



Romeoville Police Department offers Free Counseling Services

Difficult times can create stress for residents and families. The Romeoville Police Department would like to remind residents that free counseling services are offered by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Counseling services range from mental health and family counseling, to drug addiction. Residents are encouraged to seek this help by contacting the Police Department at (815) 886-7219 ext 3047. All sessions are held privately and are kept strictly confidential.



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Fall/Winter 2010 COMMUNITY FOCUS



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Electronic Recycling Program



The Village of Romeoville's Green Team announces the opening of the new Electronic Recycling Center located at 195 South Budler Road. The recycling center will be open every Wednesday from 6:00 - 8:00pm and the first Saturday of the month from 11:00am - 3:00pm. This site was made possible in cooperation with Will County.

Worldwide, an estimated 20-50 million tons of electronic waste is generated annually, and an estimated 85% of it ends up in land-fills. Recycling electronics avoids air, water and land pollution. It reduces the need to extract valuable and limited resources from the earth. It also reduces the energy and other resources used in new product manufacturing. Many of the components recovered can be used in new items. Some computers have a shelf life of only 3 to 5 years. It is often less expensive to purchase a new electronic item instead of repairing it. This increases the amount of waste generated and increases the amount of natural resources needed to make new products. The EPA states that electronics contain hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury, and hexavalent chromium, batteries and color cathode ray tubes (CRTs). Televisions and CRT monitors contain an average of 4 lbs of lead (depending on size). Mercury from electronics has been cited as a leading source of mercury in municipal waste. Lastly, brominated flame retardants are commonly added to plastics used in electronics. If discarded, these toxins can be released into the environment through landfill leachate.

Items Accepted

Personal Computers /Laptops
Monitors
Keyboards /Electronic Mice
Modems /Hard Drives
CD ROM/Zip/Tape Drives
Cords & Cables (power, USB)
CDs, DVDs, Floppies, etc.
UPS (battery backups)
Printers (laser, ink jet, dot matrix)
Televisions/ VCR

DVD Laser Disc Players
Portable Radio/CD Players
Speakers/Stereo Systems
CB's/Two -way radios
Digital Clocks
Microwaves
Cameras (film, magnetic tape, digital)
String Lights (holiday lights on wires)
Palm Organizers/Hand Held Games
Video Game Players

Game Controls
Typewriters/Word Processors
Copy/Fax/Scanner Machines
Adding Machines/Calculators
Postage Machines
Paper shredders
Telephones/Cell Phones
Pagers/Answering Machines



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Donate your old vehicle for a good cause



Do you have an unfixable clunker sitting in your driveway that you need to get rid of? Don't pay a towing company to get rid of it; the Romeoville Fire Department has the answer for you! The Department's Training Division is always seeking broken-down vehicles for donation. The vehicles are used for hands-on real-world training in rescuing entrapped people in car accidents. They practice using the "jaws of life" and other rescue tools. Paramedics practice how to remove victims properly and safely from the vehicle with the use of cervical collars and backboards to prevent further neck and back injuries. Fire Investigators also use the vehicles to help determine the causes of vehicle fires.

Vehicles can be donated in any condition. Vehicles can either be dropped off at the Fire Department or they can arrange to have it towed at no cost to you. Most importantly, you will receive a donation letter making your vehicle donation tax deductible! You must have a valid title for the vehicle. For information on vehicle donation, please contact Diane at (815) 886-7231.

Harvest Saturday Food Drive Saturday, November 20th 11:00am - 3:00pm



Please place your food donation in plastic bags outside your front door by 11:00am. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer call Bernadette Sedlacek at (815) 886-4165 ext 303.

Operation Christmas

In an effort to assist families in our community, the Village of Romeoville is sponsoring Operation Christmas for the upcoming 2010 Holiday Season. Operation Christmas brought joy and hope to over 300 needy families last year in Romeoville. If you or your business is interested in adopting a family please call (815) 886-6337.

For Registration

In-person registration is required to receive gifts and only available on the following dates:

- Sunday, November 7th from 1:00 - 3:00pm
Romeoville Recreation Center, 900 W. Romeo Road - Art Room
- Thursday, November 11th from 9:30-11:30am & 4:00-6:00pm
Romeoville Recreation Center, 900 W. Romeo Road - Celebration Room

Registration Forms can be downloaded from www.romeoville.org. Gifts will be distributed on December 17th.

