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Help is Available for Victims Of Domestic Violence

In her lifetime, one out of four women will have experienced some sort of household violence.

Women between the ages of 20-24 are at the greatest risk of becoming the victim of domestic violence.

Women of all races are equally at risk.

Approximately 1 in 5 teens enrolled in high school will be involved in an abusive relationship before they graduate.

In the workplace, approximately 20,000 workers are attacked or threatened each year by their partner or spouse.

Domestic violence results in health-related costs that exceed \$6 billion annually.

October 1987, marked the first observance of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Then as now, the event is meant to encourage the sup-

port and participation in violence programs through awareness and educational efforts. Such efforts include awareness campaigns about sexual abuse, stalking and dating violence as well as fostering healthy relationships that focus on communication skills, respect and trust.

The Pinellas Park Police Department urges you to take time this month and learn more about preventing domestic violence.

For additional information please contact the crime prevention unit at 541-0761.



Need Help? CASA Crisis Line

(727) 895-4912

Administrative Office

(727) 895-4912

Trick-Or-Treating? Pinellas Park Police Department's Halloween Safety Tips



Ghosts, witches, goblins---that's what most children think is scary about Halloween. Several years ago, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention conducted a study and discovered that the number of deaths among young pedestrians was four times higher on Halloween evening when compared with the same time period during all other evenings of the year. Also, falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween. Now that's scary!!!

The Pinellas Park Police Department wants everyone to have an enjoyable and safe Halloween by following these safety tips!!!

COSTUMES

Your costume should be bright, reflective and flame retardant. Costumes---including shoes---should fit so they don't trip you.

Eyeholes in masks should be large enough so you can see fully.

Hats and masks should fit so they don't slip and block your vision.

Consider using face paint (which can't slip) instead of masks.

Costume props like swords and knives should be soft and flexible.

TRICK-OR-TREATING

Parents or a responsible adult should always accompany young children.

Stay in neighborhoods that you know. Use flashlights so you can see and be seen.

Stay on sidewalks and avoid crossing yards.

Don't cross the street between parked cars.

Only approach houses that have their porch light on.

Establish a time that older children need to return home. Have them carry a cell phone and assure that they know how to reach you and how to call 911 in an emergency.

Never enter a car or a home for a treat.

If driving your trick-or-treaters, have them get out of cars on the curb side. Wait to eat your treats until after you have returned home and have had them thoroughly checked by an adult

HOMEOWNERS

Keep pets away from trick-or-treaters.

Remove any tripping hazards from your porches, lawns, driveways and sidewalks.

Make sure the path to the treats via your driveway or walkway is illuminated well.

Keep candles and open flames away from trick-or-treaters.

Avoid giving choking hazards like gum, peanuts and small toys to young children.

IF YOU'RE OUT AND ABOUT

Drive slowly!!!

Watch for children!!!

Exit driveways and alleyways carefully!!!

Report suspicious activity to the Police!!!

October is Crime Prevention Month

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council declared October as National Crime Prevention Month. Thousands of groups and organizations around the world recognize this event each year. The main goal of National Crime Prevention Month is the education and prevention of crime resulting in safer and more caring communities.

Desire, ability and opportunity---it takes these three elements together in order to commit a crime. Citizens cannot really have an effect on the desire or the ability of someone wanting to commit a criminal act, but we can lessen our chances of being a victim by taking away the opportunity for a crime to be committed. By practicing good, common sense crime prevention techniques, you can stop crime in its tracks. A few of these techniques include being aware of your surroundings, locking your home and vehicle doors and windows, having sufficient outdoor lighting, protecting your personal identifying information and not opening your door to anyone you don't know.

The Pinellas Park Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit offers a wide variety of programs and services to educate citizens and businesses on how to lessen their chances of becoming a victim. For more information, please call 541-0761.

City Hall

5141 78th Avenue N.

Phone: (727) 541-0700

Job Line: (727) 541-0703

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Public Meetings

City Hall 5141 78th Ave. N.
(727) 541-0700

City Council Workshop October 11 October 25	City Hall, Second Floor 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Equestrian Board October 19	City Hall, Second Floor 7:00 p.m.
City Council Agenda Session October 13 October 27	City Hall, Second Floor 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Meet Your Mayor Call-In Show October 20	(727) 541-0828 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting October 13 October 27	City Hall, First Floor 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Board Workshop October 04	City Hall, First Floor 7:00 p.m.
Board of Adjustment October 25	City Hall, First Floor 7:00 p.m.	Meeting October 06	Pinellas Park Public Library 7:00 p.m.
Code Enforcement Board October 20	City Hall, First Floor 8:00 a.m.	Recreation Board November 28	City Hall, First Floor 4:00 p.m.
		Special Magistrate October 26	

Meetings subject to change/cancellation.

Government Relations

Administrative Office 5851 Park Blvd.
(727) 541-0721

UPCOMING EVENTS - Event Line (727) 541-0895

Full listing of events at www.pinellas-park.com

8h - 3 Dog Walk

England Brothers Park, 5121 80th Ave. Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: Free admission to the public. Contact: <http://pinellasparkcpaa.org/contact/>.

9th - BAHHA Horse Show

Pinellas Park Equestrian Center, 6301 94th Ave. Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: Free admission to the public. Contact: (727) 423-7812.

22nd - Pinellas Park Police Department Speed Show

Pinellas Park Equestrian Center, 6301 94th Ave. N. Time: 6-10 p.m.. Cost: Free admission to the public. Contact: (727) 547-8495.

