

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

Labor Day Weekend Issue

DESPITE FLOODS, BELTON AND STILLHOUSE HOLLOW LAKE BOAT RAMPS OPENING

The widespread flooding in southern Louisiana has wreaked havoc throughout Central and South Texas and there doesn't seem to be much relief from the heavy rains any time soon.

Several homes in Bell County have suffered water damage from the rain. Even homes in the 500 block of Woodland Point near Belton Lake, not traditionally impacted, have experienced water damage.

Emergency management officials say multiple roads, Riverside trail near Pea Ridge, Brewer Road, and F-M 24-84 at Crows Ranch Road, had been barricaded off-and-on due to high water reports and expect to see the most damage in the eastern part of the county.

They continue to remind residents not to drive or walk through standing water; if you see large puddles turn around and don't drown.

(Source: KXXV. Com)



The good news is that, with the addition of the parks and boat ramps at Rogers Park, Cedar Ridge Park and Arrowhead Point Park, and the previous opening of Belton Lakeview Park, four more parks are now open for day use and boating.

Miller Springs Nature Center will remain closed due to potential flooding, however, the portion of the park and Chalk Ridge Falls Park have been open for a while despite neither park are intended for recreational use.

The park ranger office opened the Westcliff boat ramp but wouldn't say when or if the park would reopen.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake is less than 2' about its normal elevation consequently, all the parks and boat ramps are open.

Anyone wanting to volunteer to help put Belton Lake back together again is urged to call the Corps office at 254-939-2461.

KEEP SAFETY THE FIRST THING YOU PLAN FOR LABOR DAY

Many people view Labor Day as the end of summer and their last chance to travel, go to the beach or just relax with family and friends for a backyard BBQ. Follow these tips to help keep safety first on the list:

- Keep an emergency supply kit in your trunk.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive.
- Buckle up and observe speed limits.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Check weather and water conditions beforehand and throughout the day.
- Always swim with a buddy in a designated swimming area supervised by a lifeguard.
- Provide constant supervision to children in or near the water.
- Children and inexperienced swimmers should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- Always swim with a buddy in a designated swimming area supervised by a lifeguard.
- Keep the grill away from the house, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

The American Red Cross First Aid App for smart phones and tablets provides users with expert advice on what to do in case of an emergency. This free app is available on the Apple iTunes or Google Play stores and at redcross.org/mobileapps.

For more information on emergency preparedness, go to redcross.org. Additional water safety tips are located at redcross.org/watersafety.

MOST WANTED BELL/LAMPASAS COUNTY AS OF: AUG 31st, 2016

This issue features a pair of fugitives, both

Wanted For: Evading Arrest With a Motor Vehicle.

Fernando Price (right) is a 21 y/o, 6', 160 lbs, B/M with Brown Eyes and Black Hair. His last know address is in Killeen.

From Harker Heights wanted for the same offence is: Divante Goodsbys; Discr: 24 y/o, 5'10", 210 lbs, B/M, Brown Eyes and Black Hair.

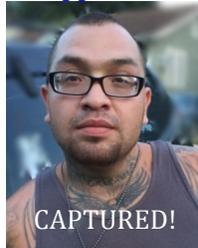
If you have information about this or any other fugitive, contact Crime Stoppers at 526-TIPS (8477)

or go online anonymously at:

www.bellcounty.crimestoppers.com.

FROM AUSTIN - The Texas Department

of Public Safety has announce the capture and is considering paying up to \$7,500 reward. DETAILS: RACE: W/Hispanic, Male, DOB: 11/14/80,



HT: 5'10", WT: 210 lbs.

AKA: Johnny Loco, Johnnie Garcia, Johnny Garcia Jr., Red Dog, Red Dawg, Red, Perro. WANTED FOR: Kidnapping, Parole Violation (Original Offense: Assault of a Public Servant) CCH: Assault Public Servant, Felon in Possession of Weapon, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Manufacturing/Delivering a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Marijuana

LKA: 4410 Lehman Dr., Kirby, TX.

Garcia, a confirmed Texas Mexican Mafia gang member, was taken into custody on August 19, 2016, at a residence on the south side of San Antonio. He was apprehended by the combined efforts of the Marshals Service Lone Star Fugitive Task Force and the San Antonio Police Department Repeat Offenders Program (ROPE Unit).

Garcia was wanted for kidnapping related to an incident involving a female associate being kidnapped.

In 2006, while incarcerated in TDCJ, he was involved in an incident in which he assaulted and injured a TDCJ officer by punching and kicking him, as well as striking him on the head and face several times with the officer's radio. Garcia was subsequently convicted in 2009 of Assault of a Public Servant and received an 8-year sentence in TDCJ prison.

