



Tarpon Springs Police Department

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Crime Watch Newsletter

Social Security Scam (Yes Again)

Scammers pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) are saying your Social Security number (SSN) has been suspended because of suspicious activity or being involved in a crime. Sometimes, the scammer wants you to confirm your SSN to reactivate it or will ask for money or gift cards to keep your SSN or bank account safe. Walmart cards are what many want. Do NOT do this! This scam continues to rip folks off.



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Following last week's devastating fire that destroyed much of the famous and historically important Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, fundraising efforts have begun. Many generous people may decide to donate money toward rebuilding efforts – and scammers know that. They're ready to take donations, too, so here are some things to consider before you give to an organization or a crowdfunding project:

Research the organization first. Search online for the name of the organization plus the word "complaint" or "scam." Read what others say the about the organization. These organizations can also help your research.

It's important to ask questions. If you get a call from someone asking for money to help rebuild the Cathedral, ask them how exactly your money will be used. Do some research before donating to any organization you are not familiar with.

Crowdfunding sites may not monitor how donations are spent. Research any charity before you give. Online fundraisers should tell you who gets your donation and how your money gets to the charity. They should also tell you if they keep any part of your donation as a fee. These details should be clear and easy to find without hunting through fine print. If the details are not clear, consider taking your donation money elsewhere.

Donations to foreign organizations generally are not tax deductible. If tax deductions are important to you, make sure the group is established in the U.S. Check the IRS's Tax Exempt Organization Search to see if your donation would be tax deductible. Remember that donations to individuals, like in crowdfunding sites, are not tax deductible.

For more tips on how to donate wisely and avoid scams go to [FTC.gov/Charity](https://www.ftc.gov/Charity). Check out the article [Before Giving to a Charity](#) for specific tips on donating through social media and how to handle calls from telemarketers..



Hang up on illegal robocalls!!. Is the recording trying to sell you something? Did you give your written permission to get calls from that company? No? Then that call is illegal. No need to feel like you're being rude when you hang up.

Consider protecting yourself with technology like a call blocking app or device. You also can ask your phone provider if it has call-blocking tools. To learn more, go to ftc.gov/calls.

Report the call. Report robocalls at ftc.gov/complaint. The more we hear from you, the more we can help fight scams



Teaching Your Kids Fire Safety

Demonstrate how to escape. ...

Enlighten them to feel for safety. ...

Use songs. ...

Instruct them about fire alarms. ...

Brief your kids not to go back into a burning building. ...

Ask children to touch doors to see if they are hot. ...



THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

SUMMER CAMP 2019

This year's Summer Camp is ten + weeks, from May 30th, through August 13th. Hours are 7:30am to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Thursday, July 4th. Aftercare, 5:30-6pm, is available at an additional charge. Camp may be purchased for the full ten weeks, by individual weeks, or by individual days. Field trips are not included in the prices and with few exceptions, are not mandatory. A free school lunch and snack are included daily in the cost. Campers are divided into three age groups: children entering kindergarten-2nd grade (Dodgers), entering 3rd grade-5th grade (Shooters) and entering 6th grade-8th grade (Sharks). Camp is held at the Tarpon Springs Community Center, 400 S. Walton Avenue. The Community Center has a full gymnasium, game room, two multi-purpose rooms and craft room. We also take frequent local trips (no additional charge) to Craig Park, Discovery Playground, Splash Park, Anderson Park and Sunset Beach.

2019 SUNSET BEACH CONCERT MAY

Sponsored by Advent Health North Pinellas and Gulf Coast Air Conditioning & Energy Improvement

May 2: Hard Country Rooster

First Friday

Fri, May 3, 6pm – 10pm East Tarpon Avenue

Cinco De Mayo

Sat, May 4, 4pm – 9pm Dodecanese Boulevard

Sweet Corn Festival

Sat, May 18, 10am – 6pm Where Craig Park, Tarpon Springs

Night in the Islands

May 18, 5pm – 11pm Dodecanese Boulevard



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