



HUNTINGTON BEACH

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
**CRIME**

Date: January 2018 Vol. 46 No. 1

POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCY 911  
NON-EMERGENCY/DISPATCH 714 960-8825  
POLICE Business Line 714 960-8811  
Vacation House Checks (RSVP) 714 374-1507  
Website [www.hbpd.org](http://www.hbpd.org)

Information Desk 714 960-8843  
Graffiti Hot Line 714 960-8861  
Neighborhood Watch- Nilda Berndt 714 536-5933  
Layout/Graphic Design Tom Gaccione  
E-mail [nberndt@hbpd.org](mailto:nberndt@hbpd.org)

Compiled by Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist

## DECEMBER DONATIONS UPDATE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW) **fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30 each year. We have estimated we will need approximately \$24,300 this year to cover the various HBNW program expenses which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, etc. From the start of our fiscal year to now, we have received **\$8,955.12 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$15,344.88 to go by June 30, 2018.** The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. An \$8 donation pays for each subscriber's distribution costs; a \$10 donation helps with these costs and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 or more donation accomplishes the above, plus you will receive a HBNW sticker and a token of appreciation. Remember, HBNW is a non-profit organization; **donations are tax deductible.**

As a resident of the city, we encourage you to review the HBNW program budget and expenses.

We strongly suggest you sign up to receive your Newsletter either **electronically** or through the mail. **The Newsletter has valuable crime prevention information and crime statistics.** Donations are not necessary to receive the Newsletter, but if you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

### **HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

**Send to:** HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PO BOX 5667  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92615

**Or:** HB POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Attn: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
2000 MAIN ST.  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

**For more information please call (714) 536-5933.**

## **NEW YEAR'S CHECKLIST 2018**

We hope you had a joyous Holiday Season and that the New Year brings you all good cheer!

We'd like to give you a few proactive safety tips to help in our fight against crime. Remember, **YOU** are the Neighborhood Watch Program and your participation is greatly needed. By taking an active role in reporting suspicious activities and/or crimes, our community will be a safer place. Below are tips and tools that will assist you and harden the target for criminals. Please share these tips with your family and friends.

- Be sure to check all your credit statements to see that they are accurate. Report any errors immediately. Equifax: 1-800-525-6285, Experian: 1-888-397-3742, TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289
- This is the time to order a credit report. Be sure to order a report from one of the above agencies quarterly, then your annual credit report.
- Write down the serial numbers of all your new and old electronics, bicycles, etc. Also, walk through your home with a video camera to log all your items in case of a burglary. You should also take pictures of all your fine jewelry (place your items on a dark background with a yard stick next to them). Be sure to make 2 copies and keep one at your home and another at a safe place away from home (work, friends' home, safe deposit box, etc.).
- Remember to always lock all doors and windows when leaving your home, even if you are just going to visit a neighbor.
- When disposing of large boxes, be sure to break them down and place them inside the trash receptacle. Don't advertise to everyone the new items you have in your home.

*(continued on page 6)*



## **Your Attention Please!!!** **Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Survey**



The Huntington Beach Police Department and the HB Neighborhood Watch Program are always looking for ways to improve on the information provided to those who work and live in this great city. Technology and the way the police department tracks criminal activity is one of those areas which is continually evolving.

The Police Department has a desire to move the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter to a more interactive, electronic online format. This will improve on the accuracy of the information provided to the citizens and provide direct access to crime trends in your neighborhood.

For the past 45 years, the newsletter has served the community as the main source of information by either US Mail or local pick up locations. The total cost of this newsletter is approximately \$31,000 annually between printing and postage. We currently print 9,000 copies and mail approximately 7,500 newsletters to households throughout HB. Your HB Neighborhood Watch Program has always paid the postage and other expenses with the money collected from your most generous donations. If you would like to receive your Newsletter on-line, send a request via e-mail to [nberndt@hbpd.org](mailto:nberndt@hbpd.org). Be sure to include the following: If you presently receive the newsletter by mail, your name and address as it appears on your mailing label (so you can be deleted from that list). If this is a new subscription, include the e-mail address where you want it sent and write "New Subscription".

