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Notes from July 13th Neighborhood Meeting at the Sherriff's Department

SHRED EVENT

Is being held at the Sheriff's office on July 29 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. First three boxes are free and \$10/box charge after.

MOVIE NIGHT WITH THE SHERIFF

Is being held Friday, August 4, 2017 at The Grace Place in Stuart. The movie is Moana. There are free hamburgers and hotdogs.

CRIME -Trisha will send me the crime stats for our area if I email her, which I did today. Will forward them upon receipt. There has been an uptick in residential burglaries and vehicles either stolen or broken into. River Pines in Stuart, Canopy Creek in Palm City and Vista Del Lago in North Stuart were noted. Also many reports of suspicious persons. As residents go on summer vacation, more of these incidents happen. Trisha recommended that we all keep an eye on the Sheriff's Office Facebook page to keep updated.

HOA MEETINGS

The Community Operations Division are trying to meet with all communities to discuss ongoing challenges. We can call Trisha and schedule one anytime.

CAMERA REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The Sheriff's office is in the process of creating a voluntary camera registration program for residents and businesses. If a crime happens in a neighborhood, knowing who has cameras will be very helpful. All participation is voluntary and letting them review the footage is voluntary as well. Registration will be via their website and we will be notified when it is ready.

BUDGETS

The Sheriff, William Snyder, came in to let us know that he is submitting his budget next week. He is asking for a 2.98% increase in budget. He said that counties north and south of us are asking around 6.8%. All of his funding comes from ad valorem taxes. The increase is due to increases in insurance, workmen's comp and aligning their pay plans. (New officers in Palm Beach County are paid \$10,000 more annually than Martin County newbies.) He would appreciate a call to our district's commissioner to support the increase.

If budgets are being reviewed now, we might want to send in our traffic calming request next week.

SOBER HOME UPDATE

A presentation was given on sober home activity in Martin County. The Sherriff's office has agreed to discuss this topic at our next board meeting, July 25th.