Security Committee Newsletter

Cory Lakes Isles
10441 Cory Lake Drive
Tampa, Florida 33647

Cory Lake Isles - 2018 Outstanding Neighborhood Watch Award

Neighborhood Security Newsletter

Our Mission

The Security Committee's mission is to create an atmosphere of collaboration and teamwork with residents, staff, CDD board members and community agencies. We are a resource of highly-trained safety professionals who serve the Cory Lakes residents. We are mostly resident volunteers. We are dedicated to detect, deter, prevent, prepare, respond and recover from accidents, which may compromise the safety and security of our community. We achieve this by soliciting ideas from fellow residents, staff, other committees and the CDD board then, providing the CDD board with high-quality training, emergency response, acquisition and regulatory recommendations.

Our Vision

It's a continued partnership with residents, staff and the CDD board members to provide common sense technological safety ideas that are centered at protecting residents and guests from internal and external man-made and environmental forces.

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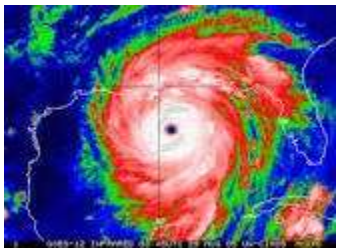
Security Committee Scheduled Meeting Dates:

- January – 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
- February – 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
- April – 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
- May – 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
- July – 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
- August – 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
- October – 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

- November – 1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

Hurricane Season: Jun 1st - Nov 30th: R U Ready?



Know you Hurricane Evacuation Zone and Map by visiting http://tampabayprepares.org/

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

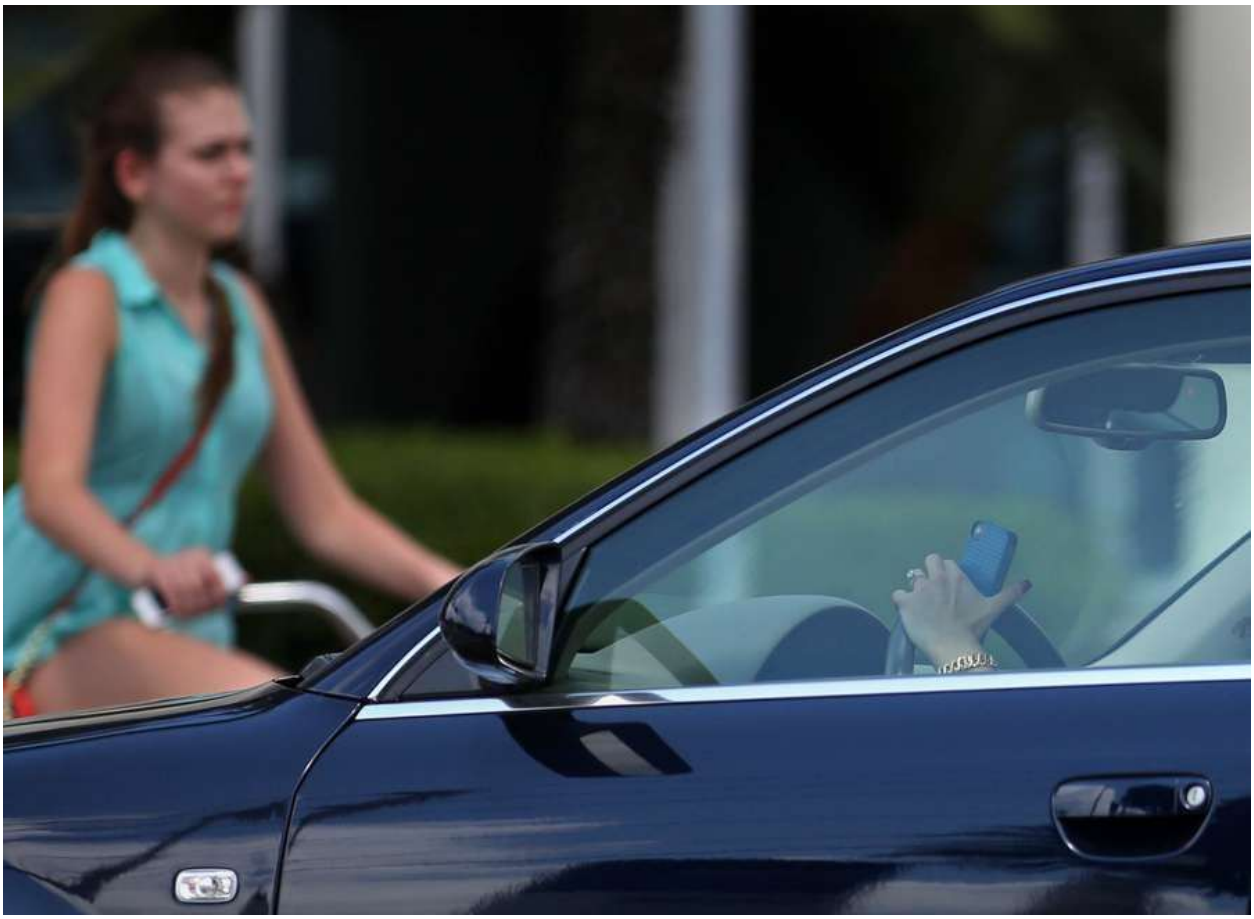
https://youtu.be/p_qgofopN2s

Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence

Supporting the need to prevent Domestic Violence

Say "NO" to School Violence

No Texting While Driving - It's the Law in Florida



Tougher texting while driving law in Florida approved by Gov. DeSantis

(The **new law went into effect on July 1, 2019** but some police feel it doesn't go far enough).

By Lawrence Mower May 17, 2019.

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill Friday that toughens Florida's prohibition on texting while driving, hoping to crack down on one of the most dangerous forms of distracted driving.

Starting July 1, police will be allowed to stop and ticket drivers for texting while they're behind the wheel of a moving car, with limited exceptions. Drivers will still be able to use their phone while their car is stopped.

Speaking at a Sarasota high school Friday, DeSantis called texting "one of the worst of all driving distractions," and said it's caused thousands of accidents and hundreds of deaths in the state.

"You can see people really lose control on the road," DeSantis said. "I've seen it myself."

Texting while driving has been illegal in Florida for years, but police can't stop you for it. Because of that, it's barely been enforced — not even 1,700 tickets were issued for it in the state last year.

DRIVING WHILE TEXTING: Florida's texting while driving bill heading to Ron DeSantis for approval

Seven things to know about the texting while driving ban headed to Ron DeSantis' desk

Officers welcome new texting-while-driving ban but see challenges

Lawmakers and the governor said they hope the new law will change the culture of driving in Florida, a state notorious both in statistics and in stories for the dangerous habits of its drivers.

A sponsor of the legislation, Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said he hoped putting down the phone will be as common as putting on a seat belt — even if drivers might bristle at the additional regulation.

"Back then we thought, 'Why are we having to wear seat belts? Why is the government intruding in our lives?'" said Simpson. "And as we know today, no one would get in the vehicle without putting their children and themselves in a seat belt. It's second nature."

Making it easier to stop drivers for texting was the top priority of the Florida Police Chiefs Association this legislative session, Bradenton police Chief Melanie Evans said.

But some police feel the new law doesn't go nearly far enough.

Drivers are still allowed to use their phones to navigate, make phone calls and read emergency messages, such as weather alerts.

The only exception is in school and work zones, where drivers are not allowed to be handling their phones except for emergencies. That provision takes effect Oct. 1, but police will only stop and warn drivers about this part of the new law up until Jan. 1. Then, starting New Year's Day, police will start issuing tickets in school and work zones for drivers who handle their phones, but aren't necessarily texting.

And the penalties are still weak. It's just a $30 fine plus court fees for a first offense. For a second offense, it's $60 plus court fees and three points on a driver's record. Texting within a school or work zone carries points on the first offense.

Lawmakers have tried for years to allow police to crack down on distracted drivers, led by representatives Jackie Toledo, R-Tampa, and Emily Slosberg, D-Boca Raton. On Friday, Toledo called texting while driving an “epidemic.”

“We all see it, and frankly, we’ve all done it,” she said.

But the Legislature has failed to pass the bill for years over civil rights concerns. This year’s law passed with two important provisions.

For one, police have to record the race and ethnicity of each driver they ticket and send that information to the state, so officials can see whether the new law is being applied unevenly.

And it can be difficult for police to prove whether someone was texting, rather than using a navigation app like Google Maps. To prevent police from using a stop as a means to search a driver’s phone, lawmakers required that police have to tell drivers that they have the right to decline a search of their phone.

