

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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SOCIAL SECURITY SAFETY

KEEPING SCAMMERS AWAY FROM RETIREMENT BENEFITS



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If you or someone you know qualifies for Social Security, your retirement benefits may be in jeopardy.

A recent report from AARP Fraud Watch highlights a new scam targeting retirement benefits of those ages 62 and older.

The scam is simple — scammers use stolen information

to go to the Social Security Administration website and set up a “my Social Security” account. They apply for funds, request a lump sum payment, and divert the funds to their own bank account.

“They apply for funds, request a lump sum...”

The scammers then withdraw the funds, close the account, then transfer the funds to gift cards so they cannot be traced.

You can avoid being targeted by acting now.

Only one “my Social Security” account is permitted per SSN. Setting your account up now, even if you’re not yet retired, is a good way to avoid being victimized.

If you are a victim of this scam, contact your local Social Security Administrative office to resolve the issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don’t be late for this very important date! Bring the whole family to the **Easter Egg Hunt**. It’s one you won’t want to miss.

Saturday, March 31, 2018
Galena Park
10 a.m. sharp

Enjoy the **Draper Arts and Crafts Festival**, featuring local vendors, a classic car show, and food.

Saturday, May 12, 2018
Draper Park
10 AM-4 PM

FIGHT CRIME FRIDAY

Join Draper Police Department every Friday at 12:30 PM on Facebook Live. New crime prevention and safety tips every week.

JUST A REMINDER

- * Lock your car
- * Close your garage
- * Turn on your lights from dusk until dawn
- * Lock your doors
- * Get your mail/packages



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BITCOIN BLUES

DON'T GET BURNED BY CRYPTOCURRENCY

Joining the ranks of those made rich by virtual currencies like Bitcoin is tempting.

Unfortunately, digital money carries with it an abundance of risks.

According to the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), virtual currency does not

have status as legal tender. These currencies are often targeted by hackers and fraudsters and offer no recourse if stolen. Plus, the cash market is mostly unregulated.

Visit the CFTC’s website to learn more about Bitcoin and how you can protect yourself.

If you would like more information on any of the material mentioned in this month’s newsletter, contact Draper’s Crime Prevention Specialist: Abigail Norton, at 801.576.6342.