

Fight crime at National Night Out 2010 event on Aug. 3

Neighborhoods throughout Sarasota County will join thousands of communities nationwide for National Night Out 2010, the 27th annual crime and drug prevention event. The local celebration hosted by Sarasota County and the City of Sarasota will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, in Payne Park, 2110 Adams Lane, Sarasota.

The family event, including games and activities for children, is free and open to the public. Last year's event drew more than 2,000 participants.

The event will feature free live music, food, bicycle helmets and raffle drawings. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the first two floors of the new Sarasota Police Department headquarters, located adjacent to Payne Park.

- Representatives of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office will be on hand with a helicopter and explain how it is used in law enforcement.
- Horses from the mounted patrol will be there, as well as dogs from the K-9 unit.
- Sheriff's Office representatives will accept unwanted pharmaceuticals as part of its program, Operation Medicine Cabinet.
- The bloodmobile will be on-site, and the Sarasota County Humane Society will be accepting donations of pet food and supplies.
- Free parking is available at the county parking garage on Ringling Boulevard, with entry from School Avenue.

Sarasota has received national recognition the past two years for outstanding participation at National Night Out, which is co-sponsored by Sarasota County, the city of Sarasota, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sarasota Police Department.

The national event organizer is the nonprofit National Association of Town Watch (NATW), with events in more than 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. More than 36 million people participated in National Night Out 2009.

The event is designed to:

- heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts;
- strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie," said NATW Executive Director Matt A. Peskin. "While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year."

For more information, contact:

- Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000
- National Night Out website at www.nationalnightout.org/nno

Remember Animals in Hurricane Preparations

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Animal Services reminds residents to plan for their pets, including large animals such as horses, in hurricane preparations.

Dog and cat owners should prepare a pet survival kit in a waterproof container that includes enough food, water and kitty litter (if planning for a cat) for at least two weeks. Make sure vaccinations and registration are up to date and that the animal wears its Sarasota County license tag on a secure collar.

If evacuating to a pet friendly shelter, remember only dogs and cats are allowed. The pet survival kit is also a requirement to stay there, as are the license tag and collar. The license will also enable Animal Services to identify the pet if it gets lost in the storm.

Owners of large animals should also make plans prior to the arrival of a storm. Teach horses to load into a trailer well before it is necessary to do so. Store enough food, water and hay for at least two weeks and outfit the horse with a leather or breakaway halter with the owner's name, address and phone number.

Plastic livestock identification bands can also be obtained. Microchipping is recommended and can help with proof of ownership. Evacuees must have a current negative coggins test available and proof of up to date vaccinations. Stables will not accept a horse without proper documentation. For more information on pet and large animal preparedness, contact Animal Services at 941.861.9500 or visit www.SarasotaSheriff.org.

Telephone Scams Continuing

Despite prior warnings to citizens, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office is still receiving reports of telephone scams trying to separate residents from their hard earned money. There are several scams right now. In one, someone claims to be with "the sheriff's office" or "the police department," and claims the resident's credit card has been compromised by someone in custody. They ask for the person's social security number so they can "red flag" their account. In another scam, a caller asks people to wire money out of state to help a relative in trouble, usually in Canada.

And in yet another fraud scheme, people receive checks to cover taxes on a lottery win. That money is supposed to be sent to the lottery so the winning check can be issued. Of course the winning check is never received, and the resident would be required to cover the amount of the check they cashed.

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office wants to remind citizens to never provide personal financial information to anyone, particularly over the phone, and don't accept alleged winnings from a lottery or contest that they never played. Finally, no one should wire money anywhere unless they can independently confirm who they are dealing with and that the relative is truly in need.

"Unfortunately, there are predators trying to take advantage of people in this tough economy," said Sheriff Tom Knight. "Fortunately, we have not received reports of any victims of these scams, but since they're continuing, we want to make sure people see and hear this warning and share it with their friends and neighbors."

Anyone with information on these scams, or potential suspects, should contact the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office at 941.316.1201.

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Honore Ave update

The southbound Honore at Bee Ridge will have a left turn lane, a through lane, and a right turn lane. The intersection includes eastbound traffic on Bee Ridge to turn left (north) on Honore and two through lanes. The northbound Honore traffic will have a left turn lane and a through lane combined with right turn lane.

The traffic analysis and the configuration at the intersection of Honore and Bee Ridge is in final review by FDOT and expected to be approved with any stipulations by end of this month.

The construction of the intersection improvements is estimated to be completed by end of September 2010 as part of the Honore Avenue project.

The intersection of Honore Avenue and Colonial Oaks Boulevard is expected to remain closed through Monday, Aug. 2.

Honore Avenue will remain closed from north of Antoinette Street and south of Potter Street through the end of August.

The intersection of Honore Avenue and Stokes Way will remain closed. Upon completion of construction activities, Stokes Way will no longer provide access between Stokes Drive and Sharondale Drive.

For more information about county construction projects and road and lane closures, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000

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BeachCam delivers high-definition view of Siesta Beach

A live, high-definition panoramic view of Siesta Beach is available to anyone on the websites of Sarasota County and the Sarasota County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The new BeachCam gives a 180 degree view of Siesta Beach's 99.9 percent pure quartz sand to show that it's open and full of beachgoers. The BeachCam button is on the Sarasota County website at www.scgov.net and will be available on the Convention and Visitors Bureau website at www.sarasotafl.org.

"We work closely with the Sarasota Convention and Visitor's Bureau to promote many destinations in Sarasota County, so teaming up with them to provide this high-definition view of the county's award- winning beach is a natural progression," said John McCarthy, general manager, Sarasota County Parks and Recreation.

Attracting more than 1 million visitors each year, Siesta Beach is one of Sarasota County's most popular destination spots. "We want people to know that one of the country's best beaches remains as popular as ever," said Virginia Haley, president, Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Siesta Beach is one of 14 beaches spanning more than 35 miles of beachfront owned by Sarasota County. Discussions are under way with other Sarasota County municipalities and organizations to have live, high-definition BeachCams installed at other locations. For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net.

Colonial Gables Homeowners Association
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GENERAL MEETINGS

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Sept 7, 2010
7:00 - 8:00p.m.

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