Home and Auto Burglary Protection

Protect Your Home and Vehicles

- When you leave home, even for a few minutes, make sure that all doors and windows are locked.
- Make sure all locks on doors and windows are in working order.
- Dead bolt door locks are recommended and should, when in the locked position, slide into the door jamb a minimum of one inch.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked, whether you are home or not. An open garage provides a burglar with all the tools he will need to break into your home.
- Keep a list and photos or a video of your possessions, including the model and serial number, description and value
- Observe carefully and report all suspicious persons and vehicles. Be sure to get the correct license numbers of suspect vehicles.
- Report any crime to the Sheriff's Office at once and be willing to testify in court.
- Cooperate with officers investigating an offense in your neighborhood.
- Keep valuable stamp, jewelry and coin collections in a safe deposit box rather than at home.
- Trim your shrubbery around doors and windows so it will not provide a hiding place for burglars or cover a point-of-entry view for police or neighbors.
- Keep all your vehicles locked and do not leave property in your vehicle.
- Do not leave property unattended in your yard, including lawn mowers, garden tools, and bicycles.
- Be cautious of strangers. A burglar rarely looks like a burglar. When in doubt, call the Sheriff's Office.
- When you are out in the yard, lock the doors. Daylight burglaries while people are at home are common.
- Never admit anyone into your home unless you know him or her. Demand credentials before admitting salesmen or repairmen, particularly if you have not requested their services. Refuse to deal with any caller who does not present proper ID and notify the Sheriff's Office immediately.
- Never leave notes on your door informing anyone you are not home. Do not hide your keys outside of your home. Burglars know where to look.

- When you leave town, arrange for someone to mow your yard and pick up your mail and newspapers. If possible, set timers to switch the lights on and off at predetermined times and locations within the house. A residence that presents a lived-in appearance is a deterrent to burglars. Leave information on your whereabouts with a trusted neighbor. Ask them to watch your house.
- Be sure all gates are securely locked.
- Be careful about posting information about your daily routine, new purchases, or vacation plans on Facebook and other social media sites. Crooks do check these sites for information and your address is easier to pinpoint than you think.

Thanks to the Hillsborough and Pasco County Sheriff's offices.

We welcome all our readers to the Cory Lake Isles (CLI), Neighborhood Security Newsletter.

Scenic CLI at Dusk...courtesy of Maria.

Man-Made Disaster

Natural Disasters

Lightning Capital of North America

Purpose of this Security Committee & Neighborhood Watch Newsletter:

Cory Lakes have an extremely robust and engage volunteer team that is constantly growing. The purpose of providing this medium is to assist in the dissemination of information relevant to public safety. It also provides ways for those participating in our Neighborhood Watch Program to share ideas and information cooperatively as it relates to public safety and the Neighborhood Watch Program. We look forward to hear from you. Stay safe and enjoy.

- New Added Item (s) To This Newsletter:

11. ***NO* Fireworks in Cory Lakes.**

10. **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

9. **Monthly Safety/Security Calendar.**

8. **Tampa Safest Neighborhood.**

7. **School Violence.**

6. **Hillsborough River & Coastal Cleanup.** - September

5. **Domestic Violence.**

4. **Hurricane Information - Are You Ready Cory Lakes?**

3. ***Florida Students Against Destructive Decisions (FL-SADD).***

2. ***Tampa Police Department's Citizen Academy.***

1. ***When-To-Call-The-Police.***

The Neighborhood Watch Team Wants You!

Tampa Police Emergency Number - 911

Tampa Police Non-Emergency Number - 813- 231-6130

Neighborhood Watch Program:

Our team is led by our Neighborhood Watch Volunteer Coordinator, Sheryl Springer. Comprised of over 30 resident volunteers from within our community, the mission of the team is basically to help keep the community safe by being the eyes and ears of our law enforcement - Tampa Police. No team member should take the law into their own hands or place themselves in harm's way.

Our collaboration as residents makes our community a safer environment.

The Neighborhood Watch concept centers on the community and police working together for the safety and protection of a neighborhood. It is an organization made up of citizens concerned about their neighborhood.

PLANNED EVENTS:

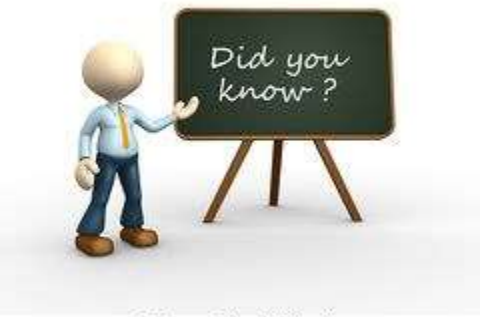
- **TAG Program** - This is a Neighborhood Watch Program run by the Tampa Police (TPD) to communicate the need for residents to be aware of the increase auto burglaries in their community. The goals of the program is to inform the public of how to prevent auto burglaries and increase awareness through safety tips. (**POSTPONED until new date**) *On March 15th, 2018* Cory Lakes Neighborhood Watch team with partner with TPD to hold our very first TAG event. Officers will span the community in search of vehicles that are left open in driveways and along the Isles.
- **Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful (KTBB) Adopt-A Road Program** - Cory Lakes Neighborhood Watch Team. Our mission is to promote a culture of environmental stewardship through volunteer and educational opportunities. Cory Lakes has adopted a 2 mile stretch of Morris Bridge (MB) Road in both directions from the MB entrance of the community to the entrance of Flat Wood Parks. Periodically, volunteer team members will meet in a specific location spruce up the road by picking up trash, tree debris and trimming away excessive foliage. ***Our next cleanup is set for May 5th, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m. (we meet up at the Morris Bridge Guard/Gate House)***.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly answers to crime. Watch groups are a foundation of community crime prevention, they can be a stepping stone to community revitalization. For more information please contact Sheryl at:

- **sheryl@corylakenw.com**
- **cli nw @cli_nw**
- **https://www.facebook.com/corylakeislesnw/**

When To Call The Police - *http://www.corylakescdd.net/_assets/documents/news/SEC-2018-01-24-CLCDD-when-to-call-the-police.pdf?v=1.5*

Did - U- Know?



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- **When Should I Call the Police**?

Visit our *Cory lakes Development District Website* at www.corylakescdd.net or check out this link http://www.corylakescdd.net/_assets/documents/news/SEC-2018-01-24-CLCDD-when-to-call-the-police.pdf?v=1.5

- The Cory Lakes has a **R*esident* Facebook *page***.

Check it out at https://www.facebook.com/corylakeislesresidents/. This page is dedicated to the residents of Cory Lake Isles to communicate with one another. This is not a CDD or POA managed site.

- ***Cory Lakes is a Deed Community.***

Check out our rules in the community ***Covenants*** and on the ***Property Owners Association (POA)*** website at http://corylakeisles.org/poa/assets/pdf/CLI_deed_restrictions.pdf

Examples of Community Rules that pertains to "***Homeowner Properties"***:

1. **No Auto Mechanic work in driveway or on the streets.**
2. **Maintenance of Home and Yard.**
3. **Fences.**
4. **Noise Ordinance.**
5. **Auto Speeding.**
6. **Auto Racing.**
7. **Rules in the Covenants.**

- ***Vehicles Blocking Sidewalk.***

Be courteous while parking vehicles in your driveways so that the walking path of pedestrians using the sidewalk is not impede/blocked. Pedestrians walking in the street because they have no means of using the sidewalks, create a serious safety hazard.

- Cory Lakes have a ***Welcome Package***.

Check out our community Welcome Package and **Community Development District (CDD)** website at https://www.corylakescdd.net/_assets/documents/general/CLCDD-welcome-packet.pdf?v=1563465267

Example of Community Rules that pertains to "***Property Own by The Community***":

1. The pool.
2. The Beach Club.
3. The Common Areas.
4. The Guard Houses.
5. The Lakes.
6. Street Pavers.
7. Sidewalks.
8. Street Safety/Security.
9. Fireworks - No Use of Fireworks in the Community.
10. The Athletics areas.
11. Etc.

- ***Tampa Police have a Vacation Watch Program***.

Check out more details at https://www.tampagov.net/police/program/neighborhood-watch

Going on vacation? Add our Vacation Watch program to your travel checklist! This free service allows City of Tampa residents to give officers a heads up that their homes will be unoccupied for an extended period of time. So before you take your next trip, submit a Vacation Watch Form to TPD!

- ***Report Hate Crime.***

Check out more details at https://www.tampagov.net/police/safe-place

The City of Tampa and the Tampa Police Department are committed to the safety of all residents and visitors regardless of race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability. As such, we are committed to tackling crimes that target specific demographics that are at a higher risk to be victimized. The mission of the TPD Safe Place Initiative is to provide the community with easily accessible safety information and safe places throughout the city they can turn to if they are the victims of crime. Through the Safe Place Initiative, TPD will provide decals to City facilities, schools, local businesses and other organizations for those entities to post as a symbol of safety for the victims of hate crime. Anyone who seeks solace in a Safe Place location can be assured that if they are the victim of a crime, police will promptly be called.

