

SUN CITY LINCOLN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

SAFETY AND SECURITY

**ALERTS**



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**Tip of the Day:** Defensive driving and awareness while walking can be lifesaving.

**Tragic incident in Lincoln Hills:** At approximately 7:30 AM on Tuesday, 9/27/22, there was a vehicle versus pedestrian accident. The 93-year-old resident was found deceased in the street. Lincoln Police and investigators came and examined the scene. Chief Matt Alves indicated in a Lincoln Messenger article that the investigation could take up to 30 days to complete.

Residents need to be mindful while driving as well as walking. Take the extra few seconds to look all around when reversing and whenever residents are walking nearby. If your eyesight has declined, try to get a walking partner, or walk on the Orchard Creek track. While wearing earbuds, be careful before leaving the sidewalk. If possible, leave one earbud out to allow hearing traffic. Don't expect the driver to stop for you while you are staring at your phone.

**Amazon scam**—as well as similar scams—have become more complex. A resident received a phone call from a scammer asking whether they had approved 2 very large charges. When the resident said they had not, they were “transferred” to the “fraud department” where a scammer asked for name, social security number and email. They were told that their personal information was used to launder money. Then they were “transferred” to “federal investigators” in Texas. The “US Marshall” gave his badge number and indicated that it could be checked on the website. Meanwhile the resident's spouse checked the internet and found that there is no website to check a badge number. They hung up but the scammer called back twice, getting more threatening each time. The resident called their bank and set up additional security with the credit bureaus.

**Other scam**—involve tricking the victim into sending money via apps such as Zelle or Venmo. Scammers have been known to request payment via Venmo for an item advertised for sale online. If this happens to you, you may not get your money back, so reserve third-party payment apps to those you know and trust.

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