29th - Movies in the Park

England Brothers Park, 5121 80th Ave. Time: Dusk. Cost: Free. Contact: (727) 687-4494.

30th - Opera in the Park

Performing Arts Center (PAC), 4951 78th Ave. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: Free admission and refreshments. Contact: (727) 480-9166 or 547-0396.

31st - Halloween in the Park "Treats YOU Can Trust"

England Brothers Park, 5121 80th Ave. Time: 6 p.m. Cost: Free. Contact: (727) 541-0895.



Events subject to change/cancellation.

MONTHLY EVENTS - Event Line (727) 541-0895

Every 1st Sunday - Pinellas Park Civic Orchestra - Oct. - April
Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. Time 7:30 p.m. Call (727) 415-9650.

Every 2nd Monday - Pinellas Park Art Society Meeting
Park Station, 5851 Park Boulevard. Starts at 7:00 p.m. Call (727) 541-2697.

Every 2nd Wednesday - Senior Center Pancake Breakfast - Sept.- May, Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N. Starts at 9:00 a.m. Call (727) 541-0776.

Every 3rd Tuesday - Theatre Pipe Organ Performance
City Auditorium, 7690 59th St. N. Starts at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Performance is free to the public. Call (727) 541-0770.

Every 3rd Thursday - Pinellas Park Historical Society Meeting
Park Station, 5851 Park Boulevard. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Call (727) 546-7060.



The Center of Possibilities where "Dreams Are Created" and the "Possibilities Are Endless." For more information please call Joel Garren at 727-541-0805 x 3076 or jgarren@pinellas-park.com.

Library & Recreation

Administrative Office 7770 52nd St. N.
(727) 541-0718

LIBRARY - 7770 52nd St. N.

(727) 541-0718

ADULT PROGRAMS

Bret Michael, Adult Services Librarian

Introductory Computer Classes - Please contact the Library's Information/Reference Desk at 541-0719 or 541-0851 for current schedule.

Adult Beginning Sign Language Classes Thursdays 6 - 7 p.m.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language Classes Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

Deaf Literacy Tutoring Thursdays 2 - 4 p.m.

Book Discussion - The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton Thursday, Oct. 20th 2 p.m.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

(727) 541-0716

Arline Hollingsworth, Youth Services Librarian

Tuesdays
Story Time (Ages: 3-5) 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose Program (Ages: Birth to 3) 10:45-11:05 a.m.

Wednesdays
Mother Goose Program (Ages: Birth to 3) 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Reading Patch Club (Elementary School Students) 2 p.m.

Thursdays
Evening Mother Goose (Young Children & Parents) 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Youth Sign Language Classes - Starts Sept. 15th 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tail Waggin' Tutors 2nd & 4th Thu. each month, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Appointments are required. Call 541-0716.

Origami Workshop Tuesday, October 11th 6:30 p.m.

Registration required. Call 541-0716.

Adventures in Art: Salvador Dali Wednesday, October 19th 3 p.m.

Registration required. Call 541-0716.

Sunday Spook-tacular Sunday, October 16th 2 p.m.

Teen Read Week Sunday-Saturday, October 16th - 22nd

Halloween Teen Lock-In Friday, October 21st 7 p.m.

Registration required. Call 541-0716.

RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

(727) 541-0770

Individuals participating in City operated Recreation Programs must be registered and have their recreation ID card on hand at all times when using Recreation facilities. For more information on registration, please call the appropriate facility.

BRODERICK RECREATION CENTER

(727) 541-0844

6101 66th Avenue

ADULT PROGRAMS

Pickle Ball	M, W	8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
Fitness Room	M-F 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. S	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Flag Football Camp Ages 4-7 T, Th 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Youth Flag Football League Ages 6-12 M, W 4:00-5:45 p.m.

Youth Soccer League Ages 6-12 M, W 4:00-5:15 p.m.

CONTRACT CLASSES - Register with instructor(s). Call for fees and times: **AMMA** Martial Arts (T,Th), Cheer America-Hip Hop (M), Cheering (Sat), Yoga (M), Pilates (W), Fitness Boot Camp (F).

FORBES RECREATION CENTER

(727) 541-0882

6401 94th Avenue North

ADULT PROGRAMS Fitness Room Open M-F 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., S 8:30-12:00 p.m.

Open Basketball Ages 15 Up TH 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Adult Lunch Basketball M-F 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

YOUTH PROGRAMS Arts & Crafts Ages 6-12 M, T, Th, F 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Children's Fest Ages 3-5 M-Th 9:30-12:00 p.m.

Cooking Class Ages 9-14 F 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Teen Basketball Ages 13-17 F 7:30-8:45 p.m.

CONTRACT CLASSES - Register with instructor(s). Call for fees and times: **AMMA** Martial Arts (M/W), Dancing Dreams (T/TH/S), Zumba (W, F), Yoga (T/TH).

SENIOR CENTER

(727) 541-0776

7625 59th Street North

Arthritis Exercise T, F 9:05 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Seniorcize M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Pinochle & Double Euchre T 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Bingo W 6:30-9:00 p.m. & Thu. 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Monday Night Dance M 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Tai Chi M, W 9:00-9:45 p.m.

Billiards M, F 9:00-5:00 p.m.

Movie & Ice Cream (3rd Friday each month) 1:00-3:30 p.m.

CONTRACT CLASSES - Register with instructor(s). Call for fees and times: **Zumba** (M), Square Dancing (TH) 7:00-9:30 p.m., **Senior Solo** (2nd Monday each month) 1:30-4:00 p.m.