



The Grapevine

Plaza Terrace & Blues Farm Apartments

Community Watch Program First Meeting Successful & Informative

The first Community Watch meeting was held on Monday night, February 11th in the city council meeting room. Lt. Rodney Strickland of the Laurinburg Police Department hosted the meeting, which was very informative to those attending.

The open forum allowed questions from the residents and Lt. Strickland patiently took the time to answer all concerns and questions put on the table. Topics of discussion included:

- Neighborhood awareness—Know your neighbors—who belongs and who doesn't?
- Standing together as a community to fight crime!
- Concealed weapons—what's considered concealed?
- Gun registration
- Who to call? 911 or emergency maintenance?
- At what point is an intruder a threat to your safety?
- Keeping an inventory of serial numbers in a safe place. (Form provided, extra copies can be obtained at office.)

Chief Evans paid the group a surprise visit. Re-emphasizing points made by Lt. Strickland, the Chief mentioned other community watch neighborhoods and what has led to their success... diligence and participation. He made a valid point when he said there are only so many officers patrolling the entire city, they can't be everywhere at all times. Community involve-

ment is a MUST.

In addition to myself, the following people attended the meeting. My sincere thanks goes out to each of you for your attendance and input.

Peggy Anderson	Christian Anderson
Joanne Hollstein	Ray Hodge
Peggy Hodge	Catherine McBride
Kay Smith	Sybil Kelly
Joan Harrison	Patricia Ivey
Leeonia Dixon	Floyd Dixon

The attendees names will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 prize or gift certificate. The drawing will be held at the next community watch meeting (date to be announced) and the winner will be announced via the newsletter.

I was unofficially nominated Neighborhood Captain. If you are interested in becoming more involved, I would like to have a Co-Captain.

Anyone needing more information about the program should contact the office at Plaza Terrace Apartments.

Remember:
YOUR involvement is the key to the community's success.



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Emergency Maintenance

910 384-1645

Office Hours

**Monday–Friday
8:30–5:30**

**Saturday
10:00–4:00**

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Pisces



February 19–March 20

Element–Water

Symbol–Fish

Traits: Mysterious, alluring, extremely talented, saint and sinner in one, trendsetter, lost soul, visionary, adaptable, resilient.

Celebrities: Sidney Poitier, George Harrison, Edward Kennedy

Aries



March 21 – April 19

Element–Fire

Symbol–Ram

Traits: Adventurous, active, outgoing, ‘doers rather than talkers’, assertive, stay children at heart, endure hardships well

Celebrities: Holly Hunter, Dudley Moore, Eric Clapton, Aretha Franklin

Employees: Floyd Dixon

Dates to Remember

1st–Rent due

6th–Late fees posted

7th–New moon

8th–Yard Sale–Plaza Terrace

9th–Daylight Savings
advance clocks by 1 hour

Time–

11th–File in court for unpaid rents

13th–Pest Control Plaza–
199-201-203-205

16th–Palm Sunday

17th St. Patrick’s Day

20th–First day of Spring
- Pest Control Blues Farm

21st–Good Friday
- Full Moon

23rd–Easter Sunday

24th–Easter Monday–office closed

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The intent of this section of the newsletter is to help you better understand your lease. This is the second month this section is being presented. While there were many favorable comments regarding the information provided last month, I didn't receive any suggestions for a topic this month. Only one survey was returned to the office. Your input would be appreciated.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR LEASE

From Paragraph 19.A of your Residential Lease Agreement.

“19. INSURANCE, RELEASE, & INDEMNITY: Resident agrees that they should secure insurance to protect all personal property against loss resulting from theft, fire, storm, and other hazards and casualties.

A. Residents understands and agrees that Lessor and its agents are not liable for any damage to, destruction of or loss of any personal property located or stored in the Premises regardless of the cause of such damage.”

Simply put, all residents are strongly urged to purchase rental insurance for their personal belongings. Irregardless of the cause, if you should suffer a loss, your personal items are not covered under the complex' insurance policy. Nor is the owner or any staff member responsible for your personal items.

Furthermore, if you have a satellite dish, you are REQUIRED to have renter's insurance. See Satellite Dish Addendum provided in your move in packet.

CONFIDENTIAL RESULTS Feb Survey - 1 survey returned for review

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| Q. Did you have a true emergency? | A. Yes |
| Q. Did the emergency pager work properly? | A. 2 (Fair) |
| Q. Did a maintenance employee return your call? | A. 3 (Average) |
| Q. Did maintenance respond within a reasonable period of time? | A. 3 (Average) |
| Q. Was maintenance able to take care of problem over phone? | A. No |
| Q. If not, did maintenance arrive at your apartment in a reasonable period of time? | A. 3 (Average) |
| Q. Was a follow-up visit necessary to complete repair / problem? | A. No. |
| Q. How would you grade your emergency experience overall? | A. 3 (Average) |

SURVEY—MARCH 2008

Please take the time to fill out the following information and return it to the office. Confidential results will be included in the next newsletter.

Plaza Terrace or Blues Farm? _____

How long have you been a resident? _____

Have you been involved in any community activities the property has offered? _____

Would you like to see more activities for the residents to participate in? _____

What kind of activities would you participate in if offered? _____

Would you be interested in meeting with the manager to share ideas for the community? _____ (If yes, please call the office to leave your name and number.)



The recent tornados in neighboring states remind us that March is coming in like a lion this year. Instead of a recipe which normally occupies this space, please take a few minutes to read over these tips in the event of a tornado warning.

Tornado Preparedness

What should you do if there is a warning in your neighborhood? You should already have a safety plan. Since Plaza Terrace nor Blues Farm have basements, you should get to a center portion of your home, **away from windows**, under a stable piece of furniture or in a closet or bathroom.

At **Blues Farm**, the bathtub is the best location. Grab pillows and blankets to use as protection from flying debris. **Plaza Terrace 1-bedroom apartment** residents should go into the laundry room and close the door or into the bathtub. Use pillows and blankets to protect yourself from debris.

At **Plaza Terrace town homes**, the closet underneath the stairs will provide the most protection. Use pillows and blankets to protect yourself from debris.

If you're in a car and it's in an area with no permanent structure, you should get out of the vehicle and into a ditch.

One essential piece of equipment is a battery-powered radio, preferably with extra batteries to take with you to your shelter. Candles, blankets, matches, bottled water, first aid kit, canned goods and a manual can opener are other desirable staples to have stored in your safety area.

Definitions

- A **Funnel Cloud** doesn't touch the ground, but is a generally cone shaped, violently swirling mass of air produced by a thunderstorm.
- A **Tornado** is like a funnel cloud except it touches ground and may be rope-shaped rather than funnel-shaped.
- A **Tornado Watch** means the conditions are right for a tornado.
- A **Tornado Warning** means a tornado has been spotted or marked by radar.



KIDS CORNER

- Q. What color is a burp?
A. Burple
- Q. Why do cow's wear bells?
A. Because their horns don't work.
- Q. What did the raspberry say to the strawberry?
A. I love you berry, berry much.
- Q. What did the duck say when he dropped the dishes?
A. Hope I didn't quack any.

