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FEBRUARY DONATION 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 \$25,000 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 **\$10,355 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$14,645 to go** by June 30 2010. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. A \$6 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 citizen 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:

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***BE SAFE ON ST.
PATRICK'S DAY***

(Kara Gavin, U. of Mich Health System)



Whether you'll be hoisting a pint of green beer or tipping back a wee bit of whiskey this St. Patrick's Day weekend, it's sure and begorrah that you'll be taking part in one of the nation's most alcohol-soaked holidays.

But the annual March ritual is also prime time for unhealthy binge drinking, alcohol-related emergency room visits, and deadly auto crashes caused by drunk driving. In fact, on a holiday like St. Patrick's Day, research shows that all drivers have a 23 percent increased likelihood of being injured or killed by a driver who is impaired by alcohol.

A University of Michigan Health System alcohol counselor says there are a few simple steps that everyone - Irish or not - can take to keep the holiday happy.

"It's very easy to drink too much, and this is especially true on a holiday like St Patrick's Day," says Teresa Herzog Mourad, M.S., who offers counseling to people who want to moderate or end their alcohol use. "So why not plan ahead to avoid trouble, instead of pressing your luck?"

She adds, "The best way to celebrate safely is simple -- don't drink. There's no such thing as risk-free drinking." But if alcohol-free celebrating is not for you, here are some things to know before you drink your first green beer this St Patty's Day.

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Be safe on St. Patrick's Day (cont.)

- As few as one or two drinks can significantly impair your driving ability. With law enforcement patrols out in droves, as well as eight to ten times more impaired drivers than usual, it's more important to drive without any alcohol in your system.
- If you are going to drink, designating a non-drinking driver before you head out for the evening is the way to go.
- Decide on a limit for the number of drinks you'll have in an evening and stick to it. (**A list of recommended maximum drinking levels follows below.**)
- Pace your drinking, to keep your blood alcohol level (BAL) low and to prevent it from rising quickly. You want to keep your limit to **ONE drink an hour.**
- Before each alcoholic drink always have a non-alcoholic beverage first. This not only quenches your thirst but it sets the pace for slower, safer celebrating.
- Have no more than one standard measure drink per hour. A standard drink is probably smaller than you think - 12 ounces of beer is one bottle, 5 ounces of wine doesn't fill most glasses more than halfway, and 1.5 ounces of hard liquor doesn't quite fill a single shot glass.
- If you're pouring alcohol from a pitcher, pour your own, and only after you have emptied your glass. Do not let others decide how much you will drink.
- Avoid shots and drinking games.
- Be prepared to say "no thanks" to offers for more to drink, so that when it's offered you will stick to your limit.

DrinkWise Alcohol Use Guidelines

These guidelines are for those over 21 years who have no physical or psychological conditions/symptoms or medications for which alcohol use is contraindicated. They use the "standard drink" amounts listed above.

Men: maximum of 3 drinks in any day, on a maximum of 4 days per week, or a maximum total of 10 drinks per week

Women: maximum of 2 drinks in any day, on maximum of 4 days per week, or a maximum total of 8 drinks per week.

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Assembly Team needs your assistance

The Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Assembly team meets the 2nd Thursday of every month to collate more than 14,000 newsletters and prepare them for mailing and other distribution. This dedicated group of people (typically 25 to 50 volunteers) meets rain or shine to assemble this newsletter. Many of them have been doing this for over 10 years because they realize the importance of getting monthly crime statistics, crime alerts, and valuable crime prevention information to you in a timely manner. Although we do post the newsletter on our website, www.hbpd.org, there is still a large demand to receive a hard copy by mail, especially by those who do not have a computer.

Lately, some of our volunteers have faced health issues or moved away, so we are turning to you for assistance. If you can give your community between 2 and 5 hours once a month to assist in assembling the newsletter it would be greatly appreciated. This is a good opportunity to meet a lot of caring people, some of whom just might be your neighbor!

