



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
ASSOCIATION, INC.

THE WINDOW

we're ALWAYS watching

Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association Inc., A non profit association dedicated to crime prevention in association with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office - Community Outreach Division:

Presidents Message:

As jobs are lost, more homes in foreclosure, and our financial future seems at best shaky we have a couple of choices. We can give up and let someone else run our day to day life or Stand Up and take charge. We live in the greatest country ever envisioned or created- AMERICA.

We are the descendants of people who crossed the ocean in sail boats to find a new world. They built a Country from nothing. Asked nothing of others but respect and watched out for each other.

They overcame adversity, won wars, built companies and created something out of nothing. They were a take no prisoners, finish the job, do the right thing and volunteered to help neighbors.

We can and must be that type people today ready to solve with American ingenuity any problem that arises. We are the greatest and strongest Country ever. To do this we need to continue our volunteering and investing in ourselves. Always looking for a better way to improve our community and Country.

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Be the person who leads your neighborhood into being the type place you want to live in, not have to live in. We must be ready to make choices. Some will be tough, but make them we will, to insure our children and grandchildren have a brighter future filled with hope and a new prosperity for our great Country.

This month, National Crime month, is a great time to get more involved in volunteering and making a difference in your community.

We all need to look at the big picture and not get hung up on the little things we think are important. When we stand and work together in unity we will survive and grow as a community and Country.

“ MAKE THAT CHOICE”

Annual Meeting – HCNWA!

This year marks the second time we have held our Annual Dinner Meeting at the new HCSO – Administrative Facility on Falkenburg Road. Thank You HCSO for the meeting place. It's our way of simply saying “Thank You” for all the hard work and efforts you put forth to promote our Association in Hillsborough County. Your help in putting crime controlling methods in place to make your neighborhoods a safer place to live and raise a family is needed and appreciated.

The meeting will take place on Oct. 19, 2010 at 6:30PM promptly. The address is 520 N. Falkenburg Rd., north from the current Jail Facility. We will have a guest speaker, door prizes, trivia questions, and a catered Dinner. The Sheriffs Command Staff will also be present to answer any questions you might have. Coordinators and Block Captains Please Join Us! Help us show our appreciation for the HCSO of Hillsborough County..... “Be There”

**Remember, Tomorrow Because of You, Hillsborough County
Will be a Little Better or A Little Worse**

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**FIGHT - CRIME - FIGHT - CRIME - UNITE
"OCTOBER NITE OUT"**

If your Watch Group is planning an event for "October Nite Out," our local answer to the "National Night Out" held in early August, please let the Community Outreach Division Deputies know of it. They can be reached at 247-8115. They will perhaps make arrangements to attend your event.

October is "Crime Prevention Month," so please help fight crime by showing your support for Law Enforcement and "get involved."

Magnetic Business Cards

The HCNWA has magnetic business cards with important phone numbers available at each meeting. You may also get them from the District Deputies listed above.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve our meetings or Neighborhood Watch please let us know. We are also looking for Directors, so get involved and make a difference.

"WE'RE ALWAYS WATCHING"

"The Window" is a publication of the HCNWA Send all articles or requests to:

Ken Atkison - Editor - kengatki05@verizon.net

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Sheriffs Corner:

Greetings to All,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to each member of the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Association (HCNWA) for your continued efforts and dedication in helping to keep our community safe and secure.

The Neighborhood Watch Program continues to be an effective and cost-efficient method for reducing and deterring crimes within our community, especially during these tough economic times when crime trends tend to increase. Participation by concerned citizens like you increases our ability to thwart criminal acts as well as apprehend criminal offenders.

The partnership between HCNWA and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is the baseline for preventing crime from

occurring. By working together, we can collectively accomplish the mission of this agency, to serve and protect our friends, our family members, and our community.

Please be safe. I, as well as the men and women of this agency, depend on you to help us do our jobs.

