



## Information on Solicitors Operating in the Village

Solicitors are required to obtain a permit from the Wilmette Police Department and must display this permit when soliciting.

A person under the age of 17 is not required to obtain a solicitor's license but is required to notify the police department and provide information verifying their exemption.

Soliciting hours are from 9am to 9pm. Soliciting is prohibited on Sundays and national holidays.

Solicitors, whether they are required to have a permit or not, are not allowed to solicit where a *No Solicitors* sign is conspicuously posted.

### *Before you Donate:*

- 1) Verify that the organization is a legitimate charity. This can be done by calling the Illinois Attorney General's Charitable Trust Bureau at 312-814-2595 or going on-line to check charity resource material at <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/charities/investigate.html>. We have experienced individuals in town seeking funds for non-existent charities that sounded authentic or used names similar to an actual charity.
- 2) Even legitimate organizations are occasionally victimized by individuals that purport to be collecting funds for a particular charity but in actuality are just collecting the money for themselves. The police department suggests that you verify the individual is an authorized representative of a real organization prior to making a donation.
- 3) Do not be pressured into giving money at the time of the solicitation. You have the option of providing financial support after researching the legitimacy of the organization and mailing your donation through instructions on their official sites.

If you become aware of individuals soliciting fraudulently or outside of the parameters set by the Village Ordinance, please contact the Wilmette Police Department at the non-emergency number (847) 256-1200.