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# SALLY'S MESSAGE



**Since I became Constable Precinct 3 nearly four years ago, I have placed an emphasis on helping the most vulnerable in our community, mainly children and seniors. During this holiday season, I wanted to highlight a non-profit agency that I believe does wonderful work here in Austin, Travis County and the surrounding Central Texas region- Meals on Wheels Central Texas.**

**They are mostly known for the delivery of prepared meals to seniors and homebound clients. Indeed, 3000 meals are delivered each weekday, and 90% of them are delivered by volunteers. But, did you know that Meals on Wheels does much more than distribute meals? According to Thad Rosenfeld, Communications VP for Meals on Wheels Central Texas, their other programs include:**

- Handy Wheels: volunteers perform minor, safety-related home repairs and improvements for clients. Volunteers provide their own tools.**
- PALS: volunteers transport clients' pets to and from scheduled veterinary appointments OR deliver pet food to clients' homes.**
- Groceries-to-Go: volunteers help clients with grocery shopping. Clients provide all payment for groceries.**

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# **SALLY'S MESSAGE**

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**MEALS on WHEELS**  
CENTRAL TEXAS

**- HOPE: volunteers deliver bags of non-perishable food items to clients' homes the second Saturday of every month.**

**- Mike's Place: be part of the fun at their respite care program for people with Alzheimer's or dementia. Mike's Place is held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30am-1:30pm.**

**Meals on Wheels serves several Central Texas counties: Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, Fayette, Caldwell, and Lee. All of their services are available in Travis and Williamson counties, and the remaining counties are served through their Country Wheels program.**

**Mr. Rosenfeld says, "Meals on Wheels Central Texas takes a holistic approach to keeping homebound older adults and people with disabilities living independently. Besides our hot, nutritious home-delivered lunches, and the other services, we also offer major home repair, specialized care for Veterans, In-Home personal care, and meals and activities at local senior centers."**

**Meals and Wheels Central Texas can always use more volunteers, but especially during the holiday season when many of their regular volunteers go out of town or have other obligations. I know that this is a very busy time for most of you, but please take some time out to donate time and/or money to local non-profit agencies, like Meals on Wheels Central Texas.**

**I hope you and yours have a magical holiday season!**



**CHIEF DEPUTY**  
**ANTHONY "AJ" JOHNSON**

## **HOLIDAY SAFETY**

The magic of the holiday season is upon us! Shopping, shopping, shopping, and packages being delivered can be an exciting time, but it is also an invitation for crimes of opportunity. It's also a time when crime seems spike, as newly bought gifts are stolen out of cars and taken off of your front porch. Just last week, the Austin American Statesman had a story about our friends at the Sunset Valley Police Department. For a town of 749 residents, its violent crime rate is more than twice of Austin's and the property crime rate is nearly five times that of Austin's. A majority of that is due to the large shopping meccas located in Sunset Valley, where the city can see as many as 25,000 visitors a day in the run up to Christmas.

There are a few common-sense suggestions to keep you and your valuables safe. Place all valuables in your car out of view. Secure all holiday packages in your trunk, and lock all windows and doors. Thieves are always waiting and watching. Park in well-lit areas, which thieves tend to avoid, and be aware of your surroundings. A vehicle can be broken in as little as 3 minutes. Above all, call 911 if you see something fishy and get a good description.

Many of you are electing to shop online, which means packages are being delivered to you. There are always reports of packages being stolen off of porches after being delivered. Two of the best ways to make sure this doesn't happen is require a signature for your package and have the package delivered at your workplace, if you can. If a signature is required, your package won't be left unattended at your door. Sign up for delivery alerts so you know when it was delivered. Have a neighbor pick it up for you if you can. If it has been stolen and you have verification that it was delivered, by all means, call the police and make a report.

I hope these tips are helpful for you and your family to have the greatest holiday season ever. Happy holidays!



## volunteer swearing in

We are happy to announce that since the Constable Precinct 3 office started sponsoring this program, we have had 19 swearing-in ceremonies, and we now have over 100 volunteers participating!



# CAREER DAYS



**WILLIAMS**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
AUSTIN Independent School District



Once again, your Precinct 3 Constable Office was invited to be a part of Career Day at Williams. Chief Anthony Johnson and Deputies Janie Serna, Al Aranda, Todd Sumrall, and Mike Schnautz were happy to talk to students in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades about law enforcement. There were so many great questions. Maybe one or two will grow up to be a peace officer!

# Mission Vision & Values

## Mission

To enhance the quality of life in Southwest Travis County by proudly serving our courts and community with the utmost professionalism while building bridges that foster partnership and prevention.

## Vision

We envision a stronger future built on a true partnership with the community through open communication and respect for the diverse nature of our residents.

## Values

Our core beliefs of honesty, fairness, and respect ensure that we are committed to the highest performance standards, ethical conduct, and compassion in serving our community

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