

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter HALLOWEEN '16 EDITION

WOODLAKE'S NNNO - A "HOWLING" SUCCESS

I'm happy to report that every Woodlake household was presented a rare opportunity to participate in the Bell County Sheriff's Department first ever "Out-Reach" during this year's National Neighborhood Night Out. As a bonus, our brave Sparta Volunteer Firefighters were on display with their engines and brush truck (quick response vehicle). If you missed the chance to meet some of Bell Counties' finest First Responders at the October 4th's National Neighborhood Night Out event, don't worry, you'll have another chance next year, if not sooner.

Our honored guest to this year's Woodlake NNNO were: Lt. James Lewing, the shift commander, his boss, Major T.J. Cruz, the much anticipated trooper "Flynn" and his handler, Deputy Meischen. Flynn is a high-energy, Pit/hound mix with an attitude and the personality of a diva, rightfully commanding all the attention. Flynn is a drug-sniffer who wasn't the least bit camera shy, modest or hesitant to exhibit his prowess to identify hidden foux-narcotics.



Young and old kids alike were pleased. Flynn entertained.

neighborhood residents' complex lives: jobs, school, appointments and other commitments, over half of the households were represented and contributed over \$2,000.00 to help defray our firefighters' expenses for fuel, maintenance and training. Thank you one and all Woodlake residents! You may contact SVFD at: SVVFD09@yahoo.com or contribute by mail to: Sparta Volunteer Fire Department, 7041 Sparta Road, Belton Texas 76513.

KEEP YOUR LITTLE GOBLINS SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

Parents of trick-or-treating kids can get so caught up in the fun themselves that they might forget some simple safety ideas that could keep everyone out of trouble. Having a fun and safe Halloween will make it all worthwhile!

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candy! What a perfect holiday! Give your kids some precious Halloween memories that they'll have for life.

If you take your kids to a sponsored event, like a safe Halloween thrown by your church or community center, make sure to keep an eye on them at all times. Even though it seems less dangerous, you are still in a strange environment full of people that you don't know. All it takes is a minute with your back turned to find your child gone.

Make sure that your child has a pre-programmed cell phone downloaded with all important numbers and ready for use to have with him/her if they go out on Halloween night.

Below are more common sense tips that can help adults keep their kids safe.

- Check your local state website for sex offenders in your area. You can do this through RaidsOnLine.com or TexDPS.com. Look up your zip code and it should have a list of registered offenders in your area that includes street addresses.

- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home. Make sure that they know not to deviate from the planned route so that you always know where they will be.
- It's not safe anymore for kids to walk the streets alone. It's best they're under an adult's supervision.
- Make sure costumes are fire proof or treated with fire retardant and that eyeholes in masks are large enough for good peripheral vision.
- Know what activities your child may be attending, such as parties, school, mall functions, or a friend's house and who will be there. Get the phone number and make sure that you've met the parents.
- Set a curfew and tell them to call immediately if something happens and they are going to be delayed.



- Explain to kids the difference between tricks and vandalism and that they understand, if caught, they'll be responsible to clean the mess they've made.
- Most kids know better, but just the same, explain to your kids that animal cruelty of any kind is not acceptable and, in many states, punishable by law.
- Serve your kids a filling meal before trick or treating and they won't be as tempted to eat any candy before they bring it home for you to check. Check your local grocery store or craft store for Halloween cookbooks full of tasty treats on a horror theme for both kids and adults.
- Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on. Make sure that costume:



The evening started at 6 p.m. on Piping Rock Rd. From there, Mike and Nancy G. greeted the progression at the front of their home on Blue Ridge Drive. To everyone's surprise, Mike and Nancy had "dogs'n buns" for all the guests and neighbors. They're such wonderful hosts that it was a task getting the First Responders to resume the mission visiting the other neighbors.

The kids from "nine-to-ninety" were invited to sound the whistles, bells and sirens at the controls of the big red fire engine that excited them as well as all the dogs in the neighborhood.

By 7 p.m. all of the residents had been given the opportunity to greet and extend their appreciation to the First Responders who keep and preserve the peace and contribute generously to our fire department. Despite our

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won't get in the way when they are walking, which could cause them to trip.

- Teach your kids about not getting into strangers cars or talking to strangers, no matter what the person says to them. Explain to them as simply as you can that some adults are bad and want to hurt children, that they should never go into a house that they don't know, get into a car or go anywhere with a stranger. Also, tell them what to do should this happen, to scream as loud as they can to draw attention and to run away as fast as they can to someplace safe.
- Be sure to show your children know how to cross a street properly. They should always look both ways before crossing the street and should only cross at corners or crosswalks. Make sure that if you have more than one child, they know to take the hand of the younger child when they cross a street.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day!

TWO MORE LOW-RISK OFFENDERS TO AVOID



Martin Winston II, AKA: Bubba, is a 29 year-old, White Male with Hazel Eyes and Brown Hair. Winston is 5'10" tall and weighs 170 lbs. He was added to the Bell County Sex Offender list August 16, 2016 and lives at 109 Bremond in Belton.

Wayne Linder is another local, low-risk sex offender who is a 54 year-old White Male, standing 6' tall and weighs 205 lbs.

Linder is completely bald and has Hazel Eyes and sometimes goes by the name(s): Geoffrey Knox, Jeffrey Knox, Roy Linder, and Roy W. Linder.

He has been on the Texas Sex Offender's list



since April 19, 2016 and lives at 101 Nathan Ln., Belton.

FROM AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added Monroe Hernandez, 49, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders list, and a cash reward up to \$3,000 is offered for information leading to his capture.



In addition, Waco Crime Stoppers is also offering a reward for Hernandez's arrest.

All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Hernandez's last known address was in Waco, and he has ties to the area. In 1993, Hernandez was convicted of sexually assaulting a woman in McLennan County. His criminal history also

includes possession of cocaine, failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements and multiple DWIs. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=338.

Hernandez is 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has tattoos on his chest, left hand and both legs. Hernandez may be using an alias.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

BELL COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS FEATURED FUGITIVE OF THE MONTH IS:

Mark Anthony Robinson, Wanted for Injury to a child, is a 25 year old black male with Black Hair and Brown Eyes. Robinson stands 5'10" tall and weighs 201 pounds. He has Black hair and Brown eyes.

Robinson has numerous tattoos on his neck and arms.

His last know address was in Killeen.