**We are asking our readers to complete the survey below so we can better evaluate how the newsletter will be distributed in the future. You may call in your survey to (714) 536-5933; if you reach a recording, please leave your answers via voicemail.**

---

**Please circle the following questions and return to:**

**HB Neighborhood Watch Board**

**P O Box 5667**

**Huntington Beach, CA 92615**

- |  |        |
|--|--------|
| 1) I would like to continue receiving the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter via U.S. mail. | Yes No |
| 2) I would like to be able to continue picking up the newsletter at my local market.   | Yes No |
- 

## **CALLS FROM 877-382-4357? HANG UP.**

**Andrew Johnson, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC**

Scammers are using fake caller ID information to trick you into thinking they're someone who can be trusted. The practice is called caller ID spoofing, and scammers can fake anyone's phone number.

Today, the FTC has received reports that scammers are spoofing the FTC's Consumer Response Center's phone number (877-382-4357). But don't let that stop you from reporting scammers — it's still safe to call the Consumer Response Center, and it's also safe to report scammers [online](#).

If you've submitted a report or request to the FTC's Consumer Response Center, the FTC might call you for additional information. We will not call you from 877-382-4357. The FTC will never ask for money or for sensitive information such as your Social Security Number, date of birth, or bank account information.

Scammers are constantly picking new phone numbers to spoof. Here are a few tips for staying ahead of scammers and their unexpected calls:

- If you get a strange call from a government phone number, hang up. If you want to check it out, visit the official (.gov) website for contact information.
- Don't give out — or confirm — your personal or financial information to someone who calls.
- **Don't wire money** or send money using a reloadable card. In fact, never pay someone who calls out of the blue, even if the name or number on the caller ID looks legit.
- Feeling pressured to act immediately? Hang up. That's a sure sign of a scam.

If you've gotten a call from a scammer, with or without fake caller ID information, report it to the [FTC](#) at 1-877-FTC-HELP (4357) or <http://www.ftc.gov/complaint>.

# Fraud alert: Freeze or Lock after Equifax?

## Frequently Asked Questions

Lisa Weintraub Schifferle, Attorney, FTC, Division of Consumer & Business Education

After the Equifax breach, some people are considering placing a fraud alert on their credit file. Others will freeze or lock their credit files to help prevent identity thieves from opening new accounts in their name. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions to help you decide what's best for you.

### Fraud Alert

- **What is it?** A [fraud alert](#) requires companies to verify your identity before extending new credit. Usually that means calling you to check if you're really trying to open a new account.
- **How does it work?** The process is easy – you contact any one of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion) and that one must notify the other two.
- **How long does it last?** An initial fraud alert lasts 90 days. After 90 days, you can renew your alert for an additional 90 days, as many times as you want. Military who deploy can get an [active duty alert](#) that lasts one year, renewable for the period of deployment. Identity theft victims (whose information has been misused, not just exposed in a breach) are entitled to an [extended fraud alert](#), which lasts seven years.
- **How much does it cost?** Fraud alerts are free.
- **Is this for me?** With a fraud alert, you keep access to your credit and federal law protects you. But an initial fraud alert lasts only 90 days and then you'll need to remind yourself to renew it every 90 days.

### Credit Freeze

- **What is it?** A credit freeze limits access to your credit file so no one, including you, can open new accounts until the freeze is lifted.
- **How does it work?** To be fully protected, you must place a freeze with each of the three credit reporting agencies. Freezes can be placed by phone or online. You'll get a PIN to use each time you freeze or unfreeze, which may take one to three business days.
- **How long does it last?** A freeze lasts until you temporarily lift or permanently remove it (except in a few states where freezes expire after seven years).
- **How much does it cost?** Fees are set by state law. Generally, it costs \$5 to \$10 each time you freeze or unfreeze your account with each credit reporting agency. You can get a free freeze if you are an identity theft victim, or in some states, if you're over age 62. Equifax is offering [free freezes](#) until January 31, 2018.
- **Is this for me?** Freezes are generally best for people who aren't planning to take out new credit. Often, that includes older adults, people under guardianship, and children. People who want to avoid monthly fees also may prefer freezes over locks.

