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2018 BAY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH KICK-OFF MEETING

The kick-off meeting took place in the Ed Kilroy Outreach Building on the campus of St. Jerome Church on June 24, 2018, from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

Attendees representing all streets in Bay Hills (except 102nd Ave) signed in and met our **Neighborhood Watch Leader, Nancy Preising (Beechdale Ct)**, then enjoyed summer time refreshments and socializing.

Our Neighborhood Watch Deputy, Sean O'Brien, brought flyers on a number of crime prevention topics and presented the latest information on the Pinellas County Neighborhood Watch program.

Here are some of the things we learned:

- >Much crime is committed between 10 am and 2 pm and is opportunistic.
- >If we provide the opportunity, a criminal can grab something and be gone in a flash.

Our best defenses include:

- >Getting to know our neighbors so we know who belongs in Bay Hills
- >Looking out for our neighbors
- >Being aware of "out of normal" occurrences & behaviors:
 - People loitering; peeping; tampering with doors, license plates or utilities
 - Unusual traffic through neighborhood
 - Door-to-door soliciting or someone hanging ads; person may be looking for easy opportunity
 - Strange odors
 - Unusual sounds—glass breaking, gunshots, screaming, fighting
- >Taking active precautions:
 - Locking vehicles, doors, windows, gates
 - Using alarm and security camera systems
 - Using motion-activated night time lighting
 - Keeping garage doors closed
- >CALLING 911 IF WE SEE OR HEAR SOMETHING HAPPENING RIGHT NOW
- >Calling 582-6200 to report other suspicious activity
- >Using 873-TIPS number to report anonymously
- >Remembering to be watchful, but NOT confrontational with suspicious persons



Deputy Sean O'Brien demonstrated the online service called CRIME VIEWER which shows recent crimes on a County map with symbols indicating type of crime. You can adjust the map to show what you want: location, type of crime, time frame of crime, etc.

Deputy Sean also told us about ALERT PINELLAS—which allows registered users to receive FREE emergency notifications. If you register, your contact information will be exempt from public records.

If you would like a basic security review of your home, please contact Deputy Sean O'Brien for an appointment at 727-582-6618. Find CRIME VIEWER and ALERT PINELLAS on www.PCSOWEB.com.

The group discussed various experiences they have had with crimes in the neighborhood as well as what types of prevention systems they have installed. We may have a workable means of alerting Bay Hills neighbors regarding crimes using a specific feature of NEXTDoor to send crime alert texts to phones. Explanations of how this will work will be coming in the next newsletter.

WE BEAT CRIME TOGETHER

Special thanks to Cecilia Burke & Barb Clark for arranging meeting place, refreshments, and centerpieces.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS....

Best wishes to Britt Ganni as she recovers from emergency heart surgery and severe lung infection. Britt is doing better each day.

Congratulations to Jim & Sharon Sutherland on their recent marriage.



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For an additional \$1 per month Waste Connections will provide a roomy, rolling recycle bin, with cover. Now you can recycle more and keep everything neat and dry!

DO recycle these items: newspaper & its inserts; junk mail; cardboard boxes (flattened); other cardboard packaging (like cereal boxes); CLEAN & DRY glass containers (clear, green, brown only); CLEAN & DRY food cans; CLEAN & DRY drink cans; flattened, empty milk cartons; plastic water bottles; CLEAN & DRY plastic containers with recycle symbol. Notice the theme here? "CLEAN & DRY"!

PLEASE, NO Styrofoam or plastic bags or dirty items in large or small recycle bins. Our RECYCLE DAY IS WEDNESDAY.



July Yard of the Month on Tanglewood

We are getting PLENTY of rain at this time of year so you can turn off your sprinklers. Overwatering just increases your bill and encourages fungus growth. Need help with lawn damage? There are a number of spraying services available in our area and not all require contracts. NOTE: parking on yards damages grass & sprinkler heads as well as detracting from the normally beautiful appeal of Bay Hills. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

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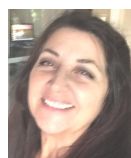
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