



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
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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:

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President's Message:

Its election time for us again. This year we will be electing a Vice president and Secretary. If you are interested in running for either Office please let us know.

As any organization we are led by the few who serve the many. So the few that lead are very important and we need to seek out the best. We have some of the best serving now but as always need a few more.

If you're not able to be an Officer or Director in HCNWA you can still make a difference. Everyone has something to contribute. You may be the one with a great idea to make a change that results in a significant improvement in how to stop crime.

You can always help provide manpower to get things done and improve the safety of all citizens in Hillsborough County. We need volunteers on our committees: Plans and Programs, Public Relations,

Education and Fund Raising. If you are interested in joining one or more please let us know. You can make a difference and keep HCNWA growing.

We will have sign in sheets at the Dinner meeting so be sure and check it out. It's a great way to start volunteering.

See you on Oct. 18, 2011

Make our, **No make your**, County a better place.

Volunteer today

Annual Meeting - HCNWA

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the HCSO Jail Administration Facility on Falkenburg Road. Thanks to the HCSO for allowing us to use this great facility. This is for all the hard work you coordinators and Block Captains do throughout the year. You help to put crime controlling trends in place to make your neighborhoods a safer place to live and raise a family. We need and appreciate, as does the HCSO, all your help.

The meeting will take place on Oct. 18, 2011 with dinner at 6:30PM promptly. The address is 520 N. Falkenburg Rd. We will have a guest speaker, door prizes and trivia questions. The Sheriffs Command Staff will also be present to answer any questions you might have. Please Join Us!

Help us show our appreciation for the HCSO of Hillsborough County.....

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

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This publication comes out twice a year, and is for the current Coordinators and Block Captains, and active NW Volunteers in Hillsborough County.....

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Sheriffs Corner:

Once again, I am extending my gratitude to each member of the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association (HCNWA) for the ongoing commitment and continued efforts to help keep our neighborhoods safe and secure. The Neighborhood Watch Program continues to prove that it is one of the most successful crime fighting tools for law enforcement.

The concerned citizens involved with a neighborhood watch program assists law enforcement by being the eyes and ears in the community on a 24-hour basis.

Communities with a strong program of working together generally experience significant reductions in crime. This greatly assists our office especially during these tough times when thefts and robberies can be prevalent and our manpower resources limited.

The partnership between the community and law enforcement is essential to reaching our common goal. I know that we can continue to rely on you to work as hard as you have in the past and I pledge that our office will continue to work hand-in-hand with you as we march together into the future.

Sheriff David Gee:

Magnetic Business Cards and Jar Openers

The HCNWA has magnetic business cards with important phone numbers on them. They will be available at meeting.

The cards have those numbers that are most important to have available for quick use.

We also have jar openers that will be available at the meeting. We have green and orange so get one. A great kitchen aid.

We are in process of getting window decals designed and made to give to all members. These will identify your home as a member of Neighborhood Watch. Even decals can help with deterring crime. Do all you can to insure your family and neighbors feel safe in their neighborhood.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve our meetings or Neighborhood Watch please step forward and let us hear from you. We're always looking for good ideas. See you at the meeting

Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay Inc.

Hillsborough County is receiving funds from the State Attorney General's Office. Crime Stoppers accepts **anonymous tips** and pays rewards for tips that result in apprehension.

<http://www.crimestopperstb.com>

Help stop crime and get paid for it.

Start A Watch Group

Information is available to anyone interested in starting a new or revitalizing an existing watch group.

You may obtain it from www.hcso.tampa.fl.us or www.hcnwa.org or call 813-247-8115.

A Deputy will send you a packet with everything you need to get started. They can be reached at 813-247-8115. They will be more than happy to assist in whatever way you need.

You are the key to improving your neighborhood. Stand up and make a difference in how safe an area you live in.

Now is the time to join or help start a watch group in your neighborhood. "VOLUNTEER"

Directors Needed:

The Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association is in need of Volunteers to serve on The Board of Directors.

The web-site for the HCNWA is www.hcnwa.org. Please visit our site to keep up with the latest events and to look up information about how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your area.

Our history and Board members names and e-mail addresses are there for you to learn about and join in making Hillsborough County a better and safer place to live in and raise your family.

To serve on the Board, you need to have been a Coordinator for at least one year, be at least 21 years of age, and be subject to a background check by the HCSO. Get motivated; come join us and "Help Make a Difference." "WE NEED YOU"

Membership Renewal Notice 2011-2012 Annual Dues

Due in Oct. each year

Cut and use if needed

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 (813-880-8233.)

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

Cut and save as your receipt: Group Name _____

HCNWA # _____

Check # _____ **Date** _____

Amount _____

News from the HCNWA

If anyone has photos or news about their neighborhood and would like to put them in our newsletter please e-mail either Ken Atkison at **kengatki05@verizon.net**, or Nick Bates at **allstate@gte.net**, and we will be happy to oblige.

The Office of Neighborhood Relations has these free training sessions for you.