### Credit Lock

- **What is it?** Like a freeze, a credit lock limits access to your credit file so no one, including you, can open new accounts until you unlock your credit file.
- **How does it work?** Like a freeze, to be fully protected, you must place locks with all three credit reporting agencies. With locks, however, there's no PIN and usually no wait to lock or unlock your credit file (although the current Equifax lock can take 24 to 48 hours). You can lock and unlock on a computer or mobile device through an app – but not with a phone call.
- **How long does it last?** Locks last only as long as you have an ongoing lock agreement with each of the credit reporting agencies. In some cases, that means paying monthly fees to maintain your lock service.
- **How much does it cost?** Credit reporting agencies can set and change lock fees at any time. As of today, Equifax offers free locks as part of its free post-breach credit monitoring. Experian and TransUnion may charge monthly fees, often about \$20.
- **Is this for me?** Depending on your particular lock agreement, your fees and protections may change over time. So, if you sign up for a lock, it's hard to be sure what your legal protections will be if something goes wrong later. Also, monthly lock fees can quickly exceed the cost of freezes, especially if the lock fees increase over time.

For more information about ways to protect your identity, call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357), TTY 1-866-653-4261, or online at <http://www.ftc.gov/complaint>.

# ATTENTION: NEW CRIME STATISTICS FORMAT

**Crime period: November 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017**

In order to have HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter crime statistics match what is reported by the HBPD crime analysis team to the Department of Justice, our crime statistic page formats have changed. Although it may look a little different, residential burglaries will still be reported as well as a small narrative of how the crimes may have occurred. Vehicle burglaries are in another chart broken down by Beat and RD, and Grand Theft Auto can be found in the large chart broken down by Beat. You will also find other crime statistics on the chart, such as rape, robbery, thefts from vehicles, etc. To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on page 7.

We would like you to provide us with your feedback. If you send back the survey on page 2, please include a few comments about pages 4 and 5 of the newsletter. You may also call the Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933; if you get a recording, please leave a message.

## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Beat	RD	Date	Location	Crime	Entry
2	465	11/17	9000 SHADWELL DR	Residence	Unknown Force
2	476	11/15	22000 BROOKHURST ST	Residence	No Force
3	424	11/10	8000 LORRAINE DR	Residence	Side Door
3	437	11/07	19000 CARMANIA LN	Residence	Unknown Force
4	338	11/10	19000 WOODLANDS DR	Garage	Open Garage
5	412	11/16	7000 BROOKWOOD DR	Garage	Unknown Force
5	412	11/22	18000 FLORIDA ST	Residence	No Force
5	412	11/06	7000 ELLIS AV	Residence	Unknown Force
5	413	11/23	8000 CONSTANTINE DR	Garage	Force
5	421	11/26	19000 ALEXA LN	Residence	No Force
5	432	11/26	2000 DELAWARE ST	Residence	No Force
5	432	11/11	2000 DELAWARE ST	Residence	No Force
6	271	11/27	17000 GOLDENWEST ST	Residence	No Force
6	273	11/11	17000 STANLEY LN	Garage	Unlocked Garage
6	273	11/23	8000 VALENCIA DR	Residence	Doggie Door
7	178	11/01	6000 PALO ALTO DR	Garage	Unknown Force
7	252	11/26	7000 STARK DR	Garage	No Force
7	252	11/25	7000 EDINGER AV	Residence	Smashed window
7	262	11/16	16000 VIEWPOINT LN	Garage	Unknown Force
8	153	11/02	3000 WINDSPUN DR	Residence	Unknown Force
8	155	11/15	16000 WATERWAY CI	Residence	No Force
8	177	11/14	17000 WILD ROSE LN	Residence	Screen removed
9	139	11/11	15000 SALISBURY LN	Residence	Unlocked Front Door
9	149	11/28	6000 RED COACH DR	Residence	Smashed window
9	241	11/04	7000 EDINGER AV	Garage	Attempt Force
9	242	11/05	7000 EDINGER AV	Residence	No Force

