



BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Alicia Kozakiewicz

*A Story of Abduction,
Survival and Recovery
A Message of Prevention*

**Community Presentation
October 12th**

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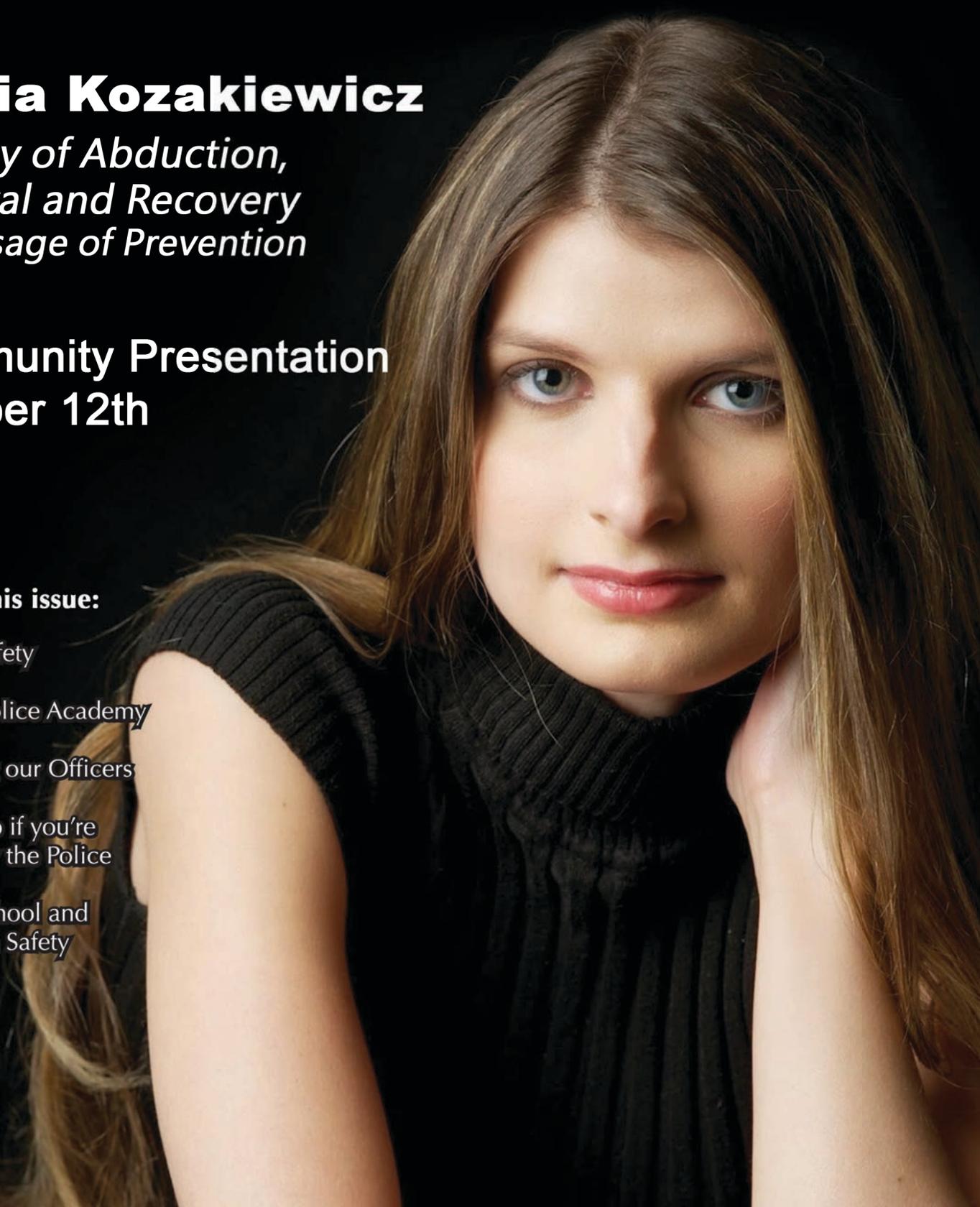
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Dear Neighbor,

This October, our Police Department will once again be teaming up with Berwyn's schools to share a harrowing tale of survival and an important message of prevention regarding Internet safety with our community.

