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2010 NATIONAL Night Out

The Lakeland Police department would like to invite you to participate in the 27th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. National Night Out is an annual event where neighborhoods, businesses, churches and law enforcement come together to show solidarity in the ongoing fight against crime and drugs. This event is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anticrime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. This is a great opportunity to send a message to criminals letting them know that local neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, your neighborhood can celebrate National Night Out with a variety of activities such as block parties, cookouts, parades, festivals and visits from local officials and police officers. It's free to participate in National Night Out so register your neighborhood today! The benefits your community will derive from participating in this event could extend well beyond this one night.



Students Poster Contest

In conjunction with National Night Out, a Crime Prevention Poster Contest is being held for local students in grades K-12. Students are encouraged to come up with creative posters to communicate messages on crime prevention. Messages can include prevention tips on drug abuse, gun safety, drunk driving, bullying, cyber safety and gang violence just to name a few.

Artwork should be submitted at one of the following drop-off locations: Salvation Army on Kathleen Road, Simpson Park, Boys and Girls Club and the Freedom Center. The deadline for entries is July 28th. All entries received will be displayed at the Freedom Center on National Night Out. Prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups.

For full details, contact Dr. Greg Robinson at (863) 834-6912 or at greg.robinson@lakelandgov.net.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 13th:
LCPAAA General Membership Mtg
LPD 2nd floor @ 7pm

July 27th:
LCPAAA Board of Directors Mtg LPD
3rd floor @ 7pm

August 10th:
LCPAAA General Membership Mtg
LPD 2nd floor @ 7pm

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Lolita Berrin's Grandson Featured in the Ledger



Gylan "Ricky" West, 18, with his grandmother Lolita Berrien.

PHOTO: MICHAEL WILSON | THE LEDGER

Lakeland Teen Returns From Texas Mentoring Weekend

Tenoroc football player Gylan 'Ricky' West one of 100 boys chosen to attend.

Calling All Volunteers!

Are you ready to start putting your time and talents to good use for the LCPAAA? Volunteers are needed to start working toward our 2010 Silent Auction/Barbecue dinner. After the success of last year's event the board voted to hold another event this year. The dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at the Lake Mirror Complex.

Volunteers will be needed for the night of the event, as well as the months leading up to the big day. We will need members to secure donations, sell tickets and help with advertising. A separate fundraising committee has been formed to take on the task of making this evening fun and also a successful fundraiser. All funds raised from this event will go toward the Lakeland Police Department K-9 unit and their needs along with our LCPAAA Scholarship Fund.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the silent auction, please call 604-5450 or email robin.tillett@lakelandgov.net.



By MORGAN WATKINS/EXCERPT REPRINTED FROM THE LEDGER

Last Father's Day weekend Gylan "Ricky" West attended the Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend for Young Men, a program that teaches boys who have grown up without father figures about the principles of manhood. Fifty students from the Dallas area are chosen and 50 are selected from the rest of the United States. West, 18, was chosen from a pool of more than 5,000 applicants.

West and his grandmother, Lolita Berrien, went to Texas for the event because West's mother Chassity Berrien had to work. The program ran from June 17 to Sunday.

Harvey and other guest speakers talked to the boys about the importance of working hard and following their dreams.

While the mentoring weekend is ultimately about the boys, their parents and chaperones visit the ranch one day as part of a parent program. Berrien attended the parent day, where different speakers and groups taught her and the other chaperones about a variety of issues, from an FBI-led session on the dangers of online predators to advice on family court problems.

Berrien enjoyed the program but was glad that the focus of the weekend was on the boys much more than the parents.

"It wasn't about us, it was about them. And that's good," Berrien said.

West became friends with several of the other boys that weekend, even teaching some of them how to fish. His skills as a quarterback made him a popular choice during football exercises at the ranch.

"At the end of the three days, most of us didn't want to leave," he said. "We didn't want to go home yet."

Red Light Camera Update

- Asst Chief Bill LePere

The new state statute authorizing photo enforcement of red light running violations went into effect July 1, 2010. This statute preempts camera enforcement to the state, and thus puts all local programs under statutory guidelines rather than municipal ordinances. We completed our conversion process and started enforcement this week in accordance with F.S.S. 316.083. I thought we would take a moment to highlight some key points of RLC information this weekend.



- All violations occurring prior to July 1 have been reviewed and approved for Notices of Violation to be issued. If you committed a violation in June, you should be receiving your Notice in the mail soon.
- Appeals for violations prior to July 1 will use the process outlined in our municipal ordinance by scheduling a hearing before a Code Hearing Officer. We will utilize that process until all appeals for pre-July 1 violations are completed. Follow the instructions on the back of your Notice should you want to schedule a hearing.
- We started reviewing violations occurring on or after July 1 this week and noted approval of those events that are clear violations. Notices of Violation are in the mail at this time and should be arriving soon.
- Right turns on red are now being enforced under the new "careful and prudent" standard rather than the previous standard of stopping at the white stop bar (or at least significantly slowing down when rolling through the intersection). We fully expect to issue far fewer Notices of Violation for right turn on red violations under the new less stringent standard.
- Remember my earlier comment that photo enforcement was now preempted by the State of Florida? Among other things that means the fine amount is now established by the State rather than the City of Lakeland, and so the Notices contain a higher fine - \$158 instead of the previous \$125 - in accordance with the statute.

We will check in from time to time and keep the community updated on information related to the new red light camera enforcement procedures, but we continue to encourage everyone to Stop on Red and drive carefully

JIM DANIELS a new featured face on Vitamins for Veterans

Last September Jim Daniels was participating in the Veteran's Tee Tournament in Iowa City, Iowa and he was asked to pose for a photo. Little did he know that the photo would soon be placed on a package of vitamins manufactured by the National Vitamin Company based out of Casa Grande, Arizona.

Upon hearing the great news, Jim and his wife lantha were flown to St. Louis to attend the annual Veteran Canteen Services Show and Sell. There he met his "package mate" Corey Petersen a fellow veteran. That evening they all attended a banquet and awards ceremony where they were featured as the guests of honor!

The vitamins will be sold through the Veterans Canteen Services stores at VA Hospitals and also through the company's mail order service.



Congratulations Jim!



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“Effective Crime Control is a Team Effort.”



- 6/04 Kristin Hess
- 6/07 Bessie Todd
- 6/15 Stan Martin
- 6/26 Arnold Johnson
- 6/27 Janice Williamson
- 6/30 Leona Zawacki
- 7/06 Gerald (Virgil) Myers
- 7/10 Diane Quinn
- 7/16 Estelle Baker
- 7/19 Audray Lewis-Adams
- 7/20 Richard Derk
- 7/26 Raymond N. Harris
- 7/26 Sharon Munson
- 8/01 Faye Beyer
- 8/03 Celia Roustio

K9 Calendars Go On Sale Friday, August 6, 2010



Only \$10.00!

As an added fundraiser this year the LCPAAA will be selling wall calendars featuring Lakeland Police Officers and their K9 partners. **Calendar sales will kick off at the Downtown First Friday event on August 6th beginning at 6:00 pm.** If you can't make it to the event but would like to purchase a calendar, call any board member or email robinllett@aol.com to reserve your copy. 100% of the proceeds from calendar sale will be donated to the Lakeland Police Department K9 Unit.