

Vehicle Break Ins

The Irvington Police Department and I would once again like to remind you to lock your vehicles and take your keys/key fobs with you. Recently, during the evening hours, unlocked vehicles were entered and property was stolen. One vehicle (which the keys were left inside) was also stolen. We are also requesting that if anyone observes anything or anyone acting suspiciously, especially during the overnight hours, please call 591-8080 and report it.

Car break-ins have become a major issue in Westchester County and I am happy to report that IPD is working with other jurisdiction in their investigation. Again please lock your cars!

Summer Recreation

As we slowly return to some sense of normalcy, I am pleased that our Recreation Department has taken steps to provide some recreational opportunities to our community. As you probably know, we worked very hard during the height of the lockdown to keep places like Scenic Hudson Park and Memorial Park open and safe. Back in June, the tennis courts at Memorial Park opened, giving our residents another recreational outlet. Details about using the tennis courts are posted on the [Recreation Department's web site](#).

Now, we've been able to open the playgrounds at Scenic Hudson Park and Station Road. But, as you can imagine, use of playground equipment requires special attention by the parents who bring their children to play. Even though the equipment is sanitized at least once each day, it cannot be sanitized after each use for what I think are obvious reasons. So, please follow these basic, common sense guidelines if you choose to use the playground equipment:

- Don't use the playground equipment if it appears crowded.
- Don't visit if you are sick, have tested positive for COVID-19, or were recently (within 14 days) exposed to COVID-19.
- Do maintain at least six feet distance away from people you don't live with.
- Do bring and use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Anyone unable to safely use hand sanitizer should not use the playground equipment.
- Do wear a cloth face covering, if you are able. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on children under age 2 or anyone with problems breathing.
- You must safely dispose of any garbage, debris, used gloves or masks when you leave

Also, an important reminder. If you cannot be sure you will maintain a six-foot distance between you and others in the parks you must wear a mask. Please use common sense, we do not want bad behavior to cause us to close parks or cancel activities that have just been restored.

Census Reminder

Please take 15 minutes to respond to the Census. If you respond now, it will avoid having a census worker come by to knock on your door in August. Here's the link to respond online: <https://my2020census.gov/>

Responding to the census is quick, easy and very important. Among other things, federal funds, congressional representation and distribution of Westchester sales tax revenues are based on census numbers. It is important to count everyone in Irvington. Online is the best way to do it – especially during a global pandemic. Why make a census worker come to your residence? Please, complete your census.

Be well and mask up,

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