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Crime Watch Newsletter

HOLIDAY SAFETY FESTIVAL

Join The city of Tarpon Springs and Lowes Home Improvement for a fun safety festival at Lowes of Tarpon Springs. There will be various safety tips around the parking lot and inside the store. The Recreation Center will have games, activities, bounce houses, food and more. The parking lot will be set up for touch a truck. There will be a costume parade so please be sure to dress up! Concessions will be available.

Location: Lowes Home Improvement of Tarpon Springs

Day & Time: Saturday, October 27th from 11am-3PM

Fee: FREE



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SAFETY TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN

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Costume Safety

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween safety tips. Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant

Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision

If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks

When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first

Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

When They're on the Prowl

A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds

If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you

Agree on a specific time children should return home

Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car

Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends

Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home

Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Safety Tips for Motorists

NSC offers these additional safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs

Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully

At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

Scammers continue to con people who want to help those affected by past hurricanes. Case in point: The FTC and its state and local partners are getting reports about sham charities following Hurricane Florence's devastating impact on North and South Carolina.

In recent weeks, a slew of new websites related to Hurricane Florence have popped up. They accept donations on behalf of victims without saying who is running the sites or how the funds will be used. Some sites claim – without any clear way to verify it – that a certain percentage of donations go to certain groups, like first responders. Other sites invoke the names of well-recognized groups like the Red Cross but, again, with no easy way to confirm a relationship.

To make sure your donation counts, and to avoid fraud, follow these tips:

Check out the charity with the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, or Guide Star.

Find out if the charity or fundraiser must be registered in your state by contacting the National Association of State Charity Officials. If they should be registered, but they're not, consider donating through another charity.

Don't assume that charity messages posted on social media are legitimate. Research the organization yourself.

When texting to donate, confirm the number with the source before you donate. The charge will show up on your mobile phone bill, but donations are not immediate.

If you know the charity is legitimate and you are ready to donate, designate the disaster so you can ensure your funds are going to disaster relief, rather than a general fund that the charity could use for any of its work.

If you think you've donated to a sham charity, report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint. Your complaints help us stop rip-off artists and scammers.

To learn more, go to ftc.gov/charity. And help us spread the word. Share this post on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn,



Keeping your bedroom door closed at night — and closing your other doors, while you're at it — can give you that precious time. A closed door may not seem like much to stop a fire, but research performed by UL's Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI) shows that it can have a big effect.

THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

Sunset Beach Concert Thursday, November 1, 7pm – 9pm Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs (February through November) and start at 7pm. Bonfires, weather permitting, at the February, March, October and November concerts. Concessions are available for purchase. Alcohol and pets are prohibited. Parking is limited onsite, so a courtesy shuttle will deliver concert goers to and from the beach and Tarpon Springs High School. FREE!

First Friday November 2, 6pm – 10pm West Tarpon Avenue

Seafood Festival Nov 9 – 11, 2018 Tarpon Springs Merchants' Association: <http://www.tarponspringsusa.com>

Stone Soup - Small Town, Big Heart Sat, November 10, 11am – 3pm. Where: Tarpon Springs Historical Train Depot Museum, 160 E Tarpon Ave honor of Veteran's Day, American Legion Post 46 will be present and Stone Soup is also supported by the City of Tarpon Springs community organizations - Peace4Tarpon and The Shepherd Center. Signature soup tastings from local restaurants to enjoy at the Depot or to take home.



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