



Tarpon Springs Police Department

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Crime Watch Newsletter

TARPON SPRINGS LIBRARY NEW SENIOR INFORMATION CENTER

The official opening of the Senior Information Center was October 2, 2017 at the Tarpon Springs Library.

The center is located in the back of the library building on East Lemon Street, pamphlets are available if you would like to go to the center.

The center will be open Mondays and Thursdays from 10-2. To reach the center email seniorinfo@ctsfl.us or call 727-937-1110.

On October 19th, at 2pm Officer John Ulrich from the Police Department Crime Prevention Division, will give a presentation on "How to Avoid Identity Theft."

The program is in support of the City of Tarpon Springs Senior Information Center.

*Watch out for children running
across the street.*

Carry flashlights.

*Do not go to houses without lights
on.*

Have fun but be cautious!!



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When tragedy strikes, so do scammers..

Sadly, the Las Vegas shooting is no exception. The FTC has heard from people about suspicious requests for donations. A little re-search will help you avoid a scam and ensure that your gift goes to a reputable charity that will use the money as you intend.

To avoid charity scams, consider these tips before you give:

Donate to charities you know and trust with a proven track record. Check out the charity with the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, or GuideStar.

Be alert for charities that seem to have sprung up overnight in connection with current events. Check them out before you send money.

Search the charity's name online. Do people say it's a scam?

Don't assume that pleas for help posted on crowdfunding sites or social media are legitimate. Real victims' pictures and stories can be misused to con you.

Don't click on links or open attachments in emails. You could unknowingly install malware on your computer or be taken to a look-alike website for a fake charity. Look up the charity's web address and type it in yourself.

When texting to donate, confirm the number on the charity's website.

Designate the event or cause you want your funds to be used for, unless you are okay with the money being used in other ways.



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Pam Bondi’s Office is participating in the first coordinated federal-state civil enforcement crackdown involving student loan debt relief scams. These scams unlawfully took a combined total of more than \$95 million in upfront fees from students nationwide. The crackdown involves a total of 36 state or federal actions against student debt relief companies, with Attorney General Bondi’s Office filing two of these lawsuits, as well as a third action to compel compliance with an investigative subpoena. The Attorney General’s Office also reached a settlement with a student loan debt relief company in a fourth matter that ensures the company will no longer operate in Florida.

The two lawsuits allege that certain companies misled consumers into believing they would be enrolled in loan forgiveness or other relief programs through false promises. Instead of helping, the companies allegedly took hundreds or thousands of dollars from these consumers who could have used the money to pay their student loans. One complaint is against Strategic Student Solutions, LLC and its owner Dave Green in Palm Beach County, and the other is jointly filed with the Federal Trade Commission against Student Aid Center Inc., and owners Damien Alvarez and Ramino Fernandez-Moris in Miami.

The Attorney General’s Office also filed an action against Wesley Chapel-based The Student Loan Help Center for failure to comply with an investigative subpoena. This subpoena relates to the company’s alleged misrepresentations of the amount of student loan reductions available and the company’s failure to provide the student loan debt relief services promised.

Lastly, the Attorney General’s Office reached a settlement with Boynton Beach-based Debt Relief Pros, Inc. d/b/a Student Debt Relief, and its owner, Christopher Wordell. This settlement resolves allegations that the company charged a fee for services otherwise free through the Federal Direct Loan Program, misrepresented the company’s ability to lower monthly student loan payments and failed to perform the services for which consumers paid advance fees. The settlement permanently enjoins the company and its owner from operating in Florida or involving Florida businesses or residents in any manner related to student loan debt relief services.

In addition to these four actions, the Federal Trade Commission and 10 other attorneys general filed or settled 32 other actions as part of this initiative.

THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

Trunk or Treat Halloween Bash

Sat, October 21, 11am – 2pm

Tarpon Springs Community Center, South Walton Avenue Tarpon Springs
Recreation 727-942-5628 www.tsrdonline.com

Sponge Docks Arts & Crafts Show

Sat, October 28, 10am – 6pm

Dodecanese Boulevard, Dodecanese Blvd, Tarpon Springs Merchant's As-
sociation 727-543-1593

Tarpon Springs and Lowes Holiday Safety Festival and Touch a Truck

Sat, October 28, 11am – 3pm at Lowe's Home Improvement, 41800 US
Hwy 19 N, Tarpon Springs.



Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.

Buy electrical products evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.



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