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Scam Jam 2008

The FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association is holding the senior citizen Scam Jam 2008.

Find out how to protect yourself from ID theft, investment fraud, repair scams, financial exploitation and more!

Presenters include Chuck Whitlock, nationally recognized fraud expert, investigative reporters Anna Song, Kerry Tomlinson and Wayne Havrelly and Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau.

**Saturday, October 25
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**New Hope
Community Church
11731 SE Stevens Road
Happy Valley, OR 97086
(off I-205 at Exit 14,
Sunnyside Rd.)**

For more information visit:
www.PortlandScamJam.com

Exhibitors include:

- IRS
- Social Security Administration
- FBI
- AARP
- Better Business Bureau
- Federal Trade Commission
- Elders in Action
- Senior Health Insurance Benefit Advisors
- and much more!

A bus will be available if you need transportation to the Scam Jam. The bus will leave Camas Police (2100 NE 3rd ave) at **7am on Saturday October 25th**. There is limited space so the first 50 people to call and reserve a spot will be able to ride the bus. Call Tami at 817-1527 to be put on the list and be sure to leave your phone number. The event includes free breakfast and lunch!

OCTOBER IS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

A Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.



Why Neighborhood Watch?

- It works. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch programs.
- Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children involved in many activities that keep them away from home. An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a prime target for burglary.
- Neighborhood Watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns.

How does a Neighborhood Watch start?

A motivated individual, a few concerned residents, or a community organization can initiate the efforts to establish a Watch. Together they can;

- Organize a small planning committee of neighbors to

discuss needs, the level of interest, and possible community problems

- Contact the local police or sheriff's department for help in training members in crime prevention techniques and reporting skills and for information on local crime patterns
- Hold an initial meeting to gauge neighbors' interest; establish the purpose of the program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed
- Select a coordinator
- Ask for block captain volunteers who are responsible for relaying information to members
- Recruit members, keeping up-to-date information on new residents and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people
- Post Neighborhood Watch signs, usually after at least 50 percent of all households are enrolled.

Who can be involved?

- Any community resident can join—young and old, renter and homeowner.

- Watch Groups can be formed around any geographical unit: a block, apartment building, townhouse complex, park, or business area.

What does a Neighborhood Watch do?

- A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors.
- Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police or sheriff's office.

Call your local law enforcement if you would like to get a Neighborhood Watch started in your neighborhood.

Information from National Crime Prevention Council



You Can Make a Difference!

Help us celebrate the national Make a Difference Day! Saturday, October 25th from 9 a.m.-noon we will be joining with people from the community to pick up litter around the county. Anyone can participate! Call 397-2104 for more information.

Seven primary sources of litter

Benefits of a clean neighborhood

- lower crime
- higher property values
- pride in your community
- make it less likely to attract more trash

If you would like to help make a difference, but picking up litter is not for you, then give Volunteer Connections a call at 735-3683. They have several volunteer opportunities for seniors.

Source: Keep America Beautiful

1. Pedestrians or cyclists who do not use receptacles.
2. Motorists who do not use car ashtrays or litter bags.
3. Business dumpsters that are improperly covered.
4. Loading docks and commercial or recreational marinas with inadequate waste receptacles.
5. Construction and demolition sites without tarps and receptacles to contain debris and waste.
6. Trucks with uncovered loads on local roads and highways.
7. Household trash scattered before or during collection.

Halloween Safety Tips

October is also Halloween Safety Month. To ensure that trick-or-treaters, you and your house stay safe, remember the following tips:

- Clear your yard and sidewalk of any obstacles or decorations that may be hard to see in the dark.
- Keep your house well lighted, both inside and out.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to your police or sheriff's department.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not jump on or bite Trick-Or-Treaters.



To be placed on the mailing list or e-mail distribution list to receive the FREE S.A.L.T. Times monthly newsletter, call the Clark County Sheriff's Office Outreach Unit at (360)397-2211 ext. 3380 or e-mail Kasey.Frazier@clark.wa.gov.

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SENIOR CRIME STATISTICS

Guest Speaker: Brian Salsig, Crime Analyst

Join us for an informational presentation about crime in Clark County. Crime Analyst Brian Salsig will have statistics about crimes committed against senior citizens, crime trends and some crime prevention tips.

As always, meetings are open to all seniors. Bring a friend!

WEST S.A.L.T. Meeting:

October 20, 2008

11:00 a.m.

**40 and 8 Community Rm.
7607 NE 26th Ave.
Vancouver, WA**



EAST S.A.L.T. Meeting:

October 27, 2008

11:00 a.m.

**Camas Police Dept.
2100 NE 3rd Ave.
Camas, WA**



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