Sincerely,

David Gee - Sheriff

Special Message from your Treasurer Lois E. Fedon:

A note from your Treasurer. If your group has any change in its Coordinator information, address, city, zip or phone number please contact your Treasurer at loise05@verizon.net or 885-9491 and give her the details.

It is Dues time again for our Organization. Our Dues structure is the "only" financial means we have for daily operation.

Please make sure your original invoice is sent back with your dues. This will insure the Treasurer credits the correct group with payment. If you use a property management company make sure they comply.

Thank you, Lois

The HCNWA has grown to over 282 registered groups and with the cooperation of the HCSO have plans to grow even larger. Sheriff David Gee and his Staff are committed to assist our groups in any way possible. The assigned NW Deputies are available to answer all your questions. Contact them at 813 247-8115 at the Community Outreach Division for any questions you may have about starting a Neighborhood watch group.

The HCNWA now has 25 power point presentations and equipment to help your group continue to fight crime. Please contact any of the Officers of the HCNWA for information about setting up a presentation at one of your meetings. We want to help you to spread the word about Neighborhood Watch and how its benefits may help to make your area a safer place to live. Be pro-active instead of re-active. Take advantage of this offer to help motivate your watch group. **"Get Motivated."**

Remember, Neighborhood Watch is a time-proven method to ensure that your neighborhood remains as crime-free as possible. It only takes a few hours of Volunteering, and absolute perseverance to get the job done. "Get Active" – Take your neighborhood back. Remain focused.

News from the HCNWA!

If anyone from any Watch Group has an item they would like to see in the Newsletter please e-mail either Ken Atkison at kengatki05@verizon.net or Nick Bates at allstate@gte.net.

The HCSO recently held an organization meeting out in the Lutz area to build up interest in the VCP Program (**Volunteer Citizen Patrol**). They hope to have enough Volunteers to set-up a new program and begin sometime in late October. If interested contact the Coordinator for the VCPP - Deputy Lorraine Jordan at 247-8223 for further information.

Please, take a moment and reflect on the trials and tribulations our uniformed Officers face each day, as they pursue their “daily duties” of serving and protecting our residents. Recognize and appreciate these fine men and women and get involved and make their “job” a little easier, as they patrol our streets.

The HCNWA has applied for a grant from the County ONR. The grant is to be used to hold a “first-ever” NW Jamboree. The proposed date is in April of 2011. This will be an all day event for all current members and their families at a centrally located County Park, including games, entertainment, and food for all members. There will also be Vendor booths, guest speakers, door prizes and trivia questions. The HCSO will also have a presence at the event. We are currently looking for a few Corporate Sponsors, to assist in offsetting the costs involved in putting on such an event.

Remember, crime doesn’t take a vacation, its always present 24/7, trying to upset our peace and tranquility. Get involved - and “Make The Difference.”

Trivia Questions:

1. Only two animals get prostate cancer. What are they?
2. If you imitate Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl what have you done?
3. 23% of all psychiatrists in the U.S. practice where?
4. Who is oldest driver to win a race at Daytona?
5. The grave of Davey Crockett’s second wife is what in Texas?
6. What do groundhogs, woodchucks and marmots have in common?

The red part of a turkey’s head is called what?

Personal Reflections of Sec’y Ken Atkison:

I don’t often get on “my soap box,” but I believe this is one of those times I should. Our Organization has gone through rough times and as always we will survive. As many of you may know Lois E. Fedon, your Treasurer, and I have been Officers of this group for over 6 years and have truly enjoyed it. We have worked very hard to help get this group to the point where it’s at today.

We look forward to the day we can get back to the “original” sharing of information between all parties of concern and continue to see this Organization grow in the stature it so richly deserves.

Neighborhood Watch is an oft proven method of keeping neighborhoods free of crime. Please continue all your individual efforts to see to it that your NW stays active and focused. Stay involved and help keep neighbors involved.

