



# VALLEY PARK POLICE

## A St Louis County Police Partnership

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The 36th Annual Budweiser Guns 'N Hoses event will be held on November 22nd at the Enterprise Center. Doors open at 4:30pm and begins at 5:30pm ending at 9:30pm. There will be 12 bouts of boxing/MMA featuring first responders.

Budweiser Guns 'N Hoses benefits BackStoppers and has raised approximately \$11 Million since 1987. This incredible event not only raises substantial support, but also honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

For more information, tickets, and merchandise, visit [STLGunsnHoses.com](http://STLGunsnHoses.com).



### STAY INFORMED

Register for the new St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management alerts and receive important weather and emergency notifications via text message.

Text **SLCOEM** to **78015**  
or,  
scan to register



It's no secret that cops love donuts. So, when The Parrish Team really group stopped by with Krispy Kreme, our hearts and bellies were filled with appreciation.

### IF YOU'VE BEEN IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

- Move to a safe area (if you can)
- Turn your vehicle off and get out
- Check on others involved
- Call the police: **(636) 529-8210** or **911**
- Gather info and document the scene
- File your insurance claim

### DID YOU KNOW?

Residents who are homeless or experiencing a housing crisis can seek assistance by calling the Emergency Shelter Hotline: (314) 802-5444. Callers are interviewed by an intake specialist, and if in crisis, are referred to either an emergency shelter or rent/mortgage/utility assistance. Hearing or Speech Impaired may call RelayMO 711 or (800) 735-2966.

What a fun night at this year's Halloween Hayride & Trunk or Treat! Officers Castellano and Mast were in attendance meeting families and handing out candy to the kids. Here are some of their favorite costumes.







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### West County Precinct Neighborhood Watch Alert

The "Holiday Shopping Season" is upon us again. The increase in retail shopping activity during this time of year also brings an increase in certain types of crime. The following tips provided below are suggestions on ways to avoid becoming a crime victim?

- Do not withdraw large amounts of money from the bank at one time, especially at ATMs.
- Conduct banking business during normal business hours instead of using an ATM for deposits.
- Keep your purse in a secure location. Do not leave your purse in a shopping cart for someone to grab while shopping.
- Be cautious about giving your credit card number over the phone.
- Always keep your vehicle locked. Place purchased items out of sight in your vehicle's trunk.
- Take all items of value (Phones, laptops, gifts, etc.) out of your vehicle when you arrive home.
- When going to and from your vehicle, remain vigilant for suspicious activity. Do not walk to your vehicle if you see suspicious people around. Walk back into the business and notify security or call the police.
- Try to park your vehicle in areas with good lighting at shopping centers.
- Take extra steps to secure your home. Do not leave packages on your front porch. Make every effort to have any deliveries made to your place of work to avoid having items sitting outside all day on your porch.
- If you travel for the holidays, please fill out the online Vacation Inspection Form found on the St. Louis County Police website under "services" section. You can also contact the precinct and request a vacation check with the desk officer.

Due to events occurring around the world with everyone's heightened awareness relative to threats of terrorism, we remind everyone to remain calm and confident in their local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Report anything appearing suspicious.

From all the police officers working in the West County Precinct and City of Valley Park Detail, we would like to wish you and your families all the best during this holiday season.

*Captain John Wheeler, Precinct Commander*  
*West County Precinct*

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**From our family to yours, we wish  
you all a happy and healthy  
Thanksgiving.  
-Valley Park Police Detail-**