Our presenter, Alicia Kozakiewicz, knows first-hand the dangers that exist on the Internet. In 2002, at age 13, she became the victim of an Internet luring and was abducted to another state where she was held captive. After a miraculous rescue by the FBI, Alicia became focused on preventing this type of traumatic experience from happening to other children, and created "The Alicia Project" Internet safety and awareness education program.

Alicia will be giving presentations at Berwyn's middle schools and high school. There will also be a community-wide presentation on October 12th from 7:00-9:00 PM at Morton West High School that I would strongly encourage you to attend whether you are a parent, grandparent, guardian, teacher, mentor, or in any way involved in the lives of Berwyn's children.

We must stress that the community-wide presentation is intended for adults only, as Alicia will be sharing details of her story that are not suitable for children. The Berwyn Police Explorers will be providing free child care for the event for children over the age of five, in the event that you cannot find a babysitter and would like to attend the presentation.

Additionally, North Berwyn School District #98 will be providing real-time translation of the presentation for the members of our community that only speak Spanish.

I look forward to seeing you on October 12th, and I wish you and your family a safe and happy autumn.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Lovero".

Mayor Robert J. Lovero

Estimados Vecinos,

Este mes de octubre, nuestro departamento de policía se unirá una vez más con las escuelas de Berwyn para compartir con nuestra comunidad una desgarradora historia de supervivencia y un mensaje importante acerca de la prevención y seguridad con respecto a los peligros del Internet.

Nuestra presentadora, Alicia Kozakiewicz, sabe de primera mano sobre los peligros que existen en el internet. En el 2002, a la edad de 13, se convirtió en víctima de la persuasión por internet y fue secuestrada a otro estado donde la mantuvieron cautiva. Después de un rescate milagroso por el FBI, Alicia se enfocó en prevenir que este tipo de experiencias traumáticas le pasen a otros niños, y creo "The Alicia Project" Seguridad en el Internet y programas de educación para crear conciencia.

Alicia estará dando presentaciones en escuelas intermedias y secundarias de Berwyn. También habrá una presentación para toda la comunidad el 12 de octubre de 7: 00-9: 00 PM en el Morton West High School, a la cual recomiendo fuertemente asistir si usted es un padre, abuelo, tutor, maestro, mentor, o si esta de cualquier manera involucrado en las vidas de los niños de Berwyn.

Hay que destacar que la presentación de toda la comunidad está destinado sólo para adultos, ya que Alicia va a compartir detalles de su historia que no son adecuados para niños, Los Exploradores de la Policía de Berwyn proveerán cuidado infantil gratuito para niños mayores de cinco, en caso de que no pueda encontrar una niñera y le gustaría asistir a la presentación.

Adicionalmente, el Distrito de Escuelas Norte #98 estará proporcionando traducción en tiempo real de esta presentación para los miembros de la comunidad que solo hablan español.

Espero verlos el 12 de octubre, y le deseo a usted y su familia un feliz y saludable otoño.

Respetuosamente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Lovero".

Mayor Robert J. Lovero



Alicia Kozakiewicz:

A Story of Abduction, Survival and Recovery – A Message of Prevention

It was every parent's worst nightmare. At the age of 13, Alicia Kozakiewicz (KO-zuh-kevich) stepped outside her family home in Pittsburgh to meet a "friend" that she had met on the Internet. Instead, she met a monster, who abducted her, took her to his Virginia house and chained her in a basement. Four days later, Alicia was rescued by the FBI, thanks to a team with the expertise to follow clues back through the internet to her location. Now a young woman, Alicia has founded "The Alicia Project" (AliciaProject.org) and is on a mission to make sure that help is there for other children who need rescue and to educate children, families, teachers, law enforcement and governmental/social agencies on Internet safety

as well as to spread awareness about online predators, abduction and child sexual exploitation. She is also the namesake of "Alicia's Law" which provides a dedicated revenue source for child rescue efforts (see page 5 for additional information).

This October, Alicia will be visiting Freedom, Heritage and Lincoln middle schools as well as Morton West High School to give presentations to the students about her journey from abduction to recovery, as well as sharing ways that they can stay safe online. Young adults are often quick to dismiss danger with comments such as, "this could never happen to me," or "this wouldn't happen to anyone that I know." Alicia's response to this is, "Let me be that kid, that friend, that sister. Now you know somebody (who has been affected)."