## VEHICLE BURGLARIES

### BEAT 2

RD 455-2 RD 463-1  
RD 476-1 RD 477-1

### BEAT 3

RD 424-1 RD 442-1  
RD 444-1

### BEAT 4

RD 326-1 RD 329-1  
RD 349-1 RD 359-1  
RD 461-2

### BEAT 5

RD 199-1 RD 291-1  
RD 412-1

### BEAT 6

RD 283-1

### BEAT 7

RD 158-1 RD 159-1  
RD 169-1 RD 179-2  
RD 252-2 RD 262-2

### BEAT 8

RD 154-1 RD 164-1  
RD 165-2 RD 166-1  
RD 167-1 RD 171-1  
RD 176-1 RD 177-2

### BEAT 9

RD 126-1 RD 128-1  
RD 146-1 RD 242-4

## NOVEMBER CRIMES REPORTED BY BEAT

	<i>Beat 2</i>	<i>Beat 3</i>	<i>Beat 4</i>	<i>Beat 5</i>	<i>Beat 6</i>	<i>Beat 7</i>	<i>Beat 8</i>	<i>Beat 9</i>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Aggravated Assaults</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Commercial</i>	2	0	1	2	6	5	2	4
<i>Garage</i>	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	1
<i>Residential</i>	2	2	0	6	2	1	3	3
<b>Larcenies</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>42</b>
<i>Theft from Vehicle</i>	15	15	16	9	2	12	19	20
<i>From Building</i>	3	1	8	9	2	2	3	2
<i>Shoplifting</i>	0	8	5	12	6	8	0	9
<i>Vending</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
<i>All Other / Bike</i>	6	5	12	9	3	6	6	11
<b>Auto Theft</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

RSVP's *Provide Vacation House Checks* by checking your home when you're away. To use this service please go to our web site at [hbpd.org](http://hbpd.org) and click on "Vacation House Checks". Complete and submit the form or call the RSVP office at 714-374-1507. Please allow 5 to 7 working days to process your request.



## **SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS LISTED BELOW FOR THEIR DONATIONS**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Barbara & Richard Bowen**



\*\*\*\*\*

**Mary L. Underwood**



\*\*\*\*\*

**Anonymous Donors**

**Janet & Ray Allison**

**William C. Carneal**

**Frederick & Patricia Dyle**

**Amer & Lorraine El Ahraf**

**Timothy Engler**

**Rhonda L. Halverson**

**Hawk Family Foundation**

**Ayleen Kiyon**

**Robert Nimmons**

**Kenneth & Patricia Reynolds**

**Edmund & Janet Shepardson**

**L. D. & S. Smith**

**Lorraine J. Smith**

**Linda Tanamachi**

**The Utsler Family Trust**

**Robert C. Villegas**

## **New Years Checklist 2018**

*(continued from page 1)*

- Keep valuable items like gifts, computers, I-phones, etc. out of easy sight, away from windows or doors. If you're going out of town, keep the shades drawn.
- Check fire-walls and anti-virus protectors on your computers and be sure they are updated regularly. Change and use strong passwords.
- Signup for free scam alerts from the FTC at [ftc.gov/scams](http://ftc.gov/scams). Get the latest tips and advice directly to your inbox.
- When using a contractor for home improvement/repairs, be sure they are licensed (and they're licensed under their name only). Contractors State License Board: 1-800-321-CSLB (2752) or [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov).
- Be sure your home address is easily visible from the street in case of an emergency.
- Now that holiday lights have been removed, check all outside lighting and motion detectors to be sure they are operating properly.

- Use timers for inside lighting and put a radio on so your home will always have that 'lived in look' whether you're home or away.
- Just because the holidays are over does not mean you can let your guard down. Make arrangements to have packages delivered to your work address or a trusted friend who you know is going to be home.
- Always lock your vehicle, even when it is parked inside your garage.
- Do not leave items visible inside your vehicle even when parked in your driveway.
- If you are planning to go out of town, remember we provide vacation house check services free of charge. This service is provided by our RSVP's. (This service is not provided for house fumigations.)
- If you haven't recently held a Neighborhood Watch Meeting, this is the time to seriously think about planning a Neighborhood Watch Block Meeting. There is no charge for this service. We will discuss security tips, the importance of knowing your neighbors, what is suspicious, and the crimes that are occurring in your neighborhood. You and your neighbors are the best judge of what is suspicious in your neighborhood. The Neighborhood Watch Program is not meant to change your life style but to empower you with tools to help you be more aware and help keep you and your family a little safer.

### **MAKE THIS YOUR YEAR OF ACTION – THANKS FOR HELPING US FIGHT CRIME!**

To schedule a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting, please contact the HBPD Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933, or contact a HB Neighborhood Watch Board Member.

For more information about or to schedule a Vacation House Check please call 714-374-1507 (remember we would like at least 2 weeks' notice).