Realtors within Cory Lakes:

- **Judi Beck - Realtor**

Florida Executive Realty

Judi Beck's Website http://www.judibeck.com/

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1 - Florida Executive Realty Logo

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Cell Phone: 813-380-3866

Business Phone: 813-972-3430

Email: JudiBeckSellsTampaBay@gmail.com

- **Nancy Cross - Realtor**

The Cross Team at RE/MAX Capital

Nancy Cross's Website http://www.crossteamsells.com/

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Cell Phone: 813-789-7836

Business Phone: 813-618-7252

- ***Teresa Rogers - P.A.***

RE/MAX Capital Realty

Teresa Rogers's Website http://www.teresarogers.com/

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- ***Jerilyn Rush - Realtor***

The Rush Team at RE/MAX

2 - Jerilyn Rush's Website http://www.jerilynrush.com/

Business Address: 27219 S R 56, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Cell Phone: 813-927-6795

Business Phone: 813- 927-6795

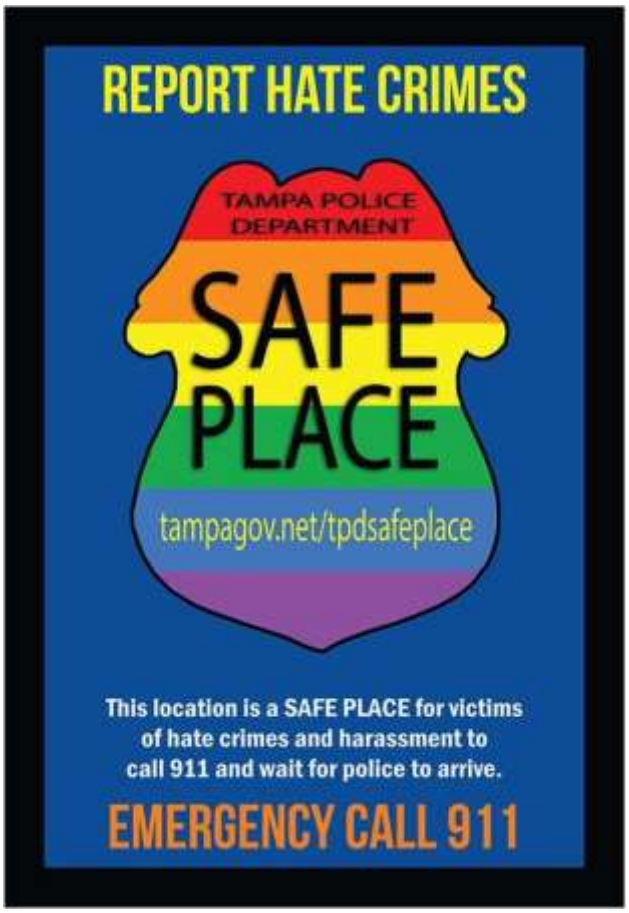
Resident Facebook website https://www.facebook.com/corylakeislesresidents/

Not So Courteous Parking

Property Owners Association (POA) Website http://www.corylakeislespoa.com

Community Development District (CDD) website http://corylakescdd.net/

TPD, Vacation Watch Program Website
https://www.tampagov.net/police/program/neighborhood-watch



TPD, Hate Crimes Website https://www.tampagov.net/police/safe-place

Physical & Virtual Security:

Cory Lakes is Deed/Gated Community. Our two (2) gates, one on Morris Bridge Road and the other on Cross Creek Boulevard are manned 24/7 by either an on-site Security Officer or a Virtual Guard.

Cory Lakes Post Orders: All On-site Security Officer, including the Rover follow explicit written orders as stated in the Post Orders for carrying out their assigned duties, such as:

1. Security at the gates and within the community.
2. Checking photo IDs of all residents, guest and contractors seeking entry through the Guest Gates.
3. Noting any special events within their 24-hour report log.

4. Contacting the Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Facility Manager, Cory Lakes Development District (CDD) Board Member and/or Chair Security Committee as appropriate.
5. Notify residents as appropriate.
6. Assisting residents and guest as appropriate in a courteous and professional manner.
7. Acknowledge all residents and guest seeking entry to the community.

Security Officers, Residents, Guest and Contractors Communication:

Our Staff Security Officers (On-Site - *Allied Security Services* and Virtual - *ENVERA Security Services*) are both licensed independent contractors. *They are not Police Officers*. It is extremely important that our residents verbally and physically respect our officers. They are our first line of defense against outside intruders. Likewise, they are directed to follow procedural guidelines. Residents are recommended to report all noted discrepancies or events to the respective Gate Officers:

- Morris Bridge Gate -- (813) 996-0030

- Cross Creek Gate -- (813) 907-8400

- Beach Club Office Staff -- (813) 986-1031

- Security Committee Chair -- clcddsaf@gmail.com

(IDs): All drivers seeking entry through both the Guest and/or Truck Gates are required to present/show a picture ID (preferable a driver's license) to the Security Gate Officer.

Residents: If a resident is being driven home by a personal or professional driver through the Guest and/or Truck Gates, the resident is required to show a picture ID to the officer. If the resident is using the Guest Gates and choose not to use the finger print scanner, they are required to show a picture ID to the officer.

Guest: All guest must be entered into the ENVERA system for security log purposes. Guards CANNOT accept phone calls from residents to notify of an expected guest, they are instructed to give residents the ENVERA customer service number or contact the Beach Club (813-986-1031). You may also enter the information and update your resident profile online - www.myenvera.com or through the Smartphone App.

Mock Visitor Interaction with Guards:

Guard: Good Morning/Evening, who are you visiting today and may I see your identification?

Visitor: Yes, I am going to Adam Smith at 555 Cory Lake Drive. *hands ID over*.

The guard will then scan the ID in the guard house.

IF THE VISITOR IS ON THE GUEST LIST FOR THAT ADDRESS

Guard: Thank you for that information. You are permitted to enter Cory Lake Isles. Please have a nice day.

IF THE VISITOR IS NOT ON THE GUEST LIST FOR THAT ADDRESS

The guard will contact the resident for gate authorization* If the resident does not answer the phone call, they will deny entry to the community.

If they do answer and allow access the guard will then give access to the visitor.

Morris Bridge Gate (813-986-0030) - Manned by an on-site Security Officer from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. A Virtual Guard system becomes operational between 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.

- This is the primary gate for all large commercial/delivery trucks over 20 feet long.
- M-F: No commercial contract vehicles before 7:00 a.m. (Emergency Exceptions)
- Sat - Sun: No commercial contract vehicles before 9:00 a.m. (Emergency Exceptions)

Cross Creek Gate (813-907-8400) - Manned by an on-site Security Officer 24/7.

Security Officer Rover: A manned vehicle patrol the community from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily.

Virtual Guard: Provides camera/motion sensor/finger print scanner/off-site security to the Morris Bridge resident/truck Gates/entrances and the community properties (no personal properties) 24/7.

ENVERA: ENVERA Next Generation Security manages the Virtual Security system for the community. Residents are highly encouraged to create an account in-order to:

- Sign-in/Register temporary guest 24/7 to their guest list.

- Sign-in/register permanent guest 24/7 to their guest list.
- Manage/Ease guest access.

Visit https://www.myenvera.com/envera to create an account.

Gate officers will try and contact residents if any guest requires entry to the community and they are **not** on the resident's guest list.

Security Committee/Neighborhood Watch Meetings:

- We meet in the Beach Club at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Mondays of each month **except** - March, June, September and December.
- During the months of March, June, September and December the team will unofficially meet to have safety presentations or just to gather socially.

Traffic / Speed Enforcement:

According to Tampa Police, **Cory Lakes is one of the safest communities in New Tampa** to live and play. The posted speed limit on our paved streets is **25 MPH**. Entrance through our two gates are monitor by two private security companies. We have live security officers 24/7 and a virtual guard system that safe guards and monitors specific gate entry/exit activities and community properties.

The speed limit throughout the entire community is **25 MPH**.

Traffic and speed enforcement are managed by Tampa Police, Florida State Troopers, on-site license plate cameras and speed radars.

Please, for the safety of all:

- Come to a full stop at Stop Signs.
- Follow posted **25 MPH** speed limit.
- Beware of pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Stop for loading/unloading school buses.
- Encourage/remind your guest/contractors of the posted **25 MPH** speed limit.
- Be courteous/No Tailgating.
- Do not park your vehicles to block pedestrian from using sidewalks.
- Secure your vehicles and the valuables inside.
- **See someone/something suspicious - Observe & Report** events/persons to Tampa Police, Beach Club Staff, Gate Officer and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

Domestic Violence.