We begin at 7:30 a.m. and, with your help, can be done by 12 noon. Even if you could only give 2 hours it would make a huge difference, so let us know what works best for you.

For more information or to find out where we will meet February 11th, 2010 please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, HBPD Community Relations Specialist at 714-536-5933.



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Why doesn't constant trampling defeat the dandelion? The key to its strength is its long and sturdy root. The same principle applies to people.

-Author unknown

Burglary Prevention: Avoiding Auto Theft Smash-and-Grab

(www.articlesbase.com/automotive)

When you're away from your car- in a restaurant or dashing in to return a DVD- the only thing that comes between an opportunistic thief and the valuables in your car is a sheet of safety glass. Many times car burglars are after your stereo, CD collection or other loose belongings you've left in your car - like a cell phone, iPod, or even your wallet, purse, laptop or **garage door opener** that you've left in plain sight.

Unfortunately, car burglaries can be expensive, from the cost of repairs to replacing your belongings. And they can leave you feeling victimized, too. You can minimize the likelihood you'll fall prey to a costly car burglary by following these simple burglary prevention tips from Nationwide Insurance:

Car Burglary Prevention Tips

- 1) **Hide your valuables.** Smash-and-grab car burglars aren't exactly criminal masterminds. Many simply act on impulse. So keep your valuable belongings with you or out of sight. Car floors, dashboards and seats are not good places to leave items like:
 - * Purses and wallets
 - * Laptop bags
 - * Briefcases and backpacks
 - * Shopping bags
 - * Cell phones and MP3 players
 - * Loose change and CDs
 - * Keys
 If you can't take items with you, hide them out of sight in your trunk.
- 2) **Keep your car visible.** The last thing thieves want is a crowd of onlookers to witness their crime. You can help prevent a burglary by parking your car in crowded areas, such as:
 - Busy parking lots and designated spaces, near pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
 - Well-lit spaces, especially those near a lamp-post if you're out after dusk
 - Parking lots with an attendant
- 3) **Make burglaries difficult.** Smash-and-grab car burglars don't want the complexity of a caper movie when stealing your iPod or cash. Every hurdle you can provide makes it more likely they will move on.

Following this simple advice will give you an added layer of protection against car burglaries:

- Lock your doors and roll up your windows when you park
 - Activate your security system
 - Consider window tinting (**as permitted by local laws**)
 - Avoid using the console or glove box as mobile lockboxes
- 4) Don't hand a car burglar your keys. Leaving your key on the dash or in the ignition is an invitation to a car burglar. And keep in mind that if you have a great hiding place for a spare key (in your wheel well or above your sun visor), a thief has thought of it too.
 - 5) **Stow your belongings before you get there.** Experienced thieves often stake out parking lots. Move valuable items, like shopping bags and laptops, to your trunk before you get to the parking lot.
 - 6) Trust your instincts. If you see suspicious activity, find somewhere else to park. Don't confront anyone: If you're concerned, report your suspicions to an attendant or the police. By reporting suspicious activity to the proper authorities, you can help prevent others from becoming a victim of a car burglary or other crime.

OCTA Bus Route Reduction

Loss of state funding and declining sales tax revenue continue to impact bus operations in Orange County. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in trying to serve the greatest number of passengers and provide the most efficient bus service possible with limited resources, has had to reduce bus service starting March 14, 2010. These changes were made after reviewing responses from the public at community meetings, a public hearing and those submitted by phone and online. OCTA's goal with these changes is to preserve as much bus service as possible given available reduced funds. The website below provides a summary of all changes by category. Bus Books will be available on buses and in schedule racks throughout the county in early March. For the latest changes to bus routes due to detours, road closures and service adjustments, check the [OCTA Riders' Alert notices](#) on buses and at www.octa.net. [OCTA bus service alterations are effective March 14, 2010. Huntington Beach bus routes affected are: 21, 25, 35, 66, 72, 76, & 172.](#)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address mailing label.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

43 entries 1/15/10 - 2/15/10

43 entries 12/10/09 - 1/15/10

Twenty of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Eighteen of these burglaries were committed during the day; twelve were committed at night, and thirteen were committed at an unknown time.

