



# Tarpon Springs Police Department

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## Crime Watch Newsletter

### Just a Few Recent Scams

#### Airbnb Scam

This scam involving users of the popular AirBnB site that lets travelers rent an apartment or house. The scam starts with an impostor home or apartment owner directing the renter towards a fraudulent or “spoof” website to finalize payment for the rental.

Those fake sites result in lost money and no place to stay because the rental property being discussed is usually not even available. In fact, the real owners are most likely unaware that their property is being spoofed by scammers.

#### Cryptocurrency Scams

As the price and popularity of Bitcoin and other cyber-currencies skyrocketed in late 2017, scammers eagerly sought to take advantage of the frenzy.

The Japanese Bitcoin exchange Coincheck was hacked in January and the thieves were able to steal more than \$500 million in cryptocurrencies. This is the largest cryptocurrency hack to date.

Facebook and Instagram have banned advertisements for certain bitcoin, initial coin offerings (ICOs), and some other cryptocurrency-related products because of deceptive and misleading practices. Several ads were leading victims to sites such as Prodeum, whose only purpose was to take their money and not provide the advertised service.

#### Netflix Scam

The popular service is the target of an email phishing scam featuring the subject line “payment declined,” which may get your attention if you are a subscriber. The email wants you to click on a link to update your credit card information.

If you see this don’t click on the link because it can be dangerous malware. Visit your Netflix account by typing the address in yourself to check your account as a safer means of verifying your account status.



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# School Calendar 2018-2019

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Aug. 13, 2018: All schools open. All Pre-k and postsecondary schools' classes begin.

Sept. 3, 2018: Labor Day holiday – No school for students. Oct. 12, 2018: End of first quarter.

Oct. 15, 2018: No school for students. (a) \*Possible hurricane make-up day)

Nov. 17 - Nov. 25, 2018: Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up days on 11/19/2018 and 11/20/2018)

Dec. 21, 2018: End of first semester.

Dec. 22, 2018 - Jan. 6, 2019: Winter holidays - No school for students.

Jan. 7, 2019: No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up day)

Jan. 8, 2019: Second semester begins. Jan. 21, 2019: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday - No school for students. Feb. 18, 2019: No school for students.

Mar. 7, 2019: End of third quarter

Mar. 8, 2019: No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up day)

Mar. 9 - Mar. 17, 2019: Spring holidays – No school for students.

Mar. 18, 2019: Schools reopen. Classes resume.

Apr. 19, 2019: No school for students.

May 27, 2019: Memorial Day holiday – No school for students.

May 29, 2019: Last day for all students (with the exception of Adult students at the Postsecondary Centers).



**SENIOR TRANSPORTATION Event**

**MEETING SENIOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS AND PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PSTA and Tarpon Springs Senior Center Volunteers will assist Seniors with all of the Senior Transportation Programs that are available to them at reduced or no cost.

Get a **FREE** ride to the event by calling United Taxi (727.777.7777) or Neighborly Care Services (727.571.4384) at least 24 hours in advance (mention that you are attending this event).

**TWO-DAY EVENT**  
**AUG. 27 & 30**  
**10AM – 2PM**

SENIOR CENTER AT  
TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
138 East Lemon Street  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Need more information?  
Contact the City of Tarpon Springs at 727.937.1110  
or email [seniorinfo@ctsf.us](mailto:seniorinfo@ctsf.us)



## If there is a fire in your home follow your escape plan.

Remember to GET OUT, STAY OUT and call 9-1-1 or your local emergency phone number.

If closed doors or handles are warm, use your second way out. Never open doors that are warm to the touch.

Crawl low under smoke.

Go to your outside meeting place and then **call for help**.

If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with doors closed.

Place a wet towel under the door and call the fire department or 911.

Open a window and wave a brightly colored cloth or flashlight to signal for help.



# THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

## 2018 SUNSET BEACH CONCERT SERIES - Sponsored by Ferman Chevrolet of Tarpon Springs and Florida Hospital North Pinellas

Concerts are on the first Thursday of the month

August 2nd: 7PM Yesterdayze

\*\*In case of inclement weather, concert may be rescheduled to the following week. Please check our Facebook page or call the Tarpon Springs Community Center for updates. \*\*Dates and lineup are subject to change

## BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH

Please join us for a celebration of going back to school. We will have food, water slides, music and fun!

Location: Splash Park

Day & Time: Saturday, September 8th - 10am-2pm

Fee: FREE

## Gro Group

The Tarpon Springs Gro Group is a hands on learning experience for adults with disabilities. The curriculum includes plant cultivation, landscaping, and nursery operations. The Gro Group offers a plant sale Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm. The Gro Group Garden Center is located at the Tarpon Springs Community Center

**First Friday** When :Fri, August 3, 6pm – 10pm Where: West Tarpon Avenue

**Hippie Fest** When Sat, August 11, 2pm – 10pm



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