities stolen after posting too much information online.

Social networking sites are not inherently dangerous, and if it is safely used it can be a great creative outlet for young people and a way to get them excited about technology. However, many young people are sharing too much information online and aren't aware that anyone with an Internet connection can view it - even criminals, employers, teachers, their school nemesis, and you.

Talk to your kids about the risks.

- Explain that online information and images can live forever. It can be very hard and sometimes impossible to take down information that is posted, and photos and information may already have been copied and posted elsewhere.
- Tell your children not to post any identifying information online. This includes their cell phone number, address, hometown, school name, and anything else that a stranger could use to locate them.
- Explain that anyone in the world can access what they post online. Tell your children that some college admissions boards and employers are checking social networking sites before they admit students or hire people.
- Remind your children never to give out their passwords to anyone but you – not even their friends. Explain that if someone has their password, they could post embarrassing and unsafe information about them on their personal pages and even pose as your children to talk to other people.
- Make sure that children understand that some people they meet online may not be who they say they are. Explain that on the Internet many people are not truthful about their identity and may even pretend to be someone else. It's important to stress that young people should never meet people face-to-face that they met online.



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- Go online with your children and have them show you all of their personal profiles. Ask to see some of their friends' profiles too. If they have a blog or share photos online, ask to see them too.
- Treat your children's online activities like you do their offline ones. Ask questions about what they do, who their friends are, and if they have made any new friends.
- Set clear rules that you can all agree on regarding what your children are allowed to do online. Make sure you decide if your children are allowed to post photos of themselves and open accounts without your permission.
- Have your children tell you if they ever see anything online that makes them uncomfortable. Make sure they understand that you won't blame them.

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