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD!**

#### **HUNTINGTON BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/SPEAKERS BUREAU**

**CHRISTINE FAIRCHILD, President**

**NOBU STILLWELL, Vice President**

**LAURA MacDONALD/ FENG GAO-VOGT, Treasurer**

#### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

**Gudelia Ramirez  
Jesse Diaz**

**Jim Dwyer  
Joan Knox**



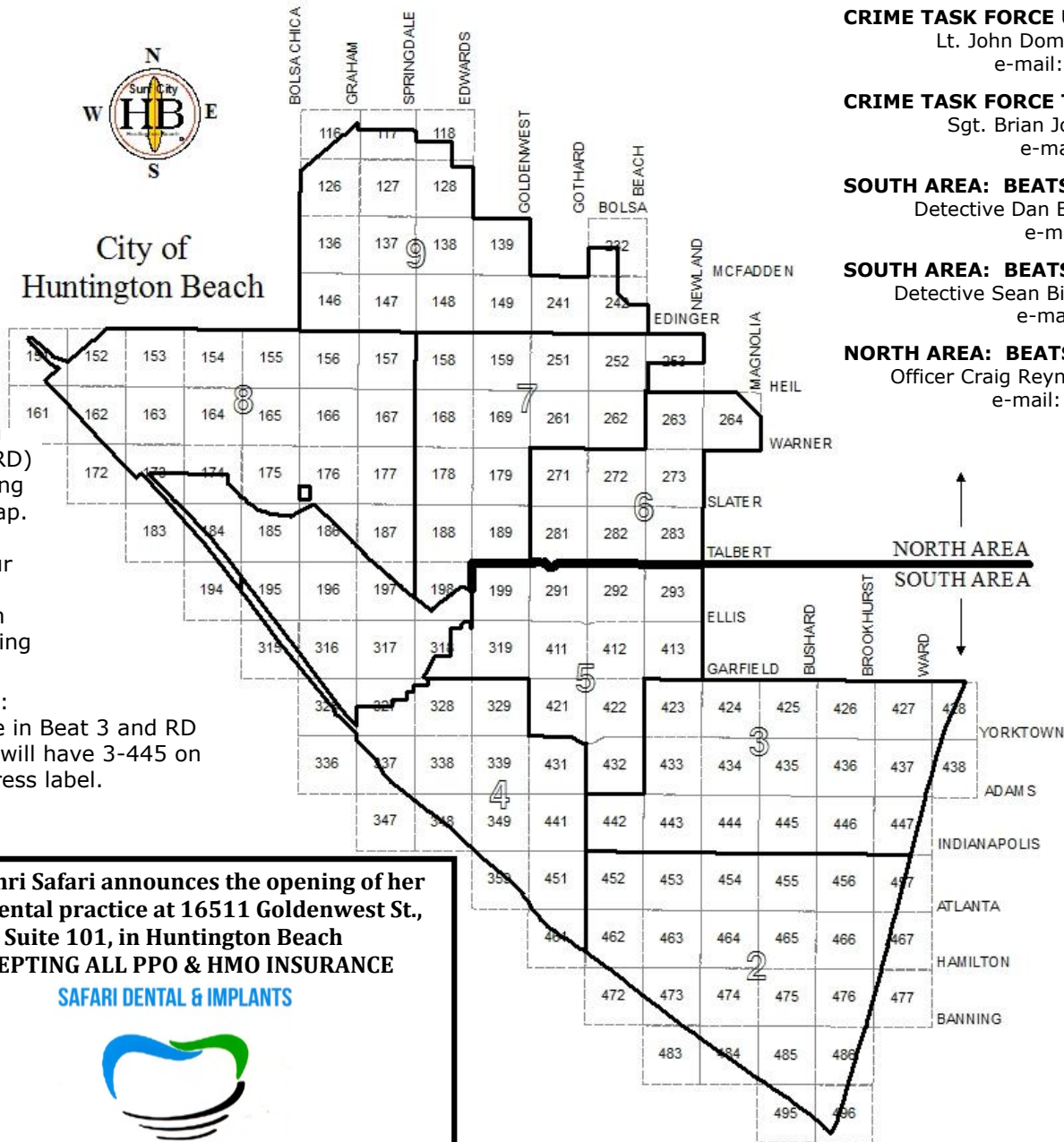
## City of Huntington Beach

### Note:

Locate Your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD are on your mailing label.

### Example:

If you live in Beat 3 and RD 445, you will have 3-445 on your address label.