There were five garage entries.

There were two attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

95 reported 1/15/10- 2/15/10

61 reported 12/10/09- 1/15/10

GRAND THEFT AUTO

24 reported 1/15/10- 2/15/10

24 reported 12/10/09- 1/15/10

BEAT 2

1 Residential Burglary
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 475-1

Streets: Rambler Dr.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 466-1 RD 476-1
RD 477-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 466-1

BEAT 3

1 Residential Burglary
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 456-1

Streets: Hunter Ln.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 445-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 444-1

BEAT 4

5 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 442-1 RD 452-2
RD 463-1 RD 473-1

Streets: California St., Alabama St., Cupar Ln., and Newland St.

In RD 452 California St., suspect is known by victim.

In RD 463 Cupar Ln., victims were home when suspect broke into residence. Suspect described as male, white, approx. 20-30 years old, dark hair, possibly a goatee, height 6'1", thin build, wearing a dark jacket.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 442-2 RD 463-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 432-2 RD 452-1

BEAT 5

2 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries
RD 425-1 RD 434-1

Streets: Magnolia St., and Estuary Ln.

In RD 425, Magnolia St.; Suspect is possibly known by victim.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 436-1

Grand Theft Auto
RD 437-2

BEAT 6

10 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 329-2 RD 339-1
RD 348-1 RD 349-1
RD 359-2 RD 451-3

Streets: Cedarwood Dr., Spicewood Ln., Seagull Ln., 7th St., 9th St., 14th St., 18th St., 22nd St., Main St., Pacific Coast Hwy

RD 329, there was one attempted entry.

In RD 329, Cedarwood Dr., victim heard a knock on the door, proceeded to front balcony and called out "Who's there?" The suspects fled. They were described as: Suspect 1: male, Hispanic, Middle Eastern or "Gypsy" looking, wearing a baseball cap, unknown color. Suspect 2: Female, wearing a dark jacket and multi-color white and red scarf around her head.

In RD 329, Spicewood Ln, suspects described as male, Asian or Hispanic, tan complexion, 18 years old, height 5'8", dark spiked hair, medium build, no accent, wearing a blue plaid long sleeve shirt and jeans. Several neighbors spoke to the suspect.

In RD 359, Pacific Coast Hwy, Suspect(s) entered via a 2nd story balcony. Suspect described as male, white, age mid 40's. Height 5'10", weight 170-180, dark hair graying on the sides and a receding hairline wearing a white T-Shirt and jeans. Vehicle was an early model large American made pickup.

Vehicle Burglaries
RD 326-1 RD 348-1
RD 349-1 RD 441-1
RD 451-4 RD 461-2

Grand Theft Auto
RD 431-1 RD 451-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 7

8 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 319-2 RD 412-1
RD 413-3 RD 422-2

Streets: Horseshoe Ln., Silverspur Ln., Parkfield Cr., Ellis Ave. and Clay Ave.

In RD 413, Ellis Ave.; Suspect is known.

In RD 413, Ellis Ave.; Suspect is in custody.

In RD 413, Clay Ave.; Suspect is known.

In RD 413, Clay Ave.; Suspect(s) possibly entered through an unlocked dog door.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 293-2 RD 413-2
RD 421-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 292-1 RD 413-1
RD 422-1

BEAT 8

3 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 177-1 RD 179-2

Streets: Springdale St., Warner Ave., and Wrenfield Dr.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176-3 RD 177-2
RD 179-4

Grand Theft Auto

RD 176-1

BEAT 9

4 Residential Burglaries
10 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 263-1 RD 282-1
RD 283-2

Streets: Waite Ln., Slater Ave., Cameron St., and Van Buren Ln.

