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Deer Park Neighbors has received a few reports of homes in Deer Park and Barrington being approached by teams of people purporting to be selling subscriptions.

One report from Fox Point area was this: "A gang...has been attempting to sell magazine subscriptions to residents in this neighborhood. They use this as a front to attempt burglaries. In some cases they distract the residents and other members of the group enter through another door. In other cases they scope out the house and make burglary attempts during the night--typically during the hours of 1am and 5am. In either case, keep your houses locked and secure (even if you are in the yard) and please, please report anything suspicious to the police."

Another neighbor south of Long Grove reported similar events last summer: "One time one of the kids [solicitors] told me they lived in Swansway and were selling mag subscriptions for a fundraiser for Children's Memorial Hospital. I told him my husband was in the house and I would discuss it with him, they immediately turned around and left."

Over in the Briargate subdivision, about two weeks ago, a few "solicitors" of magazine subscriptions rang doorbells. They were casually but neatly dressed and fairly well spoken, presenting themselves as selling magazine subscriptions in a training program to "better themselves." They were assertive and confident, carrying a clipboard with what appeared to be pages of "orders." Solicitors referred to nearby neighbors by first name. (Of course, public information like names and addresses are readily available in phone books and on the internet.) The solicitors were difficult to discourage. We are not aware of anything stolen in Briargate.

We have notified Village Hall of the above incidents, and were told they would report to Kildeer police.

Isn't it great that neighbors are looking out for each other and sharing this kind of information? That's what "community" is all about!

There is a "no soliciting" ordinance on the Village of Deer Park books. See "Title XI: Business Regulations, CHAPTER 115: PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS" in the Village of Deer Park Municipal Code, posted on the Village web site, <http://www.village.deer-park.il.us/default.htm>

[Kildeer Police: emergency 911; Non-emergency, dispatch 847 438-6010; Administrative office, 847 438-6644.](#)

[The Village Peace Officer is President Gifford, 847-540-9495.](#)

[The Public Safety Commissioner is Trustee Howard Thrun, 847-438-4384.](#)

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MEETINGS:

Board of Trustees, Monday, Aug. 21, 7 pm, Quentin School. This will be the first meeting with the Village's new attorney. Watch the village web site for posting of the agenda for that meeting.

The next open meeting of the Deer Park Neighbors will be Sunday, Sept. 10, Charlie Brown Park, 2-4 pm, (bring a lawn chair).

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