

# BlockCaptain

## QUARTERLY

*A publication for St. Louis Park Block Captains.*

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### Winter 2011:

Happy New Year everyone! In this issue of the Block Captain Quarterly, you will find information about upcoming events in 2011 along with reminders on snow removal and how to avoid having your vehicle towed during a snow emergency.

Also included is information on how to become a member of one of the city's many boards and the Police Advisory Commission. Upcoming important dates are all inside this edition of the Block Captain Quarterly.

### Spring Neighborhood Surveys:

Residents in the following neighborhoods will receive a postcard invitation to fill out an online survey from the police department this spring. Neighborhoods included in the Spring Survey are: Lake Forest, Fern Hill, Triangle, Sorensen, Lenox, Bronx Park and Birchwood.

Please take the time to fill out your survey when you receive the notification. Please encourage your neighbors to fill one out too. We appreciate your feedback!

### Meet the new SLPPD Community Outreach Officer, Ken Sysko



**Hello everyone, it is a pleasure to be appointed Community Outreach Officer for the SLPPD. I have been with the department for three plus years and am excited to work in a greater capacity with individuals and the community as a whole.**

### 2011 Citizen's Police Academy!

No classes are scheduled at this time, we will keep you posted on upcoming classes. Please feel free to contact Community Outreach at (952)924-2661 or by email at [police@stlouispark.org](mailto:police@stlouispark.org), with questions.

**Civic & Recreation Facilities Survey** Please take the time to complete this important city wide survey that can be accessed via the city's web site or by paper.



**Question:** How can I avoid having my vehicle towed during a snowstorm in St. Louis Park?

**Answer:** Here is what you need to know to avoid a tow:

- 1.) **Parking is banned every time snowfall reaches 3 inches, whether it is 2 p.m. or 2 a.m.**
- 2) **Vehicles parked on unplowed streets will be ticketed and towed.**

To avoid the risk of being towed, please pay attention to the weather forecast. Snow emergency information and parking ban information is available at the St. Louis Park website, Facebook, Twitter, winter parking hotline, ParkTV and local cable stations. Additional information can be found on the city's website.

**Winter Parking Hotline:  
(952)924-2180 For Up to  
Date Information**

**At this time, e-mail notifications are unavailable, sorry for any inconveniences.**



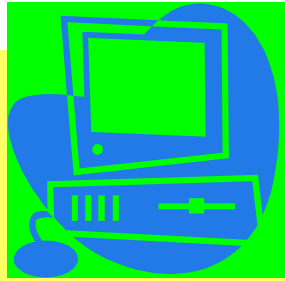
**Crime Advisory Corner: Tips  
On how to make yourself, your  
loved ones and your property safer.**

### **Prevent Theft from Auto:**

Theft from auto is the crime of entering a person's vehicle, whether locked or unlocked, and removing items, without the owner's permission. Perpetrators of this crime will go to great lengths to accomplish this crime. The following are some tips on how you can prevent yourself from becoming a victim:

- Park in well traveled and lit areas.
- Make sure all windows are up and lock your vehicle, prior to leaving it.
- Do not leave any items in your vehicle exposed, including pocket change, electronic media cords, bags, etc. (Thieves know what they are looking at.)
- Place your personal items in the trunk/rear cargo area (out of sight) of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination, if you must bring them along. (This way, thieves will not see you placing the aforementioned out of sight thus not making your vehicle a target.)
- Report suspicious persons loitering around vehicles and appearing to peer in vehicle's windows.
- .....**And remember, crime does not know the four seasons. Continue to be vigilant in the care of yourself and your property, before others do.**

For more information, please visit the city's website and if you would like to see a particular topic covered, feel free to contact us!



## BLOCK CAPTAINS, We Need Your Help!!

If any of your contact information has changed, please forward it to the Office of Community Outreach so we can update our database. Please call (952)924-2661 or e-mail [police@stlouispark.org](mailto:police@stlouispark.org).

### Sidewalk Snow Removal Reminder:

#### Clear sidewalks after a snowfall.

After a snowfall, snow and ice on sidewalks must be removed by the same day, if there is 6 or more hours of daylight following the snowfall, or by noon the following day. Four daytime hours are allowed for apartment and commercial buildings.

#### Need to report a sidewalk that is not shoveled?

To report a sidewalk that has not been shoveled, call (952)924-2563.

**Fire Hydrants:** Please take the time to clear snow and ice from hydrants. At the least, 12" of all around clearance is needed for proper operation and quick connection of hoses by fire department personnel.

## 2011 Neighborhood Forum Thursday, February 1st

The 2011 Neighborhood Forum is Tuesday, February 1st, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Each year the Neighborhood Forum brings together neighborhood leaders who are committed to building and sustaining strong neighborhoods in St. Louis Park which ties in with the Vision Strategic Direction: **St. Louis Park is committed to being a connected and engaged community.**

We are fortunate to have a great group of Neighborhood Leaders and Block Captains in the St. Louis Park community and this event provides leaders of different neighborhoods with an opportunity to network and learn from one another. Anyone interested in building strong neighborhoods is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Community Liaison, Marney Olson, at [molson@stlouispark.org](mailto:molson@stlouispark.org) or (952)924-2184.



### BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES:

St. Louis Park is currently seeking volunteers for boards and commissions.

Current openings are posted on the city's website and include openings on the Police Advisory Commission.

The city is looking for a youth commissioner to serve a one year term as well as a two commissioners that would serve three year terms. Please check out the website for further details or contact City Clerk Nancy Stroth at (952)928-2840/[nstroth@stlouispark.org](mailto:nstroth@stlouispark.org)!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**City Offices Closed:**

January 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)  
February 21 (President's Day)

**Neighborhood Forum:**

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

**Crime Free Multi-Housing Training:**

Tentatively Set for March 3, 2011

**Annual Block Captain Meeting:**

Tuesday April 5, 2011  
5:30-9:00 p.m.