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Special Points of Interest:

- Sept. 1st is Labor Day
- Sept. 6th is Tunnels to Towers Run
- Sept. 7th is Grandparents Day
- Sept. 11th is Day of Remembrance
- Sept. 20th is Sanford's Latino Festival

Tunnels to Towers Run to be held in Altamonte Springs



The Siller Family started the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation to honor the memory of their brother, Stephen, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001 after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.

The goal of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to continue Stephen's legacy by supporting our nation's first responders and service members. The 5K Run will be held at Cranes Roost Park on September 6th. Sanford PD will have a team participating in this event.

How About Some Sweet Tea with the Chief

I know, I know. Many of you are wondering if it's from the "golden arches," but I am here to inform you it is not!

So what exactly is 'Sweet Tea with the Chief?' It is an informal opportunity to sit down with the City of Sanford Police Department's command staff and discuss any concerns, or even accolades, regarding the police department and your community.

The Chief wants every resident of our City to know that their concerns will be addressed; however, please understand the interests brought forth should be addressable and reasonable for a public discussion forum.

The meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm in the Community Room at:

Sanford Police Department
815 Historic Goldsboro Blvd
Sanford, Florida 32771

You don't have to BYOST. Refreshments will be provided for you. Come and join us in a relaxed atmosphere, and meet our command staff personnel too.



Sanford's 1st Latino Festival



On Saturday, September 20, the City of Sanford Police Department will be hosting it's first Latin Festival in Fort Mellon Park (on the lakefront). We would like to bring the Latin community, along with surrounding communities, together for a day of food, fun, and entertainment for the entire family.

This is also an effort to build relationships and camaraderie within our culturally diverse population. Many times, especially with persons whom



have moved here from other countries, people may be timid when contacting their local public safety personnel for assistance. We are working to promote partnerships within ALL communities here in the City, and ensure everyone that our public safety department is here to assist every resident of the City, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. Everyone is entitled to live in a safe environment, and understand that the police and fire are available when called upon.

If anything, the delicious food of the Latin culture should entice you to join us!!

Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?



PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Portland, Oregon, police were told there was a chicken – and it was attempting to cross the road.

In fact, the citizen who called the police non-emergency line on Monday evening reported that the chicken's efforts to cross a road in a north Portland neighborhood were bringing traffic nearly to a standstill.

He assured the dispatcher he was not joking.

The dispatcher chuckled – and asked a clarifying question.

"It's just the one chicken?"

The caller said yes.

Sgt. Pete Simpson says responding officers were unable to locate the chicken.

And so, he notes, police "were unable to determine the chicken's intent." (1)

National Night Out 2014

National Night Out is quickly approaching. The main event will be held on Tuesday, October 7th in Fort Mellon Park; however, all NW groups are encouraged to have their own NNO block parties.

What is NNO?

The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhood-sare organized and fighting



back. (2)

This is a great opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors and public safety personnel. We encourage you to facilitate your own block party and invite all the neighbors in your community. This may be a prime engagement to learn about those living around you in an effort to help one another keep your community safer; i.e. learn one

another's work schedules, what vehicles they drive, when they go on vacation, etc. These are

important factors to know in the instance you notice 'suspicious' activity at your neighbor's residence, and may be able to prevent or deter, such acts. If we *all* work together...

Keeping Track of Your Kids on the Internet

The internet is full of great opportunities for children, such as education/learning and entertainment. While there are advantages to the World Wide Web, as parents we must also be cognizant and responsible for ensuring it is a nurturing and safe experience.

With that said, consider these tips which will assist keeping you informed of your child's online activities:

⇒ Set rules and keep a copy of them posted near the computer.

- ⇒ Spend quality time with your kids visiting family-friendly sites.
- ⇒ Keep the computer in a central location rather than in a child's bedroom.
- ⇒ Never allow your children to email pictures of themselves to others.
- ⇒ Limit the amount of time your child is allowed to spend online.

- ⇒ Talk to your children about the dangers of the internet and what is inappropriate behavior. Make sure that they know they should come to you immediately if they are ever made to feel uncomfortable.
- ⇒ Invest in software that monitors your child's online activities and blocks access to certain websites.
- ⇒ Set a good example and your children will follow. (3)

See Something? Say Something!

Have you ever noticed something just not "right" happening in your neighborhood? Maybe it was an incident which, if police had been notified, might have deterred the situation? If you ever notice any type of activity which you perceive as "suspicious," notify law enforcement immediately. For example, if you know your neighbors are out of town, or at work, yet you notice a vehicle in their driveway you have never seen before, call the police. Don't wait to see what the vehicle or people are doing, as by then, it may be too late. It might be a relative checking on the house for your neighbor, or it may be a crime in progress. Call the police and let them decide whether the incident is legitimate or not.

Remember, it is often better to be safe and sure, than to regret what you "coulda, shoulda, woulda" have done later on.

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