In RD 263, Waite Ln.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 283, Cameron Ln.; Suspect is possibly known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263-2 RD 264-2
RD 272-3 RD 282-2
RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 263-1

BEAT 10

1 Residential Burglary
20 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 155-1

Streets: Heil Ave.

In RD 155, Heil Ave., suspect may have used a key to enter.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 151-1 RD 155-1
RD 163-2 RD 164-4
RD 165-6 RD 173-2
RD 174-1 RD 175-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 151-1 RD 153-1
RD 155-1 RD 165-1
RD 173-1

BEAT 11

0 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

N/A

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 166-2 RD 168-4

Grand Theft Auto

N/A

BEAT 12

5 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 128-2 RD 139-1
RD 148-1 RD 149-1

Streets: Jade Cr., Yucca Cr., Salisbury Ln., Sligo Cr., Retherford Dr.

In RD 128, Yucca Cr.; suspects described as male, 17-19 years old, height 5'8" to 5'9", weight 150-160 lbs, thin build and short hair.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 117-1 RD 128-1
RD 139-1 RD 148-1
RD 149-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 117-1 RD 128-1

BEAT 13

3 Residential Burglaries
21 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 242-1 RD 252-1
RD 262-1

Streets: Huntington Village Ln., Parkside Ln., and Viewpoint Ln.

In RD 242, Huntington Village Ln.; Suspect is known.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241-1 RD 242-6
RD 252-6 RD 253-5
RD 262-3

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-2 RD 242-1

IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL OR VEHICLE BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. REMEMBER, THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL NILDA PATIÑO de BERNDT, HBPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST AT (714) 536-5933.