Helpful Telephone Numbers

- The Spring Shelter - (813) 247-7233 (SAFE)
- 24-Hr Court Case Info - (800) 546-4951
- Jail Release Info - (800) 398-3150
- Crisis Center - (813) 234-1234
- Abuse Hotline - (800) 962-2873
- Centre for Women - (813) 251-8437
- State Attorney's Office - (813) 272-5400
- Bay Area Legal Services - (813) 232-1343
- Witness Aid Center - (813) 272-5050

Options

Safety Planning

Florida Law Concerning Domestic Violence

NO ONE - Not even your spouse or someone you live with has the right to hit you or threaten you with violence - NO ONE!

If you think you may be involved in a violent relationship, help is available.

Are you abused?

Answer these questions:

Does your spouse or partner….

- Threaten to hurt you or your children?
- Refuse to let you have contact with your family or friends?
- Throw things or destroy your personal belongings?
- Accuse you of having affairs.
- Tell you that you are stupid, fat, ugly, or call you names?
- Blame you and tell you that you are the cause of all the problems?
- Say you never do anything right?
- Abandon you, leave you places, or lock you out?
- Take or hide your keys, important papers, or your mail?
- Forbid you to work or to give you money for things you need for you or your child?
- Force you into unwanted sexual practices?

- Hit, kick, shove, grab, or shake you or your children or generally react to problems in a violent manner?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be in an abusive relationship!

Florida Rights

Hurricane Information - Are You Ready Cory Lakes?

- Hurricane Information Desk (during an emergency): 813-274-7700
- City of Tampa Emergency Numbers (Power Outage, Neighborhood Enhancement, Flooding, Fallen Trees, Sewer Backup/Repair, Water Dept)
- Report Street Flooding Online or call (813) 274-3101 (Stormwater Services)
- Plan Ahead - https://www.ready.gov/

Pre-Hurricane Information

- Emergency Preparation Guide
- Find Your Evacuation Zone
- Find an Evacuation Shelter
- National Hurricane Center

- National Weather Service Tampa
- HART Emergency Evacuation Bus Route Map
- Natural Hazards Map
- Maps and Directions
- Hillsborough County Special Needs Shelter Information and Form (Submit to Hillsborough County prior to June 1)
- Sand Bag Pickup
- Flood Protection Information

Post Hurricane Information

- Report Low Overhanging or Fallen Tree Limbs or Tree Down
- Street Flooding Map
- Road Closure Map
- TECO Outage Map
- Solid Waste Dept. - Debris Removal
- Federal Government Disaster Assistance

"Are You Ready Tampa Bay?" is an initiative designed to provide Tampa's citizens with common sense tools that will assist them before, during and following emergencies of almost any type. It allows them to be better prepared to safeguard the health and wellbeing of themselves, their family, their neighbors, and their community.

This initiative includes the annual community preparedness events, educational displays, tips from experts, safety demonstrations, emergency vehicle displays, and vendors of safety products, personal disaster preparedness and home retrofit products, etc. If you would like more information on how to become "ready" for a disaster or would like our office to come speak at a community event, please send a message to the Emergency Coordinator.

Emergency Preparedness Information

For more information on how to get prepared check out the following sites:

Ready.Gov - Are you Ready?

NWS Weather Safety

Tampa Bay Hurricane Planning Guide

- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOME

- ABOUT US
- CONTACT US
- I AM TAMPA READY
- INFORMATION RESOURCES
- 911 EMERGENCY INFO
- ARE YOU READY TAMPA BAY?
- DISASTER SUPPLY KIT
- PET SURVIVAL KIT
- WAYS TO PREVENT FLOODING
- PLANNING
- FOR BUSINESSES
- OPERATIONS CENTER
- TRAINING
- NATURAL HAZARDS MAP
- KID'S ZONE
- PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
- EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS
- EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Tampa Police Department'

Citizen Academy

Join the Tampa Police Department's Citizen Police Academy

Have you ever thought that you would like to learn about law enforcement, or were just curious about how certain aspects of law enforcement are handled and why?

If you answered yes, then you can get a live, up close and accurate view of police work by attending the Tampa Police Department's Citizen Police Academy.

The Tampa Police Department is inviting you to join its hands-on Citizen Police Academy that truly takes you behind the scenes and shows you a part of the rigorous training that prepares Tampa Police Officers for their daily duties of protecting and serving the citizens of our city.

The department holds two academies per year that consist of five evening sessions and one full Saturday session.

Tampa Police Department Citizen Academy Activities include:

- Ride Along with an officer
- Specialty team demonstrations

- Scenario based exercises
- Interactive forum

If you are interested in participating in our next academy please fill out our online application. If selected, a member of our team will confirm your attendance by email or phone.

Citizen Academy Requirements:

- Participants must be 18 years of age.
- Must submit to a background check.
- Must submit a completed application.
- Must participate in scheduled academy sessions.

For any other questions call: (813) 242-5404

Apply to the TPD Citizens Academy ONLINE

Florida Family Policy Council - Internet Safety

Keep your family safe with these tips and tools:

Pure Intimacy

by Focus on the Family

www.pureintimacy.org/protect-my-family

Pure Intimacy is a Focus on the Family ministry that contains information about guiding family media choices; internet concerns; TV, movies and video games; phones, iPods and wireless devices; and other safety issues. Their website also provides links to information about programs that limit what your family views and that provide access to reviews of movies, TV shows, music and video games. Questions or comments can be sent by email.

Carnegie Cyber Academy

by Carnegie Mellon University

www.carnegiecyberacademy.com

Carnegie Cyber Academy is a free educational game for kids created by Carnegie Mellon University. “At the Academy, we train our cadets in online safety so that they can protect themselves and others from the attacks of malicious Cyber Villains. The Internet is a growing part of our daily lives. It is my hope that future generations will be able to continue exploring Cyberspace in a safe and secure way.” You can find information for parents to set up internet filters and boundaries, as well as other resources here

Netsmartz Workshop

by National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

www.netsmartz.org/Parents

Netsmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational program designed by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to teach children how to be safer on and offline. This program is designed for children 5-17 years of age, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement. This program is meant to educate children on potential internet risk; to engage children in two-way conversations about those risks; and to empower children to prevent themselves from being exploited and to report any incidents of exploitation. The topics covered by this website include: blogging; cell phones; children as victims; cyber bullying; email, IM and chat rooms; gaming; inappropriate content; internet safety; predators; revealing too much; sexting; social networking; and webcams.

WiredSafety

www.wiredsafety.org

WiredSafety is a US charity that operates through volunteers worldwide. It is the largest and oldest online safety, education and help group in the world. It provides one to one help, supplies information, and educates cyberspace users of all ages about technology safety, privacy and security. All of the volunteers' work is conducted online and is provided free of charge.

GetNetWise

by Internet Education Foundation

www.getnetwise.org

GetNetWise is a public service brought by internet industry corporations and public interest organizations to help ensure that internet users have safe, constructive and educational or entertaining online experiences. This website is a project of the Internet Education Foundation. This website contains blogs and how-to tutorials for parents and users to learn how to keep their family's online experiences safe and secure; to keep children safe online; to stop unwanted email and spam; to protect computers; and to keep personal information private.

Family Education Network

www.life.familyeducation.com/internet-safety/computers

Family Education Network is a compilation of the internet's content, resources and shopping for parents, teachers and kids. The mission of this organization is to provide an online consumer network of the best learning and information resources. This website provides articles to educate parents about possible dangers on the internet and about online etiquette so they can then pass on the information to their children.

Safekids.com

www.safekids.com

Safekids.com is one of the oldest sites for internet safety and was created by a technology journalist. The creator of this website can be contacted to answer specific questions. This website contains information and advice for parents, privacy tools, and an online safety quiz. This website is also affiliated with safeteens.com and connectsafely.org, two websites dedicated to internet safety with which the founder of safekids.com is involved and contributes.

Common Sense Media

www.commonsensemedia.org Common Sense Media is an independent non-profit dedicated to providing trustworthy information and education about media and technology. This organization rates media based on age appropriateness. Members of the leadership team may be contacted with any questions

Enough is Enough

www.enough.org Enough is Enough is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to fighting online pornography, child pornography, child stalking and sexual predation. EIE developed the Internet Safety 101 Program to educate, equip and empower parents, educators and other adults with the knowledge and resources to protect children from dangers that are associated with social networking sites, online gaming and mobile devices. This website provides information and statistics, as well as further organizations dedicated to helping parents and victims of online predators.

The Dangers of Distracted Driving

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The popularity of mobile devices has had some unintended and sometimes deadly consequences. An alarming number of traffic accidents are linked to driving while distracted, including use of mobile devices while driving, resulting in injury and loss of life. The most recent national statistics are sobering.