For more information, visit: www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=331.

The publication of this newsletter is unofficial and does not express any opinion, directive, or policy of the Woodlake Property Owners Association members or Board of Directors. The primary purpose of the newsletter is to convey information designed to assist us to reduce or prevent crime in our community. The information presented is available through various public access sources, personal interview, or observation. Your comments as to how we can improve this effort are welcome.

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WHAT PART DOES GENDER PLAY IN THE RATIO OF CRIME VICTIMS?

Men tend to take more risks. For example, they're less likely to hesitate stopping at a poorly lit or isolated market or gas stations so are often the victims of robbery and mugging. Women, however, remain the most common victims of these crimes. Assailants tend to assume that women will be more passive and give up without a fight.

Yet, victimization rates of men exceed those of women in all violent crime categories except rape and incidents that sometimes escalate to sexual assault.

Sexual assault is usually more about attaining a level of control and less about the physical act. Women are often targets of the sexual predator where rape is the ultimate form of domination. Female victims are also more likely to be injured in violence by intimates than in violence by strangers.

When a predator is armed and yet non-threatening, the best thing to do is comply and be as cooperative as possible. However, the best possible resolution to crimes against women is to do anything possible to prevent them from happening.

Criminals look for women who are alone, and in areas that are poorly lit. This gives them the chance to stay hidden and gain the element of surprise during an attack. To avoid this possibility, women should park in public places with good lighting, walk with others whenever possible and not linger in dark areas.

When walking alone, women should realize that they might be giving off an impression of being timid or afraid. This can be avoided by walking quickly and holding your head high in a self-assured manner. Stay alert and be aware of everyone and everything in your general vicinity. A predator who is looking for easy prey will be less likely to attack someone who looks confident and capable of putting up a fight.

Whether driving or walking by themselves, women should be aware that a predator might be watching or following them. Pay close attention to the people and vehicles that are around you. If you believe someone is trailing you, do not go home – you don't want a predator to know where you live. Drive to a police station or walk towards a public location. Get to a spot that is safe and has other people around, which will cause the stalker to back off. When there is no way to avoid a criminal, the goal becomes basic survival:

- Always be ready for anything when you are in public, and if you are assaulted, put up a strong fight that will make your attacker wish he hadn't targeted a woman for a crime.
- Fight back in any way you can.
- Use your purse, hands, feet and anything else as a weapon.
- You may wish to take a self-defense class that will leave you better equipped to subdue an assailant, but the important thing is to strike hard, strike quickly and get away safely.
- Think about carrying a non-lethal weapon. Security devices like pepper spray, stun guns and Tasers will give you the upper hand, and allow you to subdue any assailant.
- Learn to safely handle a firearm; most states allow concealed carry after completing the course from a certified instructor.

BACK TO SCHOOL AND TO LIVE ON COLLEGE CAMPUS CAN BE A VERY SELF-CONTAINED ENVIRONMENT. Students generally live in dorms and spend the majority of their time within the campus where crimes such as theft, robbery sometimes pervade and sexual assault and date rape is an ongoing problem in many colleges.

People who live in dorms should follow a few basic safety tips such as walking to class in groups, especially at night, always keeping their doors locked and knowing exactly where the security offices are located.

Identity theft is another serious issue on campuses all across the nation. Every student must learn how to protect their identity from computer hackers and even predators who may take personal mail directly out of a garbage can. Every year thousands of people have their identities stolen, and repairing the problem is a long and costly tribulation. It is not something anyone, and especially anyone just starting out building a credit history wants to deal with.

Going to college is all about learning and developing your education. While you are there, take some time to educate yourself about campus crime and how to prevent it.

According to a 2010 national survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Justice, in the last 12 months more men than women were victims of intimate partner physical violence and over 40% of severe physical violence was directed at men. Men were also more often the victim of psychological aggression and control over sexual or reproductive health. Despite this, few services are available to male victims of intimate partner violence.

According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (hereinafter NISVS) in 2011 an estimated 5,365,000 men and 4,741,000 women were victims of intimate partner physical violence. These ratios tend to remain constant year to year as recent studies indicate that more men than women were victims of intimate partner physical violence within the past year.

If one adds in rape (606,000 victims) the total is 5,427,000 women-but there is an issue of double-counting of an incident as both rape and intimate partner physical violence. But even if one ignores the double-counting of rape and physical violence, the number of female victims of rape and/or physical violence is 5,427,000 for women, contrasted with 5,365,000 male victims of physical violence, so it is safe to say that about half of the victims of physical violence are men.