Additionally, the Berwyn Police Department will be hosting a community-wide meeting on October 12th at Morton West High School (details on back cover), in which Alicia will provide a special presentation for parents, guardians, teachers, and all members of the community that are responsible for our youth. It should be noted that this meeting is intended for adults only (socially mature teenagers may attend if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian) due to the nature of the presentation's content. The Berwyn Police Explorers will be supervising an Open Gym at the school that will be available to children over the age of five to accommodate parents that require childcare while they attend the event. Also, North Berwyn School District #98 will be providing live translation of the event for Spanish-speaking members of the community.



Alicia, who recently earned a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, has shared her story and mission on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Dr. Phil, Fox & Friends, Good Morning America, Anderson Live, Investigation Discovery (ID), The CW, CNN, MSNBC, and many more. Her 2008 book, a co-authored OJJDP publication entitled, *You're Not Alone: The Journey From Abduction to Empowerment*, is a survival guide for recovered abduction victims. Alicia's focus is to not only assist in the recovery of the missing, but also to support those children, and their families, who have been affected by abduction and sexual exploitation. "I'd like," she says "to ultimately become the person who rescues the child, and then helps to recover that child's soul."



Alicia's



FOR PARENTS

Any time is a good time to talk with your children about staying safe online. The Internet, social networks in particular, allows for many opportunities for your child's identity, location and privacy to be compromised, but by teaching your child to use the Internet responsibly, you are taking an active role in their safety, and helping them to think critically before they might share anything that could potentially harm them.

Any child or teen can become the victim of an Internet predator. Predators do not discriminate based on gender, ethnicity, education, socioeconomic status, income, or religion. It can happen. It does happen. It is happening.

Teach your child or teen to never share private or identifying information, such as his or her name, address, school, etc., with a person online that is not known or trusted in real life. A predator can use this information to groom and/or locate your child or teen.

Strengthen the privacy settings on all social networking sites and ensure that these settings remain unchanged after updates. Social networking sites often publish posts as "public" based on the default settings.

Disable Geotagging on all mobile devices, as it has the ability to automatically pinpoint and disclose your child's or teen's location. This option can usually be found under "Settings" on most devices. You can also contact your service provider or device manufacturer.

Discuss the dangers of "checking in." Various applications allow your child or teen to share his or her exact current location on social media sites.

Remind your child or teen to choose an online handle, username, or screen name carefully. Much can be inferred from how your child or teen represents himself or herself online, which can prompt a predator's initial contact.

Monitor your child's or teen's activity on the computer and on all mobile devices. This includes desktops, laptops, tablet computers, cell phones, and all handheld and video game devices with online connectivity. There are numerous parental monitoring options available online or through your service provider. Please, do not feel that you are "spying" on your child or teen. You are the parent. This is your responsibility.

Know the passwords on all devices used by your child or teen. Check them regularly.

If you suspect your child or teen is being cyberbullied: be supportive, get the facts, and if necessary, contact the school or law enforcement. Conversely, teach your child or teen that there are negative consequences for those who cyberbully.

Many children and teens engage in sexting. This is the sharing of explicit texts/photos between phones or other devices. Sending and/or receiving nude pictures of minors is considered child pornography. As a result, there may be both emotional and legal consequences for both you and your child or teen.

Educate yourself on the mobile applications that your child or teen is using. Ask for an explanation and a demonstration.