- **Over 8 people are killed and 1,161 are injured daily** in incidents reported as distraction-affected crashes in the United States.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that in 2015, there were 3,477 people killed and an estimated additional 391,000 people injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.

- At any given daylight moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010.

Calls Kill

The National Safety Council (NSC) launched a country-wide campaign, Calls Kill, to illustrate that hands-free cell phones are not risk-free, and no call is worth a life. The NSC urges drivers to take the Focused Driver Challenge to not use a cell phone while driving, even a hands-free device. Participants are then encouraged to share it on their Facebook walls. The NSC writes, "In your post, state why you've taken the pledge, tag the National Safety Council and tag three friends you want to stay safe. Please use #CallsKill." Visit nsc.org/CallsKill for more information.

U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

In recognition of April's National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) kicked off its second national highly visible enforcement campaign for distracted driving: U Drive. U Text. U Pay., which is supported by English and Spanish language television, radio, digital advertising, and a robust social media strategy.

- https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/dangers-texting-while-driving
- Courtesy of The Federal Communications Commission.

Florida Students Against Destructive Decisions (FL-SADD)

Alcohol

Over 1,000 people are killed annually on Florida roadways in alcohol-related crashes.

The human body takes about one hour to eliminate the alcohol contained in an average drink. So, it will take the average person about four hours to recover from the effects of four standard sized alcoholic beverages. Drinking coffee or taking a cold shower does not reduce the amount of time that the body needs to process alcohol. That is a myth.

You don't have to be the one drinking to feel the effects of alcohol. Innocent victims of traffic crashes, robberies, hate crimes, and sexual assaults feel the effects of alcohol impairment on a daily basis in Florida.

Those who begin drinking before the age of 14 are five times more likely to be injured while under the influence of alcohol at some point during their lives than those who begin drinking after the age of 21.

Alcohol affects people differently, depending on their size, sex, body build, and metabolism.

Alcohol use plays a substantial role in all three leading causes of death among youth—unintentional injuries (including motor vehicle fatalities and drowning), suicides and homicides.

People who drink alcohol while dining tend to eat more—about 350 calories more—than at meals without alcohol.

Most teens believe that drinking is less dangerous than using drugs, in spite of the much higher rate (4 times) of alcohol-related deaths.

The brain goes through dynamic changes during adolescence, and alcohol can seriously damage long- and short-term growth processes. Damage from alcohol while a young person's brain is still developing can be long-term and irreversible. In addition, short-term or moderate drinking impairs learning and memory far more in youth than adults. Adolescents need only drink half as much to suffer the same negative effects.

A clear relationship exists between alcohol use and grade-point average among college students: students with GPAs of D or F drink three times as much as those who earn As.

The costs of youth drinking are an estimated $53 billion annually, and include costs to society such as medical care costs and lost productivity, as well as costs to the young drinker such as pain and suffering and loss of income.

In Florida, a DUI conviction stays on your driving record for 75 years and on your criminal record for life! That means that every time you apply for a job you will have to check yes to the question, have you ever been convicted of a crime.

Distracted Driving

Florida DUI Laws

Under Section 316.1934, Florida Statute, it is unlawful to drive when a person's normal faculties are impaired or when their blood-alcohol or breath-alcohol level is .08 or higher. The penalties upon conviction are the same, regardless of the manner in which the offense is proven.

The penalty for a first DUI conviction is:

A fine of $250 to $500

Imprisonment for up to six months

Monthly reporting probation period (the total period of imprisonment plus probation may not exceed on year)

Community-service work, with a minimum of 50 hours served

Completion of an approved substance-abuse education course conducted by a DUI program licensed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Revocation of the driver's license for at least 180 days and up to one year

Impoundment of the vehicle that was operated by the defendant for 10 days

Second conviction for a DUI:

A fine between $500 to $1,000

If within 5 years of a previous conviction, a minimum 5 years revocation of driver's license

Imprisonment for not more than 9 months

Completion of an approved substance-abuse education course conducted by a DUI program licensed by the DHSMV

Installment of an ignition interlock device on all vehicles owned, leased, and routinely operated by the offender for a period of one year

Third conviction for DUI within 10 years of the prior convictions:

Requires a fine between $2,000 and $5,000

Defendant is guilty of a third-degree felony

Mandatory imprisonment of at least 30 days

Minimum 10 years revocation of driver's license

An ignition interlock device will be placed on all vehicles owned, leased, and routinely operated by the offender for a period of two years when the person becomes eligible for a license

Impoundment of all vehicles owned by the defendant for 90 days

Third conviction for DUI not within 10 years:

Requires a fine between $1,000 and $2,500

Imprisonment for not more than 12 months

An ignition interlock device will be placed on all vehicles owned, leased, and routinely operated by the offender for a period of at least two years when the person becomes eligible for a license

Fourth conviction for DUI:

Is guilty of a third-degree felony

Imprisonment for not more than 5 years

The offender's license is permanently revoked, with no chance for a hardship hearing

The fine imposed may not be less than $1,000

Impaired Driving

Safety Belts

Failure to buckle up contributes to more fatalities than any other single traffic safety-related behavior.

Despite terrible traffic problems such as aggressive driving, increasing safety belt use is still the single most effective thing we can do to save lives and reduce injuries on America's roadways.

Adults who don't buckle up are sending children a deadly message that it is all right not to wear a safety belt. Children model adult behavior. Research shows that if a driver is unbuckled, 70 percent of the time children riding in that vehicle won't be buckled either.

Data suggests that education alone is not doing the job with young people, especially males ages 16 to 25- the age group least likely to buckle up. They simply do not believe they will be injured or killed. It takes stronger safety belt laws and high visibility enforcement campaigns to get them to buckle up.

Safety belts are the most effective safety devices in vehicles today, estimated to save 9,500 lives each year.

If 90 percent of Americans buckle up, we will prevent more than 5,500 deaths and 132,000 injuries annually.

The cost of unbuckled drivers and passengers goes beyond those killed and the loss to their families. We all pay for those who don't buckle up – in higher taxes, higher health care, and higher insurance costs.

On average, inpatient hospital care costs for an unbelted crash victim are 50 percent higher than those for a belted crash victim. Society bears 85 percent of those costs, not the individuals involved.

By reaching the goal of 90 percent safety belt use, and 25 percent reduction in child fatalities by the year 2005, we will save $8.8 billion annually.

Research shows that when a driver is unbuckled, 70 percent of the time children in that vehicle will not be buckled either. A child unrestrained in a 30mph crash is equivalent to a child falling from a three-story building. Personal choice is forfeited when others are injured and killed.

Florida law is very specific about how passengers in Florida should be belted. All front seat occupants must be buckled up, regardless of age. Children ages 6 – 18 must be belted in either the front or back seat of the vehicle.

Every American pays about $580 a year toward the cost of automobile crashes. If everyone would buckle up, this figure would drop significantly.

In Florida, the highest safety belt usage was observed in women and men over 60 years of age, and the lowest use rates were found in men driving light trucks, vans, and cars.

Experience shows that upgrading to a primary safety belt law can result in up to a 15 percent increase in safety belt usage statewide.

The NHTSA estimates that if Florida had a primary enforcement safety belt law, 270 lives would be saved and 1,100 injuries prevented the first year. This represents $459 million in potential savings to taxpayers.

Courtesy of FL-SADD - https://www.sadd.org/

Be Safe and Accountable Behind the Wheel.

THE FIVE SIGNS OF IMPAIRMENT

Under the influence of marijuana drivers can experience:

1. A slowed reaction time
2. Limited short-term memory functions
3. Decrease hand-eye coordination
4. Weakened concentration
5. Difficulty perceiving time and distance

Unlike alcohol, there is no specific impairment limit with marijuana. Marijuana affects everyone differently and can remain in a person's system much longer than alcohol.

Driving impaired has many side effects that could prevent you from driving safely. Along with affecting motor skills, it can also cause drowsiness, an inability to react in simple situations, and a false sense of alertness and self-confidence.

When you're under the influence of marijuana, do not get behind the wheel. Driving impaired puts, you and everyone else on the road at risk.

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT DRIVING IMPAIRED.

Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana Is Driving Impaired

Driving while impaired by drugs is illegal and subject to the same penalties as driving while impaired by alcohol.

Penalties for DUIs can include expensive fines, license revocation and jail time. Convictions can remain on your record for 75 years.