- 1. HOA Board Training - Oct 8 and Oct 22, 2011**

 - 2. The 9th Annual Neighborhoods Conference - March 24, 2012.**
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The FBI has launched its first mobile application, the Child ID App. Go to this site and download for free: The App Store on iTunes at <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fbi-child>

To view Crime Prevention and Safety Tips visit <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/liaisons/criminaljustice/>



It's been a rather busy year for our Organization. We lost our Treasurer in April. As a result our Secretary has taken over until we elect a new one at this meeting.

Through a Grant from the ONR, the HCNWA held a NW Jamboree on Aug. 13, 2011 at E.G.Simmons Park in Ruskin. While attendance was good it was not what we had planned on. Those that did attend were treated to great food, music, exhibits, and fellowship.

We plan to hold such an event each year. Next year it will be more centrally located in County so more citizens will be able to attend. Our event committee, (**Tony Brost, Chris Cook, Denise Jordan and Ken Atkison**) did an outstanding job putting it together in such a short time. If interested in helping next year let us know.

We have a couple goals for the coming year. First we want to increase our number of Board members. Next we need to get members for our committees so we can do more for our organization. Thirdly we want to share our power point presentations with all our current member groups. We have some (25) such presentations, which would greatly assist our members in the development of and help increase participation in their Watch groups.

We also want to buy a child ID and finger printing set-up to be able to help insure each parent has an up to date profile of their children if needed. This service would be at no cost to any parent or group. We could go to any event or meeting to do this for our groups.

At this year's Annual meeting, we will hold elections for the Vice-President, and Secretary. If anyone is interested in any office, please contact one of the Officers and let us know.

Bullying can affect everyone. Learn how you can do your part in making Hillsborough County communities bully free

<http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/liaisons/criminaljustice/resources/publications/BullyingHillsboroughCo.pdf>

Bullying can include: • Pushing• Shoving Kicking• Hitting• Teasing• Spreading rumors• Taking part in gossip• Writing or texting mean or threatening notes or posts using the Internet (Facebook, Utube Twitter. You Tube. MvSpace).

Start Planning Now for A Crime stopping

OCTOBER NITE OUT

If your watch group is planning a function for "October Nite Out" our local answer to "National Nite Out," please let your Community Outreach Deputies know. They can be reached at 247-8115. They will perhaps be able to visit your event. Check it out.

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

A Message from the Treasurer – Ken Atkison

Well, it's that time of year again. Time for the collection of the yearly Dues for our Organization. We're still mourning the passing of our long time Treasurer, Lois E. Fedon, but, we know she is still up in heaven looking down on us and giving her assistance, as only she could do.

Our Dues structure is .25 cents per household. Many have asked how dues are spent so we will put on our website how dues are used. They help insure we have the tools to help fight the spread of "crime trends" and keep our members informed of new ideas to keep us all safe within our Communities.

Let's do it in memory of Lois, and continue to build this Organization into a group that is positive in its efforts to thwart crime in our County. Be positive and stay safe.

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Alert to Coordinators:

Please be advised we need Coordinators to notify us if there is a change in your address or if a new Coordinator will be taking over your Watch Group. You or the new coordinator need to call the HCNWA Treasurer so they can make the change.

There have been a few occasions where the Coordinator has left without letting us know and we have no way of reaching the Neighborhood Watch Group. When this happens we eventually have to remove the Group from our master list.

Please notify us of any changes. Don't lose the listing for your Neighborhood Watch Group. Thank You.

Trivia Questions:

1. Elvis made only one commercial for TV? Who for and year?
2. UPN (1995-2006) network did what during those years?
3. What ended with digital switchover in 2010 on TV?
4. What network was 1st to have nightly news 7 days a week and yr?
5. First commercial TV stations approved by FCC?
6. First TV commercial?
7. Original name of the enterprise on star trek?
8. 1st nationwide all color telecast was of what?
9. What do Lana Turner and Judge Joe Wapner (peoples court) have in common?
10. How many freckles did Howdy Doody have?
11. 1st color commercial?
12. How many cases did Perry Mason lose in original series?
13. What did Steve McQueen start with "Wanted: Dead or Alive" in 1958?

Jamboree Photos



VOLUNTEERS Make A Difference!

Be pro-active, not re-active.
Enjoy your family and be safe.
Coordinating to improve your neighborhood.
Organize NW meetings in your group.
Muster a positive attitude among Volunteers.
Enable neighbors to feel safe at home.

Always be alert to surroundings.

Look for best possible solutions for safety.
Engage in positive communications.
Advance NW basics among members.
Develop positive attitudes.
Elaborate ideas & suggestions to all.
Relish in the knowledge that you've done your best possible to build your group.

Become involved – be positive & be a leader. “You Can Make A Difference.”

Why Do I Need A Neighborhood Watch?

To ensure a safe, tranquil, quiet neighborhood in which to live in and raise your family in. NW is a very positive tool in helping to assure such a setting. Become involved in your neighborhood. Meet your neighbors and be sure they are informed of what to do if needed. Remember, because of you, your neighborhood will be a better place in the end. Do your part.

These truly are some horrific times for our Nation, and we all have to step forward and do our part to keep it safe.

So “Make A Difference” **Join Us!**

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