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Security Concerns

Recently it was brought to the attention of the Homeowner's Association that our community has had problems with theft, home invasions, and graffiti.

The Homeowner's Association has discussed your concerns and as a result has contracted with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to provide community security for the time being.

We are doing everything possible to address the rise of crime in our community however; we ask that all residents do their part in reducing the likelihood of becoming a victim. **Contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office if you see any suspicious activity day or night.** Please see reverse side for helpful tips to stay safe in your home.

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NEXT HOA MEETING: JANUARY 7th AT 7pm
in EVANS PARK



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Famous Quote:

"Recession is when a neighbor loses his job.
Depression is when you lose yours."
-Ronald Reagan [brainyquote.com]

*Your Homeowner's Association wishes our community **A HAPPY NEW YEAR!***



Hillsborough County News:

[Hillsborough County.org]

LIVE Concert - Acoustic Folk Musician Jack Williams at the Brandon Regional Library

The Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative will host acoustic folk musician Jack Williams on Thursday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. at the Brandon Regional Library, 619 Vonderburg Drive. Enjoy an evening listening to the renditions of folk guitarist Jack Williams, a nationally acclaimed musician and songwriter who will leave listeners spellbound with his unique sound. *Sing Out Magazine* describes him as "one of the strongest guitarists in contemporary folk." This program is cosponsored by the Friends of the Brandon Library - Brandon Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs at your library®, library patrons should call (813) 273-3652, or visit hcplc.org.

Home Safety Tips

[<http://home.howstuffworks.com/home-security-tips.htm> for complete list. Article by the editors of consumer guide]

- ✓ Plan to "burglarize" yourself. You'll discover any weaknesses in your security system that may have previously escaped your notice.
- ✓ Lock up your home, even if you go out only for a short time. Many burglars just walk in through an unlocked door or window.
- ✓ Change all the locks and tumblers when you move into a new house. If you lose your keys, change the locks immediately.
- ✓ For the most effective alarm system, conceal all wiring. A professional burglar looks for places to disconnect the security system.
- ✓ Don't leave notes for service people or family members on the door. These act as a welcome mat for a burglar.
- ✓ Ask for credentials from any salesperson who requests entry to your home. Ask that their ID be pushed under the door. Many professional burglars use this cover to check out homes. If you're doubtful, check with the person's office before letting him or her in.
- ✓ If someone comes to your door asking to use the phone to call a mechanic or the police, keep the door locked and make the call yourself.
- ✓ If the entrances to your home are dark, consider installing lighting with an infrared detector. Most thieves don't want to be observed trying to get in a door.
- ✓ If you have a faulty alarm that frequently goes off, get it fixed immediately and tell your neighbors that it's been repaired. Many people ignore an alarm that goes off periodically.
- ✓ Trees located near windows or shrubbery that might shield a burglar from view can be major flaws in your home-protection plan. Consider your landscaping plan in light of your protection needs.
- ✓ Talk to your neighbors about any suspicious people or strange cars you notice lurking about.
- ✓ Your house should appear occupied at all times. Use timers to switch lights and radios on and off when you're not home.

Our next issue: April

