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# FOREST HEIGHTS/HOLLY HILLS HAPPENINGS

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

Bert A. Mitchell, President

Dear Neighbors,

Now is a great time to be prepared for any disaster/emergency that could come your way this summer or fall. Here are some pointers that can help you be more prepared. Please review the information that follows concerning disasters and reporting crime to the police. Our neighborhood has been fortunate for many years but now is not the time to become complacent. Remember, think safety first, and be prepared. Go ahead and pick up those extra supplies now before there is a mad rush for the very things you may need.

Bert A. Mitchell, President

## Plan for Emergencies

A disaster supply kit for your home or an evacuation should include items in six basic areas:

- (1) water, (2) food, (3) first aid supplies and medications, (4) clothing and bedding, (5) tools and emergency supplies, and (6) important family documents.

You will need a supply kit if you are confined to your home. The supply kit is also valuable if you evacuate to a place other than a well-stocked shelter or if you are unsure of the shelter's supplies.

– From DOH

## Hurricane/Disaster Supply List

• Non-perishable or canned food	• Can opener (non-electric)
• Bottled water	• Special items for:
• Clothing	- Infants
• Rainwear	- Elderly
• Bedding	- People with disabilities
• Sleeping bags	• Important Documents (store in a waterproof container):
• Pillows	- Driver's license
• Battery-operated radio	- Social Security card
• Flashlight	- Proof of residence
• Extra batteries	- Insurance policies
• Prescriptions and medications	- Tax records
• First aid kit	- Birth and marriage certificates
• Car keys	
• Maps	

For further information, please contact your local county health department or visit [www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us) or [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org)

The Florida Emergency Information Line: 1-800-342-3557

Public Information Emergency Support Function: 850-921-0384

## Protect your property and the quality of life in the neighborhood.

### Suspicious Activity

- Anyone forcibly entering a car or home
- Someone running from a home or business under unusual circumstances
- Someone carrying a weapon
- Someone screaming
- Stranger offering a child candy or some other gift
- A loiterer who doesn't belong in the area
- A person walking around in the neighborhood with items that could have been stolen
- Persons looking into cars and windows of a residence
- Anyone ringing your doorbell or knocking on your door with an unreasonable explanation
- Strange vehicles parked in your area for several days
- A clean car with damaged or dirty license plates

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**NEXT  
ASSOCIATION  
MEETING  
TUES. JULY 28  
6:30 PM  
COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

(DEAR NEIGHBORS, FROM PAGE 1)

**How to Report to the Police**

• Identify yourself - name, address and telephone number	• Descriptions of suspect(s) - how many, whether armed, etc. Write this down!
• Type of crime	• Description of vehicle - tag number, dents, etc. Write this down!
• "In progress" or "has occurred"	• Direction the suspect was traveling
• Where? Be as specific as possible	• The longer you can stay on the line, the better

**Remember, 911 for emergencies and 850 891-4200 for non-emergencies**

- From TPD



**Grass Clippings - Notes from the Neighborhood Beautification Committee**

Believe it or not, it is time to select the next Yard of the Quarter winners! We are calling for nominations now through July 24th. Please contact us if you know of a neighbor's yard that should be part of the competition. If you nominated a yard last quarter and it did not get chosen, please re-nominate it if you feel it should be in the running. You may email your nominations to Gineen Krafft at [pkrafft@plp.info](mailto:pkrafft@plp.info) or call her at 386-6479.

Congratulations to last Quarter's winners! The neighbors who won were: Kentwood Estates; Patricia Fuller, 2316 Kara- Forest Heights; Geraldine Bradley, 1805 Rosedale - Holly Hills; Dr. Darice E. Richard, 2109 Evergreen. Each of our winners has been given a yard sign announcing their award. The signs will be moved to the new winners' yards after the meeting on July 28th. If you haven't done so already, take a couple of minutes to drive by or walk by these homes. They are truly winners!

Resist the urge to put in new plants in the baking heat of August. Instead concentrate on maintaining the plants you have and preparing them for a spectacular fall blooming season. In two months the garden will be ravishing if you can manage a few small chores now. Work in the early morning hours to avoid the heat. For those gardeners who don't do mornings try working in the cool of the evenings.

Take a critical look at your garden and see what needs trimming and neatening. Remove spent blooms from shrubs such as hydrangea, crepe myrtle and butterfly bush. Trim floppy, overgrown annuals to freshen them up. Cut back leggy perennials, like salvias and pentas, by one-third. If you have questions, call the Leon County Extension Office at 850-606-5202 and ask to speak to a Master Gardener. They are a great resource.

We need more committee members! Come on, folks, this is a fun committee! If you are interested in **becoming part of this committee**, please contact Gineen Krafft at [pkrafft@plp.info](mailto:pkrafft@plp.info) or call her at 386-6479.

**Naturalist**

*The Natural Yard in Summer*

Here are some rambling thoughts and recommendations for the Natural Yard in the heat of summer. Mow your lawn at the highest recommended setting for your type of grass. Longer blades result in a more robust root system which makes for a healthier lawn. Leave the grass clippings on the lawn. They provide a valuable, no cost source of fertilizer. Fight weeds and conserve water in your planting beds with a thick layer of mulch. Put down a sheet of cardboard (or several sheets of newspaper) and top off with at least 3 inches of your favorite mulch. Provide for butterflies and hummingbirds by planting a diversity of food and nectar plants throughout the garden. Don't forget to drink lots of water and wear a big hat – it's hot out there!

*David Copps is a landscape designer/gardener specializing in natural yard care to protect Tallahassee's water, wildflowers and wildlife. Contact him at 850.385.6548 or [meadowman3@yahoo.com](mailto:meadowman3@yahoo.com) (www.coppslandscape.com).*

**Crime Watch Corner – News from the Crime Watch & Safety Committee**

Hi Neighbors:

So far it has been a quiet summer, if you don't count the 13 loud music complaints in our neighborhood. There were also two drug incidents and a criminal mischief. I get this information by going to the TPD Online Statistics. If you want to make it one of your favorites like I have, go to Tallahassee Online Police Statistics, (<http://interags.leoncountyfl.gov/tops/disclaimer.aspx>) and at the drop down box, change address to Neighborhood Associations, the drop down box below has Forest Heights/ Holly Hills NA.

You can choose the statistics that you want to search. It will also pull up a map with the locations of the incidents on it. It is interesting. I wonder if the neighbors that are reporting the problems are reporting them to their Zone Captain because I am not receiving any information. We would like the information to correlate it with rental property information that the Property Use Committee is compiling. I hope to see a good turn out for the meeting. See you there.

- Barbara Allen, Crime Watch Committee Chair, 385-4124

**Please join your neighborhood association!**



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form and a \$15 check (made out to FHHHA Neighborhood Association) to David Mulholland, Treasurer, P.O. Box 37323, Tallahassee, FL 32315. We appreciate your support! \*Dues received after October apply to the next calendar year.