Be Aware of the Laws and Risks Related to Drug-impaired Driving

In a statewide survey conducted in early 2018, more than one in three (36.5%) respondents said that they are "not at all knowledgeable" about legal issues related to marijuana use and driving in Florida. Overall, about two in three (65.7%) respondents correctly said it is true that driving under the influence of marijuana is always illegal in Florida. Nearly one in four (23.2%) respondents were unsure of whether driving under the influence of marijuana is always illegal in Florida.(Source: University of Florida, Florida Survey Research Center, 2018)

In 2017, there were more than 43,000 DUI arrests in Florida. (Source: DHSMV Data)

Drug-impaired Driving Is Deadly

In 2016, drug-impaired drivers caused 934 crashes, killing 440 people, including themselves, their passengers, and others on the road. (Source: DHSMV Data)

There are many drugs that can affect a person's ability to safely operate a vehicle, including marijuana. If you are taking medication, check the label for warnings prior to driving. If you are not sure if it is safe to take the drug and drive, ask a doctor or pharmacist about any side effects.

DON'T DRIVE ON GRASS

Think about others on the road. Driving high is driving impaired, which puts everyone on the roadway in danger. The Florida Highway Patrol and law enforcement officers statewide are trained to spot impaired drivers, and they are constantly monitoring roadways for the signs of impaired drivers to keep everyone safe on the road.

MORE RESOURCES

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Things You Need to Know About Fireworks in Your Community.

NO Fireworks of any type on any Cory Lakes Development District (CDD) Properties and on any Private Residence within Cory Lakes.

1. Cory Lakes Development District (CDD) Rules and Regulations states on page 9 & 10:

...12. No fireworks of any kind are allowed on CDD property.

...13. Except for licensed individuals, the use of firearms, or other projectiles of any kind, shall be strictly prohibited on CDD Property.

2. Property Owners Association (POA) Covenant Rules states on page 37, para. 11.12:

11.12. Noxious Hobbies and Dangerous Activities. The pursuit of noxious or dangerous hobbies or other inherently noxious or dangerous activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the

foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices which might cause disorderly, unsightly or unkept conditions; **the shooting of firearms, fireworks and pyrotechnic of any kind, character, type or size, and other such activities, shall not be permitted on any lot, Dwelling Unit or other Residential Property or any other Property within CORY Lake Isles, except that the Association may, in its discretion, sponsor a fireworks display on appropriate Common Property on New Year's Eve, July 4th, or other holidays each year. Nothing shall be done on any lot, Dwelling Unit or any other Property within CORY Lakes Isles which may be or become an annoyance to any part of the subdivision.**

Exploding Fireworks are Illegal in Florida

Under Florida law, only sparklers, approved by the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal, are legal for consumer usage. It is illegal to use exploding and/or flying fireworks in Florida, which include: shells and mortars, multiple tube devices, Roman candles, rockets and firecrackers.

Yes, most fireworks are illegal in Florida. No, that doesn't stop anyone. Here's why.

David Piper, salesman for TNT Fireworks, sets up his stand at Tyrone Gardens Mall, 9th Ave. North and 58 St. North, St. Petersburg in 2017. SCOTT KEELER | Times By Christopher Spata Published Jul. 4, 2018. It's almost the Fourth of July, that noisy time of year when — as a fireworks dealer in a *Simpsons* episode once phrased it — some of us will "celebrate the independence of our nation by blowing up a small part of it. "Here's how we got to this point in Florida. Are all fireworks illegal in Florida? Yes! All fireworks, defined as anything that leaves the ground or explodes, have been illegal to sell or set off in Florida since 1941. The exceptions are those who get a permit from the local government, are illuminating railroads, or are buying them for "agricultural use" to frighten birds away from crops. In Hillsborough County, for example, there were five active permits for fireworks displays in July 2018. Anyone else there who set off as much as a bottle rocket, unless they were doing it to say, scare migratory cedar waxwings off their blueberries growing next to some railroad tracks, was technically committing a first-degree misdemeanor punishable with up to a $1,000 fine and a year in jail. Really, they're all illegal? The stuff in grocery stores and gas stations isn't technically "fireworks" under the law. So enjoy your sparklers and those little pellets that turn into snakes, guilt-free. Also, it's nearly impossible to get arrested for fireworks in Tampa Bay (more on that later). *PLAN YOUR*

HOLIDAY: Where to find fireworks, parades, parties and family fun in Tampa Bay If they're illegal to sell, how come every Independence Day, my neighborhood lights up like, well, the Fourth of July? Everyone in Florida who buys fireworks at roadside tents and standalone stores signs a form saying they're familiar with Florida's fireworks laws. So, theoretically, they all have lots of birds to scare. Are you calling them liars? I remember when getting Roman candles meant a shady uncle willing to travel over state lines. What happened? The bird exemption has been around since the 1950s, but people started pushing that loophole for more powerful stuff in the mid '90s. We got here in part because in 1999 an undercover detective walked into a Phantom Fireworks store on the Overseas Highway in Key Largo, bought a Longhorn Beyond 2000 Aerial Salute, signed the form, and arrested store manager John Miketa for selling illegal fireworks. State vs. Miketa made it to the 3rd District Court of Appeal, which ruled it's not up to the seller to check the veracity of a buyer's form. Miketa's record was cleared, and the ruling helped cement easy buying and selling with the form, no-questions-asked. Sales have grown since. Numbers for Florida specifically aren't available, but nationwide sales of consumer fireworks have gone from $407 million in revenue in 2000 to $885 million in 2017. How does former Phantom Fireworks store manager John Miketa feel about being the man who saved Independence Day for Floridian backyard fireworks enthusiasts? We asked him. He's 58 now and lives in Youngstown, Ohio. He laughed and didn't want to make a big deal about the impact of his court victory, but he did have this fun anecdote: "When we first opened that store in the Keys, they were flabbergasted, they didn't like it at all. ... So, one day the sheriff marched in. He said someone shot a bottle rocket onto someone's roof, and 'You guys are in big trouble now.' This was, I think, the first year of having people sign the form. So, I pulled the form, showed it to him and said, 'It's not my problem. The headline the next day on the front page of the Keys *Reporter* was 'Not My Problem. Looking back, that's probably why they came back undercover and arrested me. "*NOW WITH PARKING:* Where to find legal fireworks on the Fourth of July in Tampa Bay Has anyone in Tampa Bay ever been prosecuted for setting them off? The Pasco County Sheriff's Office maintains a page on its website informing the public of their long-ago attempts to enforce the law, before conceding it's basically impossible to make a case unless a deputy actually witnesses someone lighting them. The Tampa Police Department and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office both said they have not arrested anyone in at least the last decade, but they do tell people to knock it off. Ironically, Tampa Bay area law enforcement responds to a huge amount of calls about fireworks. Tampa police received 5,207 such calls in the years 2008 to 2018, but generated only 14 incident reports leading to a handful of arrests for crimes such as drug possession, but never fireworks. The St. Petersburg Police Department responded to 4,820 calls in that time, generating 41 reports with outcomes similar to Tampa. The reports typically read like case No. 2013-041871, from 2013, when a St. Petersburg officer responded to a man complaining that his neighbors, who he'd been in a dispute with over pet squirrels, were shooting off bottle rockets. The officer told the suspect that the bottle rockets were illegal, and left when the man said he didn't know and wouldn't do it again. The State Attorney's Office for Pinellas and Pasco counties said it could only find a single person ever prosecuted for the fireworks statute, in 2006.Wait, do legit farmers actually

use fireworks to scare birds from crops? Sort of, but not really. Diana Perez from Starkey Blueberry Farm in Odessa said they employ a guy whose entire job is to ride around on a golf cart "shooting fireworks" (up to 100 of them per hour) at birds to scare them away. But they're actually Bird Bangers brand "bird scares," made specifically for agriculture and bought in bulk through a farm supplier, not a roadside tent. Nina Lewis of Bob's Blueberries in Hudson called the fireworks loophole "stupid," and laughed at the idea of anyone going to a seasonal roadside tent to buy something for business. She also said fireworks aren't effective against the giant flocks that eat 10,000 pounds of berries annually and have pelted her with blue droppings, because nothing gets rid of them. "Propane cannons do the same thing as Bird Bangers and they're cheaper, but they don't work either, the birds just get used to it," she said. "We've tried pie tins, balloons, garlic oil, grapeseed oil, smoke machines, yelling at them, predator bird distress calls — nothing works. We just have to grow enough berries for everyone, including the birds."

Willis Howell, a grower with a much smaller operation, Betty's Blues Blueberries in Citrus Springs, said he did buy bottle rockets from a regular firework store once about a decade ago, but laughed when asked if he thought a $100 mortar display that emits a shower of multicolored sparks would be useful for keeping birds away. "For one, I don't think that would be cost effective," he said. "And the birds only come around in the daylight, so they wouldn't even see the sparks. It's really just about the loud noise. It doesn't work anyways. "FUNNY NAMES: The most ridiculous fireworks brand names spotted in Tampa The mortars people are shooting off in their cul-de-sacs look almost as good as professional fireworks now. What's the difference? Consumer fireworks have grown as big as they can get under federal law, according to Julie Heckman, president of the American Pyrotechnics Association. For the extremely popular reloadable aerial shells, also called mortars, the largest is 1 and 3/4 inches in diameter with 60 grams of explosive. That makes a big boom with a lot of color and crackle, Heckman said, and is actually equal to the smallest-sized shell that's used in professional displays. But it's still a world away from the giant 10 or 12-inch shells the pros also use. Have we reached the pinnacle of fireworks technology?