For more information, please call (815) 886-6337.



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special events

Halloween Fest

Friday, October 22nd - 6:00 - 9:00pm

Don't let the ghouls or werewolves keep you away from this night-time event on its new night and time. The Halloween Fest is cosponsored by the Romeoville Chamber of Commerce. Activities are free to all Romeoville residents and will be held outdoors at Romeoville's Village Park, 900 West Romeo Road so please dress for the weather. Bring a bag to collect goodies along the Trick-or-Treat Trail and dress in your Halloween costume for the Costume Contest for kids up to age 12. Other activities include children's entertainment, pumpkin patch and hay rides.

Trick or Treat at Safety Town

Sunday, October 31st - 6:00 - 8:00pm

Come join the Village officials and staff as they dress up and distribute candy at Safety Town, 11 Montrose Drive on Halloween Night.

Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 11th - 10:00am

Celebrate Veteran's Day with the Village of Romeoville. Service will be held at Veterans Memorial Gardens, 11 Montrose Drive.

Winter Wonderland/Tree Lighting Festival

Friday, December 3rd - 6:00 - 9:00pm

Bring your Christmas wish list and smile big for a picture and visit with Santa at this year's Winter Wonderland. Create festive holiday art or enjoy many other exciting children's activities during this Winter Wonderland. Participants MUST pre-register for the Winter Wonderland. All children must be accompanied by a paid adult. For fee information please visit us online at www.romeoville.org. This event is held in conjunction with the FREE outdoor Tree Lighting Festival from 6:00 to 9:00pm which includes lighting up the night with festive lights on the 30' spruce tree outside of the Recreation Center 900 West Romeo Road. This event not only includes the tree lighting but other outdoor activities including ice sculpture demonstrations, real reindeer and hot chocolate.

Open House

Sunday, January 23rd - 12:00 - 3:00pm

Join the Romeoville Recreation Department for Open House on its new date. The Open House will feature class demonstrations, information booths from community organizations and much more at the Recreation Center, 900 West Romeo Road. For a complete list of activities visit us online at www.romeoville.org.

Daddy-Daughter Ball... a Magical Dinner Date Night!

Saturday, February 5th - 6:00 - 9:00pm

It's your chance to get all dressed up girls! Dads bring your daughter(s) out for a special night of fun while you enjoy dinner, drinks, cookies, and dancing the night away at the Recreation Center, 900 West Romeo Road. Your daughter(s) will also make a special Valentine's Day craft to bring home. Capture this special night with a picture of you and your daughter(s) taken at the ball. Fee includes dinner, drinks, cookies, craft and a picture. Preregistration is required and must be turned in by Sunday, January 9th.

For more information on any of these events please contact the Romeoville Recreation Department at (815) 886-6222.

5 Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes

We don't often think of damage from frozen and broken water pipes as being on the same scale as a natural disaster, but damage from water is the most prevalent yet least recognized catastrophe. Taking these few precautions during these winter months may save your home from the devastating effects of frozen and broken water pipes.

- 1 Disconnect all garden hoses and other outside hose connections. If possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- 2 Insulate all exposed pipes located in your basement, under your home, on outside walls or in attics. For pipes with northern exposures, use heat tape according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- 3 Set the thermostat to at least 55 degrees even when your home is vacant or unoccupied during the winter. If you plan to be away during cold-weather months, have someone regularly check your home.
- 4 Winterize sprinkler systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Blowing out excess water with a compressor may be the best way to prevent frozen and broken pipes.
- 5 It is very important to know how to shut off the water supply if a pipe bursts.

Police Department Anonymous Tip Line (815) 886-8080

The Police Department depends on your help to prevent crime and spot problems or violations. You may have seen something or know about something that helps solve a major crime, saves someone's life or makes your neighborhood a better place for everyone. You can use this number to give us a confidential and anonymous tip on our 24 hour voice mail tip line about any kind of crime or suspicious activity. You can share anything. No one will contact you or know who you are, unless you want us to.