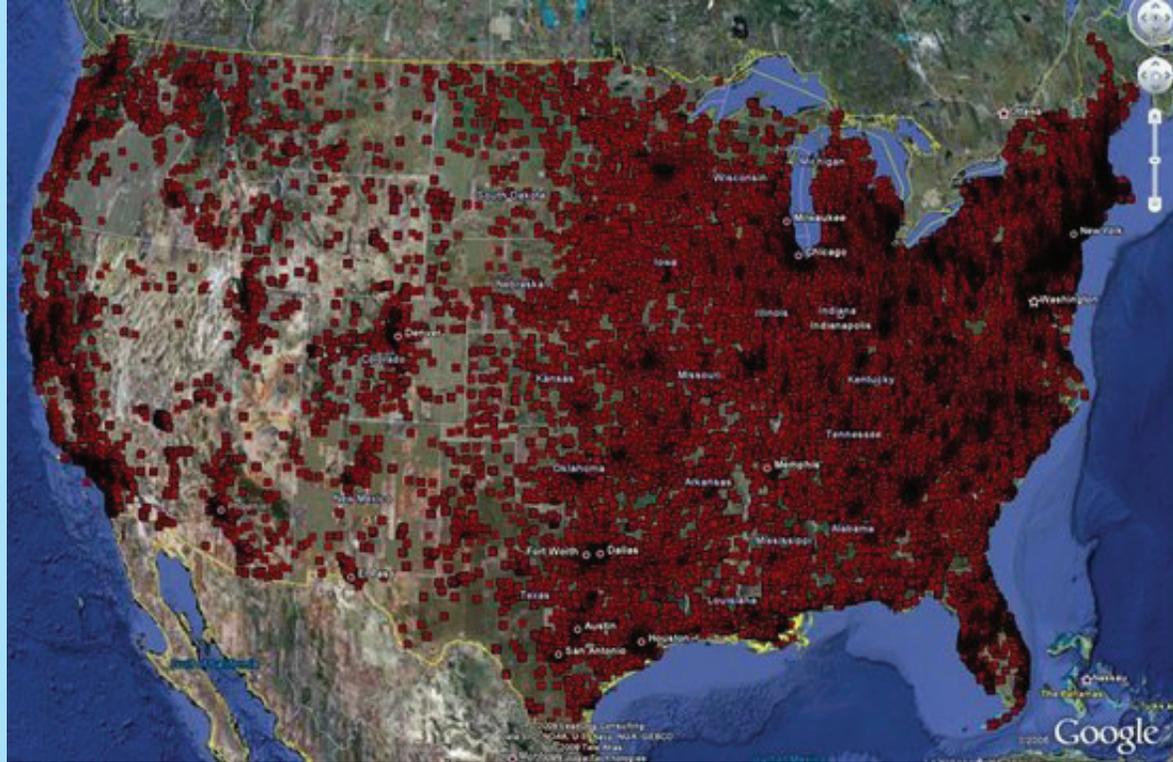
Maintain loving, open, and respectful lines of communication with your child or teen while setting enforceable rules for online safety. Assure your child or teen that he or she can always come to you for help in an uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situation.

**** If you feel that your child or teen is being groomed, harassed, threatened, or exploited online, you should immediately report this activity to your local law enforcement and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Cybertipline.****



Alicia's Law

Alicia's Law is a model bill for child rescue funding for states. Alicia's Law creates a dedicated revenue source for law enforcement units that combat child sexual exploitation. By creating a new revenue stream, Alicia's Law builds permanent capacity for child rescue teams, revenue that will not fall victim to yearly fights over or cuts to the general budget. Alicia's Law focuses on securing state funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces, a network of 61 task forces that makes up the backbone of U.S. capacity to fight child exploitation. The success and impact of Alicia's Law is measured solely in arrests and child rescues, and no funding is earmarked for nonprofit organizations or other related purposes.



The red dots represent unique computers, and clusters of computers, (not simply IP addresses) that are trafficking in photos and videos showing child exploitation. Statistically, 55% of these dots are hands-on offenders.

PROTECT (the National Association to Protect Children) has conducted successful Alicia's Law campaigns along with similar legislative victories in Maryland, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Arizona, Washington, Idaho, Hawaii, Texas, Virginia, Tennessee and California.

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- GROOMING
- INTERNET
- MONITOR
- PASSWORD
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- SAFETY
- SEXTING
- USERNAME

What Should you do if you are Stopped by the Police?

There are many reasons why someone might get stopped by the police, such as having committed a traffic violation, matching the description of a suspect, checking to see if you witnessed a crime that occurred in the area, or even ensuring your well-being if the officer thinks that you might be in trouble or be in need of assistance. For whatever reason you are stopped, the officer needs your cooperation.

Being stopped by the police can sometimes seem like a scary or stressful encounter, but have you ever considered how scary and stressful it can be for the officer that is stopping you? Police officers know that situations can turn bad at any moment, and must take steps to ensure their safety as well as yours.