Despite rain, hot and dry weather creates major wildfire concern

Fire Brush Danger

Fire Danger

Prevention is the Real Solution

Don't Throw Cigarettes Out The Car Window

Fire Safety Concerns - Look around you, it's real

The rain Central Florida has been seeing across the area is not expected to reverse a dry spell that forest service officials say could lead to a dangerous and destructive wildfire season. (Spectrum News 13)By Jeff Allen, Reporter last updated: Monday, March 19, 2018, 9:53 PM EDTFacebookTwitterGoogle+EmailShare0**WEDGEFIELD --** The rain Central Florida has been seeing across the area is not expected to reverse a dry spell that forest service officials say could lead to a dangerous and destructive wildfire season.

- **Recent rain not expected to reverse dry spell, officials say**
- **Dry conditions worse when considering hurricane-affected vegetation**
- **FFS encourages residents to be careful w/ outdoor burning**

Some firefighters are even comparing this year's conditions to 1998, when Florida experienced historic wildfires. Homeowners in the Wedgefield community in east Orange County already had a scare in early March when a 40-acre wildfire threatened homes. It luckily didn't damage any major structures, but it got within feet of burning some houses. "We're really fortunate the fire department has been doing their job and saving our homes," said Wedgefield resident Charlie Brock. Spectrum News 13 weather experts say February 2018 was the warmest February ever on record in Central Florida. And there's been little rain. "We haven't had

enough rainfall to do anything," said Cliff Frazier, a spokesperson for the Florida Forest Service. And forest service officials say the dry conditions are even worse when you consider all of the vegetation blown down by Hurricane Irma last September combined with the foliage killed by frost this winter. "In the event of a wildfire all of that stuff is going to burn, that's fuel, so it's going to fuel the fire," said Frazier. Brock says he makes sure there's some space around his home to protect his family from wildfires. "I took out all of the trees when I built this home to prevent any fires so they wouldn't jump from the trees to the home," Brock said. Wedgefield is built with canals running through it. The canals create a barrier that can stop wildfires from spreading. And the canals provided a water source for firefighters when they were fighting the recent wildfire in the community. But it's been so dry, those canals are drying up. Some of them don't have water in them anymore. "It's horrible," Brock said. "We need rain so bad. Frazier says the Florida Forest Service urges everyone in Central Florida to be very careful with any outdoor burning. And in at least one county, Seminole County, burning is now banned indefinitely.

Tampa Bay - Lightning Capital of North America

When Thunder Roars - Go Indoors:

DON'T GET CAUGHT OUTSIDE No place outside is safe when a thunderstorm is in the area. Get inside as soon as you hear thunder. Run to a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle as fast as you can. If you can't get to a safe building or vehicle: 9 Avoid open areas. Don't be the tallest object in the area. 9 Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects in an area. 9 Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences. Metal does not attract lightning, but lightning can travel long distances through it. 9 If you are with a group of people, spread out. While this actually increases the chance that someone might get struck, it tends to prevent multiple casualties, and increases the chances that someone could help if a person is struck.

IF SOMEONE IS STRUCK Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death for those who die. Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge and may need first aid immediately. 9 Call for help. Call 9-1-1. 9 Give first aid. Begin CPR if you are trained. 9 Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available. These units are lifesavers! 9 Don't be a victim. If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lightning CAN strike twice.

http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/resources/Lightning-Brochure17.pdf

Mosquitoes

Zika Fever

Mosquito Control Program

The daily battle to take back neighborhoods from the more than 40 species of mosquitoes that reside in Hillsborough County depends on a delicate balance of scientific controls and resident participation.

Our goals

We protect residents by monitoring for mosquito-borne illnesses, and control the pests through biological methods, trapping, elimination of breeding sites, destruction of larvae, and spraying pesticides at street level and from the sky.

Surveillance program

We have 30 mosquito traps throughout the county to keep track of the mosquito population. We also use a Sentinel Chicken program to monitor for Encephalitis viruses in birds before they reach humans.

Controlling mosquitoes

Our unit conducts more than 20,000 larvae inspections per year. Problem areas might be eligible for applications of pesticide from vehicles, helicopters or planes.

In 2017, the Mosquito Control and Aquatic Weed Unit:

- Responded to more than 5,500 customer service requests

- Completed more than 8,600 inspections of mosquito larval production sites
- Conducted mosquito larvae remediation on 21,080 acres
- Conducted adult mosquito remediation on 1,072,237 acres
- Responded to 40 confirmed mosquito-borne disease (arbovirus) cases

Report mosquito related issues

We monitor complaints about high mosquito populations and respond accordingly.

SUBMIT A REQUEST

Contact

For more information, call our Public Works department at (813) 635-5400 or Hillsborough Mosquito Control at (813) 272-5900.

Boating Safety

[Click here to view Boating Safety Tips Video]

Quick Tips

- Enroll in a boater education class

- Develop a float plan
- Watch the weather
- Prepare for a boat fire
- Always wear a life jacket
- Avoid alcohol
- Be especially careful on personal watercrafts
- In Florida, children younger than age 6 must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket while underway
- Don't overload your boat
- Operate at a safe speed
- Always have a passenger serve as a lookout in addition to the operator
- Watch out for low water areas or submerged objects

Develop a float plan

Watch The weather

Give a responsible person details about where you will be and how long you will be gone. This is important in case your boat is delayed because of an emergency, becomes lost, or encounters other problems. Make sure they have a complete description of the vessel and other information that will make identification easier. **Watch the weather.** Check weather warnings and forecasts before leaving shore and while at sea. Remain watchful for signs of bad weather and listen to weather radio broadcasts on your VHF radio. According to the NSBC, usually when you see dark, fast moving clouds headed your way, it's too late to head for a safe location if you are out in the open water. Having knowledge of the larger weather picture and knowing exactly what to do when these sudden storms appear could help you have a safer journey. **Prepare for a boat fire.** Most boat fires can be put out rapidly if you act immediately. Having a fully charged fire extinguisher on hand is vital. Take the time to make sure that you and those who boat with

you regularly know and understand exactly how to use the fire extinguisher. To prevent boat fires, take the following precautions: clean bilges often and maintain proper gear stowage; make sure short-tie cables are properly connected; place oily rags in covered trash cans or dispose of them on shore; and store propane fuel for stoves in a secure area. Contact your local fire department for further fire prevention measures.

Always wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or life jacket

- Most boating fatality victims were found (recovered) NOT wearing a PFD.
- Always carry extra PFD's in both adult and child sizes.
- In Florida, children younger than 6 years old must wear a PFD while underway unless the boat is larger than 26 feet long.

Avoid alcohol

- The probability of being killed in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved.
- Operating a boat under the influence is just as dangerous as driving a car after you've been drinking.
- Boating while intoxicated (BWI) is strictly enforced and carries penalties similar to driving while intoxicated penalties, including possible Driver's License suspension.

Enroll in a boater education course — regardless of age

- Anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 must have a Boating Safety Education ID Card to legally operate a vessel with a motor of 10 horsepower or greater (including PWCs), in Florida.
- It's a good idea for the whole family to enroll in a boater education course.
- A majority (52%) vessels involved in boating accidents are operated by persons 26- 50 years of age.

Be especially careful on personal watercraft (PWC)

- PWC operators and passengers must wear a life jacket.
- Before you borrow or rent a PWC, take the time to learn how to operate the vessel and the rules of the waterway.
- Maintain a safe distance from other PWC's, vessels, persons, shore, or stationary platform or other object unless operating at headway (idle) speed.

Operate at a safe speed

- Citations may be issued for excessive speed or reckless operation. Use common sense, and operate at a safe speed at all times — especially in crowded areas.
- Excessive speed is a rate of speed greater than is reasonable or prudent without regard for conditions and hazards or greater than will permit a person to bring the boat to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

Pack a first aid kit

Your kit can prove invaluable if you or a member of your group is injured. Pack antiseptics for cuts and scrapes, tweezers, insect repellent, pain relievers, and sunscreen. **Bring emergency supplies** for long boating trips, in addition to a first aid kit, it is prudent to bring a map, compass, flashlight, knife, waterproof fire starter, personal shelter, whistle, warm clothing, high energy food, and water.

