
City Manager's Corner

Shirley Stealey asked if I would write a short note for the Highland Gardens newsletter and I told her it would be my pleasure. I had just attended the Police Department's monthly Awards and Recognition Ceremony. One of the groups recognized was the Mobile Patrol's Pumpkin Patrol who helped keep Halloween safe for the pint-size goblins and princesses trick or treating in the neighborhoods. I thought about how fortunate Hollywood is to have Mobile Patrol and all the other dedicated volunteers who work hard to make Hollywood a better, safer place. Shirley was one of the Mobile Patrol members being recognized. People often talk about the beautiful beaches or parks or the proximity to the airport or port as some of Hollywood's best assets but **the best assets are the volunteers who work to make their neighborhood and their city a better place.** To all the Highland Gardens volunteers-- thanks for everything you do to make things better now and for the future. Keep doing your great work -- your neighborhood and your community need you!

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Hollywood City Manager

It's Official!

Beam Furr is now your Broward County Commissioner. He can be reached at 954-483-8263 or online at Broward.org.

Highland Gardens Civic Association
meets every 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm
at McNichol Community Center
(28th Ave., just North of Pembroke Rd.)
For more info call (954) 923-9109 or visit
<http://www.highlandgardensfl.org>
See you there!

What is Citizen's Crime Watch?

Crime Watch is a grass roots organization that was created by citizens in response to the growing problem of crime in our communities. Crime Watch is a crime prevention program that works through our local police department. There is one goal: to reduce crime and illegal drugs in our community and to develop awareness and involvement in the Criminal Justice System.

Crime Watch is an individual action taken to make persons, homes, and property more secure. Crime Watch is a community action taken collectively to respond to an external threat. When the community as a whole adopts these counter-measures, the neighborhood becomes less attractive to criminals. In short, Crime Watch is the first line of defense against both crime and drugs. It provides a chance to spot and report a crime while it is developing instead of merely discovering it after it has occurred. **CRIME WATCH IS CALLING THE POLICE PROMPTLY WHEN ONE SUSPECTS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY!**

What is Mobile Patrol?

Mobile Patrol was originally created as a part of Crime Watch, but is now a separate entity on it's own. It is made up of volunteers who give their time to patrol the neighborhoods in which they live. At times, we do directed patrols given us by the police dept. We also take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Candy Cane Parade. During the month of December, we patrol the different shopping centers as the "Reindeer Patrol". On Halloween, we become the "Pumpkin Patrol", passing out candy to trick or treaters as we patrol.

In order to become a member of Mobile Patrol and operate a squad car, volunteers must pass a background check, then attend a training class, and take part in what we call check rides. After four check rides in which they learn to operate a patrol car, and become familiar with the paper work, volunteers are ready to go out on their own. A total of 6 hours patrolling a month is required to remain a member in good standing. Refresher courses are required periodically..