To ensure a safe traffic stop, please consider the following:

1. A police officer may pull you over at any time for a traffic offense or police investigation.
2. When you see the red and blue overhead lights and/or hear the siren, remain calm and safely pull over to the right side of the road. Roll down your window, and turn off the radio so that you can hear the officer.
3. Remain in your vehicle unless the officer advises otherwise.
4. Keep your hands on the steering wheel so the officer can see them.
5. Avoid any sudden movements, especially toward the floorboard, rear seat or passenger side of the vehicle.
6. Do not immediately reach for your license or other documents until the officer requests them. Illinois State Law requires drivers to show their license and insurance card upon request.
7. If your documents are out of reach, tell the officer where they are before you reach for them.
8. If you have a weapon in the vehicle, promptly notify the officer of its location.
9. If the stop occurs during darkness, turn on your dome or interior lights so the officer can easily see the interior of your car.
10. If there are passengers in your vehicle, encourage them to remain quiet and cooperate with instructions.
11. The officer may issue you a ticket. If you feel the reason is vague or unclear, ask the officer for details.
12. Avoid becoming argumentative. Arguing will not change the officer's mind, and the ticket cannot be taken back once it has been written. If you contest the violation, you will have an opportunity to address the matter in court.
13. Be honest with the officer. If you really didn't see the stop sign, or were unaware of the speed limit, let the officer know. Being honest about any situation never hurts.
14. Finally, if you receive a ticket, accept it calmly. Accepting it is not an admission of guilt.

In return, you should expect a helpful, respectful and professional demeanor from any Berwyn Police Officer that you encounter. Each situation is unique, and the officer must alter his or her response to fit the circumstances, but you can always expect that a Berwyn Police Officer:

1. Will provide his or her name and badge number upon request.
2. If not in uniform, will present proper identification.
3. Will tell you why you are being stopped.
4. Will only use the amount of force that is necessary to detain and maintain the custody of a suspect.
5. Will not search the body of a person of the opposite gender except to prevent injury to the officer or another person, or to prevent the disposal or destruction of evidence.
6. Will only arrest a person for a crime that was committed in their presence, or when the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has already committed the crime.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Berwyn Police Department, in its continuing efforts to provide public safety and to enhance the public's knowledge and awareness of the criminal justice system, will be hosting a ten week Citizens Police Academy. This program is not designed to make students certified police officers, nor give the graduates any authority to act as police officers in any way.

The Citizens Police Academy provides community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. The purpose of the Academy is to increase understanding between the citizens through education and interaction with members of the police department. The Academy gives citizens the opportunity to learn what the police do and why we do it. It is hoped that the instruction will increase police awareness to dispel suspicions and misconceptions, all while increasing police/community relations through this educational program.

The Academy will begin in November and will consist of ten Wednesday night classes; these will be held in the Community Room of the Berwyn Police Department from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The instruction is comprehensive and each week separate areas of the department will be covered. Instruction will be given in: Uniformed Patrol Operations, Criminal Law, Criminal Investigations, Juvenile Law, Crime Scene Investigations and Processing, Arson Investigation, Traffic Laws, Weapons & Use of Force, Street Gang and Drug Awareness. In addition, other areas of public safety will be presented. Members of the Berwyn Police Department will be the instructors of the program. The course format will include guest speakers, demonstrations and observations of real time police operations. At the conclusion of the ten week program there will be a graduation for the candidates who will become an alumni member and be eligible to join our Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program. The VIPS program is an excellent way to get involved in our community.

Applications will be available at the front desk of the Berwyn Police Department starting September 8th, 2016. Applications must be completed and returned to the Berwyn Public Safety Center no later than Friday October 14th, 2016. This program is limited to the first thirty-five (35) applicants; other applicants will be placed on a waiting list for the next block of instructions. Criminal background checks will be conducted on all applicants. Applicants must be Berwyn residents, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, with no prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests in the last twelve (12) months.

Acceptance into the program will be at the full discretion of the Berwyn Police Department. Any questions regarding the Citizen Police Academy, please contact Unit Commander Frank Cimaglia at 708-795-2150 or Crime Analyst Wayne Sedore at 708-795-2119.

Support Your Police Officers



Since late July, the Berwyn Police Department has been giving away free 60 watt blue light bulbs, that are intended to be placed in your porch lamp, to let our officers know that you appreciate the efforts of our department, hope that they return home safe to their families after every shift, and that you stand united with them in promoting a safe future for our city.

Limited quantities of the free blue light bulbs are still available at the Berwyn Police Department (24 hours) as well as at City Hall and the Library during business hours. We would like to thank our friends at Tele-Tron ACE Hardware at 6604 W. Cermak Rd. for helping us to facilitate this initiative.

