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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 - Crime Prevention Bureau:

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Its time for our Annual meeting and time to elect two Officers. This year Vice President and Secretary will be up for election. If you are interested in either position please let me know and be there Oct. 30.

We need you to be active and continue to volunteer in our organization. It is getting more difficult to keep HCNWA operating without participation from our citizens.

If only the same people continue to do all the work they will get burned out and we will cease to function. Please join in and help. We need eight Director ASAP. It only takes a few hours a year of your time.

Both you and the community will benefit from your volunteering. You will be teaching your children to give back not just take from their community.

These lessons will teach your altruistic values to them and show that not everything done is for money or gain. This is one of the greatest gifts a parent can pass on to their children.

So many parents try to give their children the latest and greatest new toy. Most are quickly used and discarded

looking for next pleasure in life. They are the next great generation and must be taught about values we learned as kids. They will learn values from parents or on the street.

No man stands as tall as when he stoops to help others. We need to all "stoop" and make Hillsborough County a better place to live and raise a family.

Teach them to act not react. Be a leader for them and show them how to make our community the best it can be.

Read the last two lines on bottom of this page and act accordingly.

Annual Meeting

On Tuesday October 30th at 7:00PM the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association will hold its Annual meeting. It will be held at the Riverhills Church of God located at 6310 E. Sligh Avenue.

All Coordinators, Block Captains, members of Watch Groups and general public are invited to attend.

The special speaker for this meeting will be Assist S.A. Elvin Martinez. Mr. Martinez will tell us about the Civil Citation pilot program used in our school system this year. It gives immediate non judicial punishment to students and reduces work for Juvenile Probation Officers.

Special appearance by State Attorney Mark Ober

As usual, a Q&A period will follow the presentation.

At the end of the meeting there will be drawings for Cash prizes (\$100) as well as gift certificates. You must be present to win. So invite a friend and join us to learn more about how to protect your neighbors and Let's all "Take A Bite Out Of Crime".

We know your time is valuable so help us use it wisely. Be there to help make a difference in Hillsborough County. After all, you are the Key!!!

As usual, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will have District Commanders on hand to answer all your questions. We look forward to seeing you and we hope you'll join us for the evening.

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

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The HCNWA has recently updated their Web page (hcnwa.org) to allow for more links and increase information sources.

Our newsletters are now on this site. We encourage all our members to avail themselves of the opportunity to download the newsletter and print it for themselves.

Feel free to print extra copies and give to others if needed. Any suggestions or ideas for this web page will be welcomed by all Board Members. Feel free to contact us if you have anything you'd like to see on the site.

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TRIVA QUESTIONS

1. Who was first woman to score in a Div. 1-A football game and what year?
2. What is lowest number spelled out that uses every vowel?
3. What is the maillard reaction?
4. How many O's are there in a can of spaghetti's on average?
5. In which US city is the most blonde hair dye sold each year?

Extra credit:
"Oberammergauer Alpenkräuterdelikatessensfrucht kase" what is it?



Sheriff's Corner

Gang Awareness!

With the ever increasing number of gangs in our community, residents ask what to look for when trying to identify gang members. Here are some helpful hints on how to identify gang activity in your community.

What is a gang? Webster's Dictionary definition of a gang is as follows: "a group of persons having informal and usually close social relations working together to unlawful or antisocial ends, especially a band of antisocial adolescents." A gang consists of three or more persons, that one of its primary activities, the commission of criminal or delinquent acts. These members also have things in common, identifying signs, the same name, identical colors worn and identical symbols drawn or displayed. **Gangs are about money, drugs, and guns.!**

Gangs first became known as far back as the late 1800's. Gangs really did not become highly organized until the 1960's to early 1970's. Whether it's grants given by the government to groups to start youth centers or today's modern "car clubs", organization is the key to all successful gang activity. Some of the more organized and financially successful street gangs are the Latin Kings, Arian Nation, Sur 13, the Bloods, and the Crips.

The FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) estimated that there were more than 30,000 active gangs with 800,000 members in 2005. They, FBI, also advise that there were approximately 431,590 law enforcement officers in 2005. FDLE (Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement) estimates that there are currently approximately 87 active gangs in Hillsborough County with 1300 certified members.

There are some early warning signs to look for if you think someone is involved in gang activity.

- 1. Stops talking to family or seems withdrawn**
- 2. has unexplained and/or sudden appearance of money, jewelry, and electronics**
- 3. Wears specific colors and styles of clothing**
- 4. has graffiti on books, clothing, or in their bedroom**
- 5. is more loyal to their group of friends than to family**

Individually these signs may not indicate gang involvement, but several together might tend to show there is gang participation.