As we have often stated in the past we are blessed with the “Premier” Sheriffs Office in the State of Florida. Help make their job easier get and stay involved.

With these very difficult economic times that everyone is facing, we need to all pull together to insure we have a safe place to live and raise our families. We need to send a message to any criminal saying we don’t tolerate them in our County.

These are but a few of my personal observations, and I hope to be a part of this Organization for years to come.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Membership Renewal Notice 2010-2011 Annual Dues

Due in Oct. each year

Please Remit Twenty Five (25) Cents per Household in Your Community

Date _____

Membership Association Name _____

Number Of households _____ **X \$.25 Per Household = \$** _____.

Watch Coordinator _____ Phone # _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone & E-Mail: _____

HCNWA Invoice # _____

Please remit to: HCNWA c/o Treasurer, P.O. Box 261152, Tampa, Fl. 33685-1152 (813-885-9491)

Make checks payable to HCNWA. Please write your community name on the check so we can properly credit your account. Your early attention to this notice will be most appreciated.

HCNWA Federal tax # 59-232-4347 Thank you! Lois Fedon, Treasurer

-----cut-on line if needed-----

Please complete and attach the above "Original" form with your Dues check. If you have a Property Mgmt. Company or a HOA issuing your check, please inform them to be sure and place your Inv. # on their check and send the original notice with their remittance. I would appreciate it. This document is used in my bookkeeping procedures of making sure your group account is up-to-date. Thank You so much.

I could also fax them your original invoice, with your permission of course, at the end of September of each year. Have them call me if that would be acceptable to them. My number is 813 885-9491 and I await your response. Thank You for all you do for the Community. Stay safe

HCNWA NEWS IN BRIEF!

If your NW group held an event during the annual "National Night Out" in August let us know. We will include it in the next newsletter.

The HCSO has put its "Citizens Academy" on hold, due to the budget and cutbacks in assigned Officers. It's an excellent program and many benefits are received. If any member has an interest please contact the HCSO at 247-8115.

One of our main goals for this year is to increase our Board of Directors. If you have any interest in joining or attending any Board meetings contact a Board member for more info.

One of our oldest NW groups, Fountainview Estates, will be celebrating 25 years of service this December. We presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation at their Aug. 3rd NNO celebration. Their Watch group has been used as a model for other area groups for years. They continue to "get the job done" and we wish them all the best and look for another 25 years of service to the community.

We also presented Mrs. Ola Lott of the Green Ridge NW with a Certificate of Appreciation for her Watch Groups assistance in working with the HCSO to squash a "drug uprising" in their neighborhood. Mrs. Lott and her NW group were recognized at a HCSO news conference recently for all their efforts.

Your current President - Nick Bates may be facing some major surgery shortly - with a heart issue. Let's all wish him the very best and say our prayers for a speedy and safe conclusion. He has been around this Organization for some 25+ years and has done much to propel it into the current status it has within Hillsborough County. Our prayers are with him and his family at this time. God Speed...

“WHY DO I NEED TO VOLUNTEER NOW”

To show your neighbors, as well as yourselves, that you are set in your ways of wanting a safer, more serene area in which to live in, work in, and play in for your immediate family. A proven fact, crime will never completely disappear, but, through a united effort by all parties, it can be slowed to a measurable pace, along with certain restrictions that assure it won't raise its ugly head again in your neighborhood. So, let's all work together – as a “TEAM” in whatever area you reside, and help to show “Mr. Crime” that we're prepared and have actions in-place to stop its activity – here and now. Stand united and persevere to make your Neighborhood Watch the very “BEST” it can be – for its size. **“YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE”**

We wish all our current members a happy, joyous upcoming Holiday Season, and sincerely hope to hear from many of you with any questions you might have about neighborhood watch in general.

Enjoy life, stay safe, stay focused, stay active, and most importantly, always remember,

“YOU ARE ALL VERY MUCH APPRECIATED”

Get Involved – VOLUNTEER!

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