Perhaps the best way to show support for your Police Department, as well as your community, is to be involved! We understand that people lead very busy lives, but every effort that you make with safety in mind is a contribution to a better neighborhood.

While the weather is still nice, consider taking a friend or neighbor on a walk around the block. Say hello to your neighbors, and make note of anything that seems out of place. If you notice something suspicious or see a crime in progress, go to a safe location and call the police, and provide them with a detailed description of what is happening. If you spend just 15 minutes out of your day looking after your block, you are ensuring its safety for 1% of the day. That might not seem like much, but remember, this is a partnership. The police supports the public and the public supports the police, and we rely on you to be our eyes and ears.



Back to School Safety



The new school year is upon us, and for many children, this may be the first time that they are going to be responsible for walking to and from school. The following are some important lessons to share with your children to make sure that their journey is a safe one.

Before school starts, make sure that your child knows their home address and a phone number for at least one parent. You'd be surprised by how many children only know their parents as "mom and dad," so this would be a good time to teach them your full name. Help them practice reciting this new information until they memorize it, and quiz them often.

Take a walk to and from school with your child on the safest, most visible route. Point out intersections and landmarks, and stress the importance of knowing your location at all times. This is also a good time to talk about traffic safety (obeying traffic signals and laws, listening and being respectful to crossing guards, etc.). If your child is going to be riding his/her bicycle, remind them to always wear a helmet. Lastly, if they are going to take a bus to school, make sure that they know their bus number and where to wait. When they are comfortable with all of this new information, make a map with alternative routes and/or safe places that they can go if they need help.

Teach your child about the buddy system; there is safety in numbers. Remember to always stay in well-lit and familiar areas. Shortcuts and isolated areas are to be avoided as they might not be seen or heard in the event of an emergency.

If your children have any articles of clothing with their names on it, tell them not to wear it during the walk to school, as a stranger could use this information to try to start a conversation with them. Teach them that it's okay to be impolite and leave quickly in the presence of a non-trusted adult, especially if they feel unsafe or confused.

Your child needs to know that adults should only ask other adults for directions or assistance, not children. If anyone approaches your child in a way that makes them feel scared, nervous, or uncomfortable, they should get away from that person immediately and tell a trusted adult about what happened. If your child is being followed by a vehicle, they should quickly go in the opposite direction to a safe place that they can tell a trusted adult. Most importantly, if someone tries to take them anywhere or attempts to restrain your child, instruct them to get away by any means possible (punching, kicking, resisting) and to loudly yell for help as well as what is happening, such as, "I DON'T KNOW THIS PERSON," "THIS ISN'T MY MOM/DAD/GUARDIAN," or "THIS PERSON IS TRYING TO TAKE ME." Helpful adults might be more likely to get involved, either by intervening or calling the police, if they don't assume that the physical altercation that they're viewing is a parent disciplining their child. Teach them that it's okay to make a scene when they think that they're in danger.

You'll want to ensure that your contact information is current and accurately on file at your child's school. Make sure to follow the school's rules for picking up students in the event that you need to have a family member or friend retrieve your child from school. Your child should know the people that you trust to pick them up. Teach them to check with you or to verify with the school before they leave with anyone.

This is also a good time to implement a new safety rule. If your child wants to change their plans either before or after school, make sure that they get permission beforehand so that you know where they are and who they are with at all times.

By having these conversations with your children now, you are preparing them to keep safety in mind wherever they go.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

While the practice of trick-or-treating can be fun and enjoyable for children, it also represents certain hazards and risks. The following Halloween Safety Tips have been developed by the American Crime Prevention Institute.

Children's Costumes

- Costumes should be bright and reflective. Shoes should fit well and costumes should be short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Costumes, wigs and accessories should be flame resistant.
- Eye holes in children's costumes should be large enough for good peripheral vision. Avoid cumbersome masks. Use make-up instead if possible.
- Add reflective tape or striping to costumes and/or trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- If the weather is cold, children should have warm clothing under their costumes.
- When purchasing special Halloween makeup, the packages should contain ingredients labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instructions for application.
- Costume props such as toy guns or swords should be made of pliable material.
- Realistic replica firearms should never be used.
- Use battery powered lanterns or chemical light sticks instead of candles in decorations or costumes.
- All children and their escorts should have flashlights with fresh batteries.
- Place name, emergency identification and address on the costume and/or on a bracelet.