Let's get gangs out of Hillsborough County. For additional info on Gang Awareness Programs, contact HCSO Gang Investigation Unit at (813) 247-8743 or you can call anonymously 1-877 – GANGOUT (1-877-426-4688). It's time to tell gangs: "Get Out. Stay Out. GANG OUT"

David Gee Sheriff

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Editor's Reflection: While I'm quite sure there are very few of us who rise daily with the thought in our minds of being a HERO for the day. We do often rise with the idea of volunteering perhaps our greatest asset, our TIME, to aid and assist where possible in our neighborhoods. So all our neighbors can rest a little more comfortably.

Please consider giving of your time to help make your neighborhood a little more livable and a whole lot safer. Get involved in your Neighborhood Watch group as soon as possible. You Can make the difference.....

Current Newsletter!!!!

Effective this October – your Annual Newsletter will be available on the web. Simply go to hcnwa.org and download the current Newsletter. We will also have the Semi-Annual Newsletter from April 2007, and both of last year's Newsletters on the same Link. Simply download & print as needed. We believe everyone will find this a great benefit, and we hope that ALL avail themselves of this opportunity. Your current Board of Directors is simply trying to make it easier on our members.

Enjoy the Newsletter & see you at the meeting !!!!

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**.

Deputy Brian Pulido will send you a packet with everything you need to get started. He can be reached at 813-247-8115. Deputy Pulido 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.

Directors Needed:

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

The website for the HCNWA is www.hcnwa.org. Please visit our site to keep up with 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 and raise your family.

If there is anything missing or something you think needs to be on our website, please let us know. You may contact one of the Board members or Sheriff's Office with suggestions.

To serve on the Board you need to have been a coordinator in your neighborhood for one year and be at least 21 years of age. Get motivated and come join us.

Cut and use if needed

Membership Renewal Notice 2007-2008 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

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Will hold its annual Meeting October 30, 2007 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Riverhills Church of God at 6310 E. Sligh Avenue. That's about 2 miles east of King High School on Sligh Ave. Door prizes (\$100 plus gift certificates) Will be drawn at the end of the meeting. Good luck to all those that attend. Plan on attending!

If anyone from any Watch Group has an item they would like to see in the Newsletter in coming issues, please e-mail either Ken Atkison at kengatki05@verizon.net, or Nick Bates at allstate@gte.net, and we will be happy to oblige. We'd like to see it grow and become the "speaking platform" for all current members.

Dues

Over the past several years, some of your Board Members have received a lot of questions about the Dues.

Perhaps, we can resolve a few of these questions. The Dues required to keep your group as an active member in our organization are 25 cents per year per house

Let's say you have 100 homes in your Neighborhood watch group. your Dues would then be \$25.00 dollars for the year, which runs from October to October.

For that \$25.00 you would receive, from the HCNWA, one NW sign and one pole for mounting same in your area. There is no further charge to your Group for these signs. The costs for this sign and pole is approx. \$46.00 dollars.

Your Neighborhood watch Group should be independent from your HOA or Property Management Company.

Your daily operations should be governed by your co-coordinator or Board of Directors if you have one for neighborhood watch not your HOA. You should also make sure that your current Property Mgmt. Company sends in your dues on time to keep you an active member of HCNWA.

If you have any questions about this procedure, you should not hesitate to contact your current Treasurer, Lois Fedon, at 885-9491. She is the current Treasurer for the HCNWA, and is working very hard to get a Master List set-up with necessary Invoice #s assigned for each Group. . She'll work with you. Contact her, if needed..... Have a Great Year
EDITOR,
Ken

***Why Should I Bother With
Volunteering??***

Great question, don't you think?

As has been mentioned many, many times in the past, we seem to find 10 percent doing about 90 percent of the needed work in our Communities. If **WE** had the answer to that visible fact, we could just up and retire comfortably.

Unfortunately, we don't have an answer so; we must go on striving to make things more desirable, and to increase our ranks of volunteers. We need you to insure our Communities remain safe, secure, and inhabitable for ourselves, our friends, and our personal families. True it's not that easy to just go out on patrol for 3 hours or 6 hours. I believe we all need to pull up, for just a minute, and reflect on what's at stake. Then we will make that correct decision and volunteer.

Don't let the crime element invade your particular Community, and cause problems that you don't need. Attune your eyes and ears to any thing that just simply don't sound or look to be correct.

Learn who to contact and how to insure your community stays safe. True, it won't be easy, but, working together, WE All can make a big difference how our Community reacts during a crime increase. Get Out and Volunteer!

**Make That Difference!
*Volunteer today***



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OCTOBER NITE OUT

If your watch group is planning a function for "October Nite Out" our local answer to National nite out please let Deputy Pulido or Deputy Service know. They can be reached at 247-8115. They will be happy to visit your event.

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

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 your Deputy or the HCNWA Treasurer so they can make the change.

There have been a few occasions where the Coordinator 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..

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.HCNWA.Org

Customer Name
Street Address
City, ST ZIP Code