### CRIME TASK FORCE UNIT

Lt. John Domingo (714) 536-5588  
e-mail: jdomingo@hbpd.org

### CRIME TASK FORCE TEAM (CTF)

Sgt. Brian Jones (714) 374-1664  
e-mail: bjones@hbpd.org

### SOUTH AREA: BEATS 2 & 3

Detective Dan Boldt (714) 960-8810  
e-mail: dboldt@hbpd.org

### SOUTH AREA: BEATS 4, 5, & 9

Detective Sean Biggio (714) 960-8808  
e-mail: sbiggio@hbpd.org

### NORTH AREA: BEATS 6, 7, & 8

Officer Craig Reynolds (714) 375-5095  
e-mail: creynolds@hbpd.org

Dr. Mehri Safari announces the opening of her  
NEW dental practice at 16511 Goldenwest St.,  
Suite 101, in Huntington Beach  
ACCEPTING ALL PPO & HMO INSURANCE

**SAFARI DENTAL & IMPLANTS**



**714-848-9200**



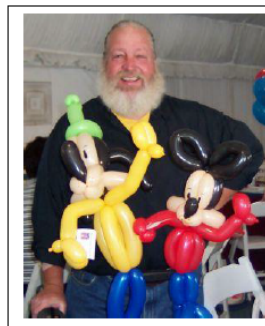
**WWW.TAGTICALPURSUIT.COM**

**(714) 588-0430**



**Magic Fredy Events**

**www.magicfredyevents.com**



Magicians, Face Painters, Balloon Artists  
Bands, Musical Groups, and Rides  
Santa Claus, Jugglers and Fire-Eaters  
Birthday parties (little ones thru grownups)  
Grad Nights, Weddings, Business Events  
Company Picnics, Holiday Parties  
School events, Carnivals, and Fundraisers  
Family Reunions and Summer Camps  
Bar/ Bat Mitzvahs, Hawaiian Dancers  
Henna & Airbrush Artists, Kids Crafts  
Ringling Bros. Performers

**Magic Fredy Events- 714-378-0033**

HUNTINGTON BEACH  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PO BOX 5667  
HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92615  
---

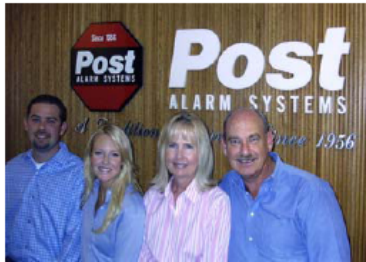
Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Huntington Beach, CA  
92647  
PERMIT NO. 555

"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"

ALL ADS ARE PAID FOR AND DO NOT REPRESENT AN ENDORSEMENT BY  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR ADVERTISERS FOR  
CONTRIBUTING TO FINANCING THE MAILING OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

Owned and Operated by the  
Post Family Since 1956.

## Post Alarm Systems



Rob Post Controller, Gina Post-Franco Marketing,  
Lois Post V.P. Administration, Bill Post President.



Serving Huntington  
Beach for 51 Years!

Customer Service is our  
#1 Priority!

When you call us, you will  
speak to a Real Person  
24/7 – 100% of the time.

We can monitor almost any  
existing alarm system.

We Provide:

- Professional Burglar and Fire Alarm Installation
  - Our Own Local Monitoring Facility
  - CCTV and Card Access Systems
  - 24 Hour Expert System Repair/Service
- All From a Single Location.

Let Our Family Protect Yours!

949.261.9734

[www.postalarm.com](http://www.postalarm.com)

779 W. 19th St., Suite L  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627



## International City Theatre

Your Award-Winning Professional Regional Theatre  
caryn desai, Artistic Director/Producer

"An ABSOLUTE CHARMER that's perfect for date night  
& suitable for the whole family" - *BroadwayWorld*

New York Drama Desk  
Winner!



**DADDY  
LONGLEGS**  
Music & Lyrics by Paul Gordon  
Book by John Caird

Director Mary Jo DuPrey  
Music Director Bill Wolfe

Previews: Feb 21 & 22

Run: Feb 23 - Mar 11

Thurs - Sat at 8 PM

& Sunday at 2 PM

**A Great Evening for Two!**

Enjoy dinner at the Sky Room & the show for only \$79/Person!

Beverly O'Neill Theater at Long Beach Performing Arts Center

330 E Seaside Way, Long Beach

Call us at 562-436-4610 or visit us at [www.InternationalCityTheatre.org](http://www.InternationalCityTheatre.org)