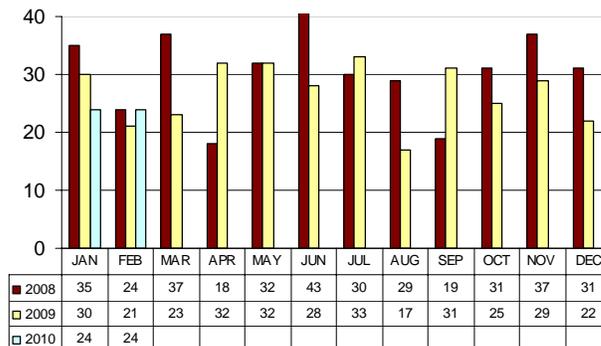
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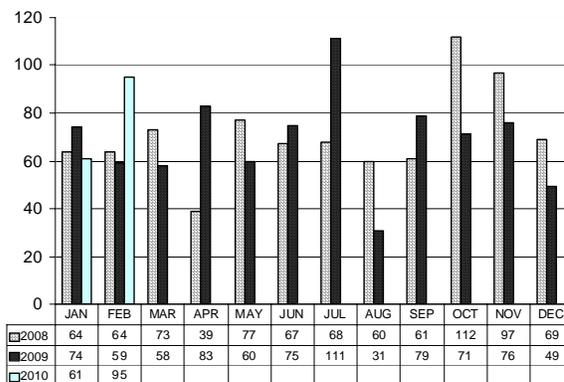
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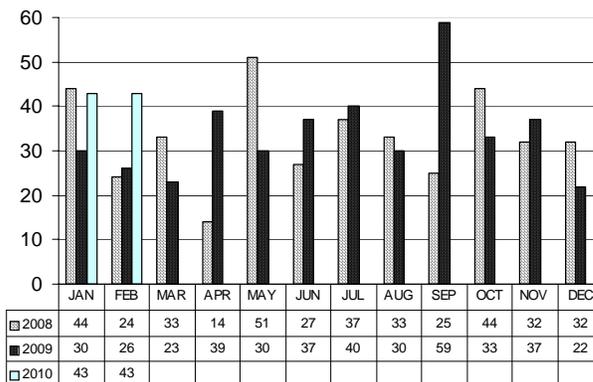
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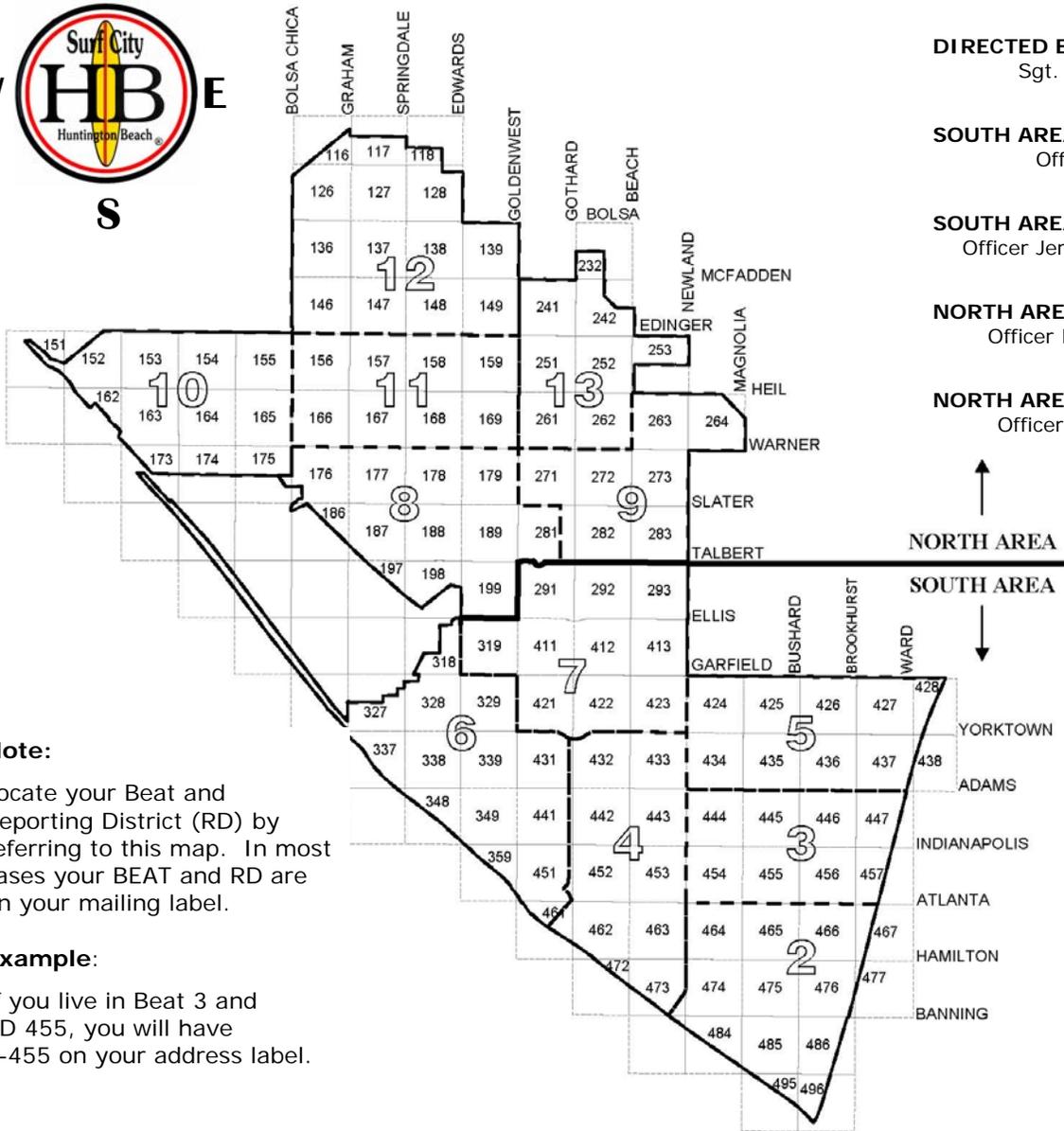
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