# SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 2022

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# INTRODUCTION

#### Hilshire Village Residents,

Fall is officially upon us. Hopefully everyone is adjusting to being back to school and getting ready for cooler weather.

#### **KEEP IN MIND:**

- Be sure to lock all doors and windows in your home and set your alarm, when you are not on the premises.
- Lock your vehicle when it is unoccupied and take valuables and keys with you.
- Trick-or-treaters will be out and about on Halloween, so please be cautious while driving through neighborhoods. Lets make this a fun, spooky, and safe event for everyone.

Sincerely, Acting Chief M. Schulze



# **OCTOBER 2022**

DATE	DAY	SPECIAL DAYS FOR THIS MONTH
OCTOBER 01, 2022	SATURDAY	BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 01, 2022	SATURDAY	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 04, 2022	TUESDAY	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
OCTOBER 10, 2022	MONDAY	COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 24, 2022	MONDAY	UNITED NATIONS DAY
OCTOBER 28, 2022	FRIDAY	NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY
OCTOBER 31, 2022	MONDAY	HALLOWEEN









# IMPORTANT NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

### **EMERGENCY**

**NON - EMERGENCY** 

911 - FOR ALL EMERGENCY

713-465-8323

988 - NATIONAL SUICIDE & MENTAL HEALTH

### SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE

HILLSHIRE VILLAGE – CITY HALL

### VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

SPRING VALLEY - CITY HALL	713-465-8308	VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT	713-465-2323
SPRING VALLEY - PD	713-465-8323	VFD - NON-EMERGENCY	713-468-7941
SPRING VALLEY - PD FAX	713-465-3135		
SPRING VALLEY - COURT	713-465-0333		
HILSHIRE VILLAGE			

713-973-1779



# SPRING VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT HILSHIRE VILLAGE

CALLS BY TYPE: 09/01/22 THRU 09/30/22

ТҮРЕ	DESCRIPTION	# OF CALLS
22	ALARM	8
23	AMBULANCE CALL	3
135	BUSINESS CHECK	117
47	CHILD LOCKED IN VEHICLE	1
60	FIRE CALL	2
65	GAS LEAK	1
70	INFORMATION	3
71	INVESTIGATION	1
76	LOUD NOISE	1
81	OPEN DOOR	1
86	PUBLIC RELATIONS	49
99	STALLED VEHICLE	1
104	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3
105	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2
154	THEFT	1
11	TRAFFIC STOP	12
111	VEHICLE BLOCKING ROADWAY	1
163	VIOLATION CITY ORDINANCE	1
117	WELFARE CONCERN	2
	TOTAL	210



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# **IDENTITY THEFT**

#### What are the 3 types of identity theft?

- Financial Identity Theft
- Medical Identity Theft
- Online Identity Theft

Identity theft is a crime in which an imposter obtains key pieces of personally identifiable information (PII), such as Social Security or driver's license numbers, to impersonate someone else.

### **Prevent identity theft**

- Check your credit report regularly.
- Shred unsolicited credit card applications.
- Monitor your account statements for unauthorized transactions.
- Follow up with creditors if your bills are missing.
- Keep your Social Security card and number in a safe location.
- Do not respond to spam email.





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# **IDENTITY THEFT**

#### What to Do If Your Identity Is Stolen.

- File a claim with your identity theft insurance.
- Notify companies of your stolen identity.
- File a report with the Federal Trade Commission.
- Contact your local police department.
- Place a fraud alert on your credit reports.
- Freeze your credit.
- Sign up for a credit monitoring service.



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### **Identity theft recovery**

Depending on the type of information stolen, victims should contact the appropriate organization and inform it of the situation. This could be a bank, credit card company, health insurance provider or the IRS. Victims should request to have their account frozen or closed to prevent further fraudulent charges, claims or actions.

Identity theft victims should file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and inform one of the three major credit bureaus -- Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion -- to have a fraud alert or security freeze placed on their credit records.

Victims can visit the FTC website to obtain a recovery plan and put it into action. The plan includes the collection of forms and letters necessary to guide the victim through the recovery process. If your identity is compromised in a data security breach, victims should follow up with the company responsible about what assistance and protections it may have in place for victims and their data.

### BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

#### **Crime Prevention Tips:**

By practicing the suggested crime prevention tips you can help reduce the chances that you will become the victim of a burglary of a motor vehicle. BE AWARE of your surroundings at all times. Criminals target people that might be distracted (walking while looking at their cell phone or talking on their cell phone, wearing earphones). PARK ONLY in well-lit areas near other vehicles. PARK ONLY in high traffic areas of a parking lot. DO NOT jeopardize your safety or the safety of your family for convenience. Never leave valuables in your vehicle. Criminals watch parking lots to see where you might be hiding valuables, for example your trunk. This is especially true if you are going to be away from your vehicle for a long period of time or overnight. Criminals targets of choice: Guns, purses, laptops, tablets, hand tools, jewelry, coins or anything they might feel is valuable.

Always LOCK all doors and ensure windows are rolled up!

Never leave a gun unsecured in your vehicle! Car break-ins where guns were stolen has increased. Thieves like to specifically target shooting ranges and then follow you to your next location and break into your vehicle. If you notice anyone acting suspicious or hanging around the parking lot, return to the store or business and notify management or call police.

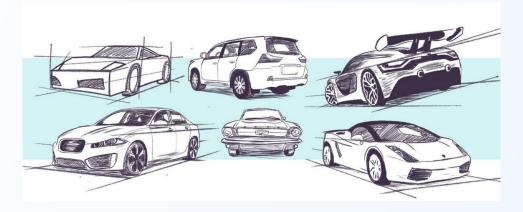
Don't think dark -tinted windows will hide your valuables. Thieves often use flashlights to see through tint. Even if your vehicle is locked and alarmed, if you leave valuables (or the hint of valuables) in plain sight, a thief may target your car, even knowing it's locked and alarmed. But, without a clear prize in sight, a locked/alarmed car will likely be bypassed for an easier "target of opportunity". AT HOME, if possible, put your vehicle in a garage and lock the door if you're not able to park your vehicle in the garage at least park the vehicle in the driveway. Always park in a well-lit areas and be familiar with your surroundings. Use auto theft deterrents such as car alarms, kill switches, steering wheel locks and tracking devices.

Burglary of a motor vehicle is a crime of opportunity. Don't become a victim, protect your car and personal property.



#### \*\* **NEW** \*\*

### **VEHICLE REPORT CARD**



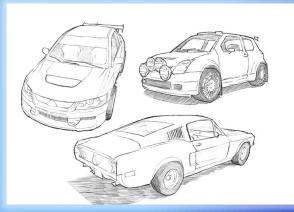
Spring Valley Village Police Department will be implementing a new program called "Vehicle Report Card" as of September 2022. Our officers will place this card (example on the right) on your windshield to indicate a quick overview of what they observed when patrolling the area. These cards have no penalty whatsoever, they are only to let the owner know that our officers were in the area checking the safety and security of your vehicle. The new program will include both residential and businesses in our jurisdiction.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to call our department.

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### SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Report Card **PASS** Congratulations! Your Vehicle has passed the Anti-theft Inspection. Your actions can assist the officer's at Spring Valley to deter crime. **FAIL** FAIL PASS DOOR UNLOCKED WINDOW OPEN OR CRACKED PACKAGES OR VALUABLES IN PLAIN VIEW OTHER OFFICER: DATE INSPECTED:

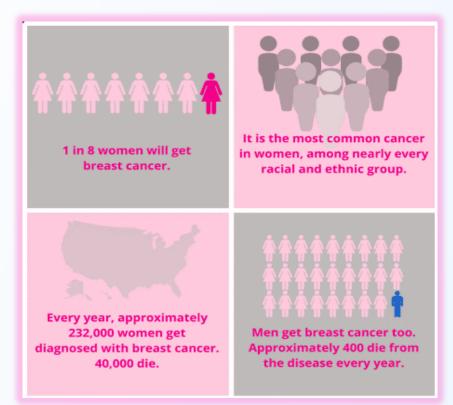


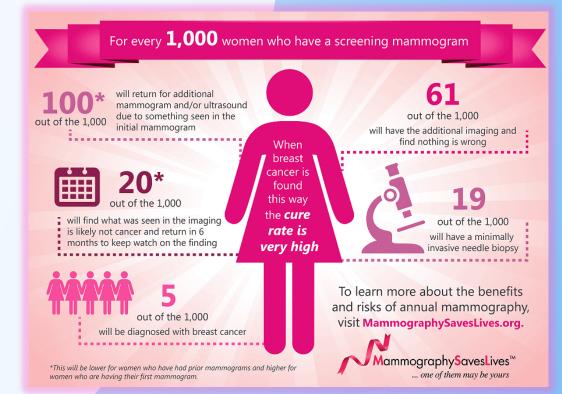


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