Open Containers

Open containers are allowed on boats; however, state law sets limits on the blood-alcohol content and impairment of the operator/driver of the boat. In Florida, a vessel operator is presumed to be under the influence if their blood or breath-alcohol level is at or above .08. Any person under 21 years of age who is found to have a breath-alcohol level of .02 or higher, and operates or is in actual physical control of a vessel, is in violation of Florida law.

If boaters have any general questions regarding boating safety or boating laws, they can contact the Beach Club. Also, detailed information is available on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's website: http://www.myfwc.com/RULESANDREGS/Rules_Boat.htm.

Thanks to the Hillsborough and Pasco County Sheriff offices.

Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful - Cory Lakes Team!

Giving back to our beautiful community. We are responsibly for cleaning up and sprucing up the 1 mile stretch of Morris Bridge Road, from the Morris Bridge gate to the entrance of Flat Wood Parks. Every few months residents from the community gather outside our Morris Bridge gatehouse before embarking on a two miles trip in both directions.

Team members.

Group picture after clean up.

Our Facility Manager, John with team members.

Mr. Beck and others just having fun while enjoying nature.

Nov 2018 Clean Up Crew - 50 Trash Bags Collected.

School Violence is an Epidemic We Must Cure!

To learn more about the multi-tiered system of supports offered by FL PBIS, go to: http://flpbis.cbcs.usf.edu/index.html

- By Robert S Weinroth: In the words of Duval County Superintendent Diana Green, the continuing pattern of violence plaguing our schools, nationwide, is a "troubling reflection of what's happening in the community. This was her reaction after a deadly shooting on Friday night outside the football game at Raines High School in Jacksonville. In the shadow of the massacre at Marjorie Stoneham Douglas High School in Parkland last February and the more recent shooting at Palm Beach Central in Wellington, a sober review of the causes of these incidents (eschewing the debate on assault weapons and the need for greater security at schools) is critical. There have been at least 60 incidents of gunfire on school grounds this year. That statistic is but the tip of a frightening iceberg. Every year over 2,700 children and teens are killed by gunfire and over 14,000 more are shot and injured. The question we must address is, WHY? The mass murder of 17 people, students and staff, at Parkland's MSD High School on Valentine's Day represents a small percentage of the growing number of incidents plaguing school administrators, nationwide. In the aftermath of Parkland, many people have noted the alleged shooter sent out multiple "red flag" warnings on his need for help. In hindsight, one can only wonder if early intervention might not have averted this tragedy. Looking at his actions, it is easy to lament the fact that someone did not intervene and restrain him from acting on his violent impulses. But, what of the more recent incidents? Are we looking at a societal issue of needing to focus on anger management and mental health counseling? Prevention through a more holistic approach of establishing policies that improve social, cultural, and economic conditions within our communities while reducing teens' access to guns is but one step in combating this growing problem and is more effective than intervening after a tragedy strikes. Creating a safe supportive school environment is essential to ensuring student safety, academic and social success. There are multiple elements to establishing an environment where students feel safe,

connected, valued, and responsible for their own behavior and academic success. Key to this is preventing all forms of violence, be it bullying, aggressive classroom behavior, gun use, or gang activity. Students need to be taught to understand the causes of aggressive behavior, how to be empathetic while learning problem solving and anger management techniques. The ultimate goal is to deescalate the naturally occurring conflicts within the school environment and to substitute conflict resolution tools to prevent rather than respond to activities that can lead to antisocial behavior and violence. No amount of facility hardening or security will eliminate the potential for violence. But, addressing its causes rather than its results will result in a safe environment for learning. One source for establishing programs to meet this need is the Florida Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support Project. Its mission is to increase the capacity of Florida's school districts to use team-based planning and problem solving to implement positive behavioral interventions and supports within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports by providing training and technical assistance to districts in the development and implementation of positive behavioral interventions.

A Safe Work Zone Speed and planning for Risky Drivers

Figure 2.1. Speed/Pedestrian Injury Severity Correlation

(Source: C. E. "Rick" Chellman)

https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/ePrimer_modules/module2.cfm

Figure 2.1. suggests that if our goal is to accept ***non-severe injuries***, a low speed limit of 20 mph should be used in construction work zones. A 20-mph low speed limit is also comparable to the 15-mph used in school zones. Most would agree that **Flagger injuries and fatalities** are predictable, preventable and **completely unacceptable!**

In my search for more information, I went to the NHTSA website where they are working on eliminating drivers with *risky behaviors* on our nation's roads.

On their homepage, under the "Risky Driving" tab, I found six driver categories listed. Five of the six driver categories can be applied to deaths in construction work zone vehicle crashes.

The five Risky Driver categories include Speeding Drivers, Drunk Drivers, Distracted Drivers, Drowsy Drivers, and Drug Impaired Drivers (# 6 seatbelts, isn't relevant to Flaggers). When looking at each category, there are some shocking statistics that stand out.

Risky Driver, Kill Statistics:

1. *Speeding Drivers, in 2016, killed 10,111 people, accounting for more than a quarter (27%) of all traffic fatalities that year.*

2. *Drunk-driving crashes claim more than 10,000 lives per year (27%).*
3. *Distracted driving is dangerous, claiming 3,450 lives in 2016 alone. (9%)*
4. *Drowsy driving kills—it claimed 824 lives in 2015. (1%)*
5. *Drug impaired driving - In NHTSA's National Roadside Survey conducted in 2013-2014,* ***20 percent of drivers surveyed tested positive for potentially impairing drugs.***

When you add up the total number of fatalities, they account for more than 65% of all the traffic fatalities on our roads today.

The statistics confirm that risky drivers should **be considered in Temporary Traffic Control Plans.** I would like to refer you to the MUTCD, in Section 6C.01, item – 05 where it states;

– 05 ***"Planning for all road users*** *should be included in the process, when completing traffic control plans."*

Traffic engineers use the "Stopping Sight Distance as a Function of Speed", shown in Table 6C-2, for the location and spacing of advanced warning signs in construction work zones. I can't imagine any of these risky drivers being able stop safely within these sight distances.

When I look at Section 6D.03 Worker Safety Considerations: (*Support; Guidance; and Standard),* everything there is related to *non-risky* drivers. When you take a closer look, I can't find any worker safety considerations a traffic engineer can use that can be applied to ***risky drivers,*** as long as Flaggers are allowed to stand at the edge of the road.

If we can agree that risky drivers have created a hazardous work place for Flaggers, then new *regulations and/or standards* need to be developed to improve safety.

Our objective is to keep you up-to-date and current with the issues and challenges facing 1-lane 2-way traffic control in construction work zones. We have more information addressing *Flagger Safety issues* posted on our Blog website. We invite you to visit and leave a comment.

Calendar Events

August:

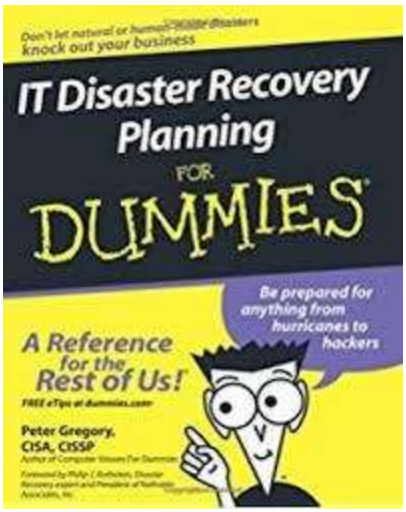
- August 31st: International Overdose Awareness Day – Penington Institute – https://www.overdoseday.com/

September:

- National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – http://www.recoverymonth.gov/
- National Preparedness Month – U.S. Department of Homeland Security – http://www.ready.gov/september

October:

- National Substance Abuse Prevention Month – The Office of National Drug Control Policy – https://youth.gov/feature-article/national-substance-abuse-prevention-month
- National Crime Prevention Month – National Crime Prevention Council - http://www.ncpc.org/programs/crime-prevention-month



Cool Disaster Reading.

What are your Evacuation Routes?

HCFL Alert
Hillsborough County

http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/library/hillsborough/media-center/documents/emergency-management/2017-hillsborough-disaster-planning-guide-english.pdf

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Distracted Driving "kills" - It Can Wait - Put Down the Phone While Driving

For more specific information about joining or activities, please contact.

Visit us on the **Cory Lakes Community Development** website at http://corylakescdd.net/

Also, visit us on the **Cory Lakes Resident Facebook** page at
https://www.facebook.com/corylakeislesresidents/

Along with, our **Neighborhood Watch Facebook** page at
https://www.facebook.com/CoryLakeIslesNW/

Sheryl, CLI Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, accepting the community's 2018 Best Neighborhood Watch award from Tampa Police.

Tampa Police

Sheryl and Kinnette, (past)TPD District II, Neighborhood Affairs Liaison