Tips for Trick-or-Treating

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children when they are trick-or-treating.
- The official recommended Trick-Or-Treat hours in the City of Berwyn are from 4:00-6:30 PM.
- Children should trick-or-treat in a group, preferably with a responsible adult.
- Advise children they should never enter a stranger's home.
- Children trick-or-treating should obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Children should only trick-or-treat in well-known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
- Children trick-or-treating should remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Instruct children not to eat any treats or candy until it has been brought home and inspected.
- Children should be told to walk, don't run, from house to house.
- When trick-or-treating, don't allow children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard.
- Children should be strongly warned not to approach unfamiliar pets and animals.

After Trick-or-Treating

- Unpackaged trick-or-treat items such as popcorn or small candies should be discarded.
- All fruit should be cut and carefully examined before eating.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards.

Halloween Safety Tips for Pet Owners

- Don't leave your pet in the yard on Halloween. Pets can be teased, injured, stolen or even killed.
- Chocolate is poisonous to many pets. Tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous to pets if swallowed.
- Be careful of pets around a lighted pumpkin. They may knock it over or get burned.
- All but the most social pets should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treating.
- Be careful your dog or cat doesn't dart out through an open door.



Upcoming Events

MARIACHIS IN THE PARK

Date: Saturday, September 10 • **Time:** 1:00-6:00pm

Location: Proksa Park - 3001 S. Wisconsin Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402

Bring out all your family and friends as we celebrate our community's Hispanic heritage with our Annual Mariachis in the Park. This year's event will feature dance performances, fun activities for children, tacos and other Mexican dishes available for purchase and most importantly, a traditional Mariachi performance! Grab your blanket or lawn chair and mark your calendars to join us for this great event!

For more information or to become a vendor please contact Cody Brown at 708-956-7870 or cbrown@berwynparks.org

Berwyn's Oktoberfest

Date: September 16, 2016 - September 17, 2016

Location: Depot District (Stanley and Windsor Ave., between Oak Park and Grove Av)

September is just around the corner and that can only mean one thing in the Chicagoland festival calendar - Berwyn's Oktoberfest! We don't mean to brag, but Berwyn's Oktoberfest is the western suburbs' biggest party of the year. The event's mid-September kick-off coincides with the original Munich Oktoberfest, which starts on Sept. 17 this year. The event boasts live music, an international food court, carnival and amusement rides, family entertainment pavilion, and crafters and vendors. And let's not forget the Beer Garden, which will feature special Oktoberfest seasonal selections among others!



Berwyn Brew Fest

Date: Saturday, October 1 • **Time:** 1:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Proksa Park - 3001 S. Wisconsin Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402

The third annual Berwyn Brew Fest will take place at Proksa Park on Saturday, October 1st! Enjoy tastes from over 40 different beers from craft breweries around the country, but with a local focus. There will be live music and food as well. Tickets will go on sale this summer on BerwynBrewFest.com. • Follow us on Facebook & Twitter @BerwynBrewFest.com.

Early Bird Tickets, \$25, now until 9/1 • **General Admission Tickets**, \$30, 9/2-9/30 • **Day of Tickets**, \$35, October 1, 2016

For more details, contact Cody Brown at 708.956.7870 or cbrown@berwynparks.org



Mayor Lovero's Halloween Party

Date: Saturday, October 29th from 12:00-2:00PM – Costume contest begins at 1:30PM

Location: Berwyn Recreation Department – 6501 W. 31st Street

Age: Berwyn children aged 12 and under (proof of residency required)

Cost: \$1.00 donated per person at the door

Costume contest, bounce house, balloon artist and pony rides. Free pumpkins and children receive a free taffy apple!

All Hallow's Eve

Date: Saturday, October 29th from 3:30-7:30pm

Parade starts at 3:30pm at the YMCA, 2947 S. Oak Park Ave!

Ends at Proksa Park for Halloween Activities! Remember to wear your Halloween Costume as we will be having our annual Costume Contest.

Prizes will be awarded to top 5 Costumes! This Family Event will capture the essence of the season! We will have children's activities, a spooky storyteller, bonfire, hayrack rides and more!

