

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

E. COLI CONTAMINATION CLOSES PIER 36 MARINA

(July 17, 2015) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers isn't renewing the lease of the Pier 36 Marina on Lake Belton where E. Coli contamination was found earlier this summer.

A CoE notice says the Marina will close on Sept. 8 and advises owners of boats kept there to remove all personal property by then to avoid impoundment.

The property will be restored and re-advertised for lease, the notice said.

E. Coli contamination was found in one of three test samples taken in late June at the marina, but on July 2 tests of new samples showed that the E. Coli level was well below state standards.

On Friday most parks on the lake were open. Iron Bridge Park, Owl Creek Park, Leona Park and McGregor Park remained closed and Temple Park and Westcliff Park are still closed, but boat ramps are open.

BELL COUNTY SHERIFF TIP LINE: WANTED AS OF JULY 31st, 2015 -
http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd/adult_probation/most_wanted.php, and/or; <http://bellcountycrimestoppers.com>;



Nehemiah Williams, 32, last known to be from Harker Heights, has BRO eyes and BLK hair, is 6' tall and weights 175 lbs, Wanted For: Assault of Family/House Member by Strangulation.

FROM AUSTIN: The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Reward is increased up to \$12,500 for tips received on this Fugitive - **Omar Cruz**, during the month of Aug 2015.



Race: W, Sex: M, DOB: 6/8/1984, Ht: 5'4", Wt: 140 lbs., AKA: Omar Camacho Cruz, SMT: Tattoos of Chinese letters and "Marina" on right leg. Scars on back, right hand, and left wrist. Wanted For: Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14 (2 counts), Forgery of Financial Instrument. CCH: Agg. Sex Assault Child, Burg. of Habitation, Credit/Debit Card Abuse, Parole Violation (Burglary of Habitation), Evading

Arrest/Detention, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Unlawful Carrying Weapon, DWI, and Possession of Marijuana. LKA: 902 Gardenia Street, Amarillo, TX.

Details: Cruz is a violent criminal fugitive wanted on two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14. He has ties to Amarillo, the Rio Grande Valley area, and Mexico.

He has served time in TDCJ prison in the past for felony convictions of Burglary of a Habitation and Credit Card or Debit Card Abuse. In May 2013, Cruz was discharged from TDCJ.

On January 8, 2014, the Potter County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for Cruz's arrest for Forgery of a Financial Instrument. Then on July 23, 2014, another warrant for Cruz's arrest was issued for 2 counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14.

Cruz has previous work employment at restaurants and in landscaping. Caution: Subject should be considered Armed and Dangerous!

TEMPLE CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBERY

On Thursday, July 23, 2015, at about 3:25 AM, Temple Police Department responded to a panic alarm from the Cefco Convenience Store located at 605 N. 3rd Street. Responding officers were advised that a black male suspect entered the store wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark long shorts, dark socks, and dark sandals. The suspect was clean-shaven, standing approximately 5'10" tall, with a thin build, and appeared to be in his 20's.



The suspect walked to the register with his hand inside a pocket of the shirt, and demanded money. The suspect did not display a weapon, but claimed to have a knife. The clerk reported seeing what appeared to be the outline of a knife being pushed against the inside of the pocket.

Detectives are asking if anyone who has information about this Robbery, they are asked to contact Bell County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-729-TIPS (local 254-526-TIPS),

www.bellcountycrimestoppers.com

CERT – THE NEXT PHASE IN THE MATURATION OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EFFORTS

The Bell County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) disaster plan is attached and is the authority for assigning community shelter location (i.e. First Baptist Church of Belton and the EXPO Center).

Augmentations to the county's efforts are the **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Programs. CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) nationwide initiative to help get local communities more involved with disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

CERT educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Without adequate training and knowledge of community resources, organizing a post-disaster response team can be a daunting, if not an impossible challenge. Working with community leaders and communicating to residence to identify resources, special needs and capabilities is a process that can only be accomplished by willing participants. Your experience, coupled with some basic instructional materials will go a long way toward development of a viable program.

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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Because each circumstance is different, identifying the hazard, assigning risk and mitigating factors are principal in program development. Some of the responsibility of CERT is: assisting with evacuation or shelter, assisting with special needs persons/families, check for injuries, implement first aid and call for help, light search and rescue, dissemination of severe weather, extreme drought, wildfire advisories, provide post-disaster financial or material support as required and campaign for local or federal financial support to recover.

The following questions need to be asked for communities to develop their own emergency plans:

- What hazards are most likely?
- How will I get alerts and warnings?
- What is the advice and plans for sheltering and evacuation for the hazards that may impact the community?
- Are there emergency contact numbers I should have for different situations?
- Are there opportunities for preparedness education and training?
- Does my community have a plan?
- Can I obtain a copy?
- What does the plan contain?
- How often are plans updated?
- What should I know about this plan?
- What hazards does it cover?

In addition to finding out about your community's plan, it is important that you know

what plans are in place for your workplace, your children's school or day care center and any places you frequent like entertainment and sporting events, recreation areas, shopping centers and places of worship.

Ask your employer about workplace policies regarding disasters and emergencies, including understanding how you will be provided emergency and warning information, evacuation and shelter plans; contact your children's school or day care center to discuss their disaster procedures.

Many of the hazards have been identified and catalogued by the level of risk and how to mitigate some of the risk. Each one will require a certain level of education for CERT to be effective.

NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT EVENING APPROACHING!

The National Neighborhood Night Out Is a Night Designated For Communities To Get Together In Solidarity Fighting Crime.

In most of the country's towns and cities, this event is observed annually on the First Tuesday of August. Texas and other southwestern states, however, like to wait until October. The obvious

advantage is to enjoy the camaraderie outdoors in cooler temperatures. The unfortunate disadvantage is there are much fewer hours of daylight to work with.

Nonetheless, this year's event is scheduled for October the 6th, and moved up from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. allowing some daylight for clean up.

The theme this year is introduction to CERT: Community Emergency Response Team. A representative from the Bell County Emergency Council is scheduled to attend to provide insight on "911" and other emergency services available, along with SVFD and Cpl. Nichols (BCSD).

BELL COUNTY BURN BAN STATUS

March 23, 2015 (Bell County, Texas)

Based on recent rainfall and the current weather conditions, the Burn Ban Order in Bell County is NOT in effect.

If you plan to burn in Bell County, please call 254-933-5555 prior to beginning. This is an automated recorder from which you'll be asked: your address, phone number, where you plan to burn, what you plan to burn and what fire district you live in.

The Public is reminded that TCEQ rules still apply, specifically:

- No burning when winds are over 23 mph
- All fires must be attended
- Only wood products are to be burned
- A water supply is available

Citizens are urged to use extreme caution and responsible judgment.