

July, 2010

National Night Out- August 3rd

It's that time of year again! Please join the Orlando Police Department on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 for the 27th annual National Night Out (NNO) celebration. NNO is a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the Orlando Police Department and the National Association of Town Watch. It is a time for the community to come together and take a stand against drugs and crime. We invite you and your community to be a part of our 2010 National Night Out team. Please call the Neighborhood Watch Unit at 407-246-2369 for more information or visit their website at http://www.cityoforlando.net/police/citizen_info/neighborhood_watch_NNO_2010_Intro.htm

Thanks to all of the 2009 NNO participants, Orlando placed third in the nation. Let's have the best celebration Orlando has ever seen this year!

Graffiti and Other "Stuff"

Many of you have heard about the "Broken Window" theory. That is basically that visible problems (graffiti, trash, broken windows, etc.) in a community lead to bigger problems such as vandalism and crime. Residents can call in and report graffiti to 407-254-4723 (GRAF). This information clearinghouse, managed by Keep Orlando Beautiful, streamlines the process for graffiti removal by working with City departments and OPD's Gang Enforcement unit to aggressively locate and remove graffiti. Residents can also report graffiti online at cityoforlando.net/public_works/graffiti/Graffiti.aspx. You can report other problems to the City Code Enforcement department at 407-246- 4444 or on-line at <http://iwrorlando.cityoforlando.net/WebLiens/EnterIncident.aspx>. You can also access those internet links at my website at www.cityoforlando.net/elected/council/diamond.htm.

Keep Orlando Beautiful and the Orlando Police Department recently starting utilizing new Graffiti Tracker Software. Their staff currently enters approximately 200 pictures a month into the system. The program analyzes each picture and categorizes them by tagger, creating an incident report per picture. The GPS camera stamps coordinates on each picture, allowing each location to be placed on a map for tracking purposes. This enables OPD and the tracker to determine if the tags are gang related and where the graffiti is concentrated. This helps to predict where they may go next. Also, if a tagger is caught, there are pictures and reports that will help in obtaining restitution for the damages. To see an overview of the system go to www.graffititracker.net. And, obviously, having to take care of 200 cases of graffiti every month is a serious drain on city resources. So, if you see someone painting graffiti, please call 911.

District 1 Email List

As many of you know, from time to time, I periodically send emails to keep people up to date on District 1 issues and events. If you would like to be added to this list so that you can also be up to date and receive these emails, please email me or call me.

Questions or Comments

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please call me at 407-246-2001 or email me at phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net. My aide, Jeanne Wilson, can be reached at 407-246-3011 or email at

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P.S. Mark your calendars for the fall district picnic at Wadeview Park on October 23, 2010.