Pumpkins available for just \$1

Fall Fest & Pumpkin Patch

Date: Saturday, October 29th

Time: 12:00-4:00pm

Location: Berwyn Gardens (2100 Grove-Wisconsin Ave)

Costume Contest, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Pumpkin Patch, Games and More!

Cost: Minimal Fees for activities

Recreation Department

"Welcome Back" Senior Luncheon

Date: September 21, 2016

Location: Berwyn Recreation Department – 6501 W. 31st Street
Reservation is required. Please call 708-788-2010 for more information.

Halloween Party Senior Luncheon

Date: October 31, 2016

Location: Berwyn Recreation Department – 6501 W. 31st Street
Reservation is required. Please call 708-788-2010 for more information.

Autumn Awakening Senior Luncheon

Date: November 21, 2016

Location: Berwyn Recreation Department – 6501 W. 31st Street
Reservation is required. Please call 708-788-2010 for more information.

City of Berwyn Grass Cutting Leaf and Snow Removal

Through Berwyn's Senior Outreach Program, we can assist you with grass cutting, leaf and snow removal. These programs have been created to help our elderly or disabled citizens for whom some tasks have become too challenging. These programs are limited to single family homes on a standard of 30' x 125'

The grass cutting/leaf removal program begins approximately May 1st and concludes approximately November 30th. Both front and back lawns are cut every two (2) weeks when necessary. During the autumn, grass cutting will continue to remove leaves from the lawns. There is a \$5 charge per service call and you will receive an Invoice for these services thru the mail.

Snow removal begins November 1st and concludes April 1st when the snow fall is 2½" or more in Berwyn. Snow is removed from the front walk and steps and will begin after the end of the snowfall.

You will qualify, if you are a homeowner 65 years of age or disabled, with no able-bodied person under age 65 in residences and meet the annual income guidelines. This program is limited to single family homes only. Any property in excess of the standard lot of 30' x 125' will have to pay the proportional difference in cost.

Homeowners must complete an application and be approved before becoming a part of the program. Additionally, the grass cutting/ leaf removal and snow removal service is offered on a first-come, first serve basis.

For further information or an application, contact the Senior Services Department – Liz at 484-2510



City of Berwyn Mayor Robert J. Lovero

Single Family Rehab No Interest Loan Program

The City of Homes

Eligible Projects



Window, Doors, Railings and Foundation Fixed!

- Correct code violations
- Electrical Upgrade
- Plumbing Upgrade, sump pumps, sewer back-up valve
- Furnace, Boiler etc.
- Roof repair - Replacement
- Windows & Doors
- Insulation Weatherization
- Gutter, downspouts, soffit, fascia
- Porch & Steps
- ADA Accessibility (Ramps & Outdoor Chair lifts.
- Cosmetic Home Improvements

To qualify for a loan:

- You must own and live in your home.
- Your home cannot be in foreclosure.
- All property taxes, water bills and fines must be paid.
- Your household income must meet HUD requirements.
- Other requirements as stated by HUD.

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New Stairs!



New Furnace/Boiler!



ADA Chair Lift!

The purpose of this program is to assist low to moderate income homeowners make needed repairs to their homes.

The City of Berwyn Community Development Department, through an annual grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), fund programs within the City of Berwyn meeting to the needs of our community. The Single Family Rehab - No Interest Loan Program offers eligible residents deferred no interest loans to make necessary improvements to their home.





**THE BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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J. STERLING MORTON WEST HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENT A COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT
PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION**



THE Alicia PROJECT



At age 13, Alicia Kozakiewicz became the victim of an Internet luring and was abducted to another state where she was held captive. Following her miraculous recovery, she became the founder of The Alicia Project, and is an international advocate, public speaker, and media personality who has devoted her life to raising awareness of missing persons and protecting children against predatory crime.

Alicia will share her story of surviving an Internet luring, abduction, and captivity. While Alicia's experience may be harrowing, her ability to transcend tragedy and dedicate herself to protecting other children is inspiring. She will discuss the aftermath of recovery and the process of reunification. Alicia will also share tips on how parents can teach their children to remain safe online.

Due to the sensitive nature of this presentation, it is recommended for Adults Only.



Free Child Care/Open Gym will be available for children over the age of five.



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OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**J. Sterling Morton West High School - Main Auditorium
2400 S. Home Avenue
Admission: Free**

Alicia's story and mission has been featured on many programs, including:

