

# C.O.P. Community Informer

*A well Informed C.O.P. can be a Community's best asset*

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## Steps to help prevent IDENTITY THEFT



With the increase in crime be advised that it is not a good idea to carry your social security card or Medicare card on your person, whether it is in your wallet or pants pocket. It is also not a good idea to leave it in your car. If your car, purse or wallet is stolen you are a primary target for identity theft. If you feel it necessary to carry your Medicare card with you, photocopy it and take a magic marker and remove the social security number.

## A TRUE INSPIRATION

The Deerfield Beach COP Unit has a special couple, Ginger and Ed Alvarez who oversees Unit Two which consists of Tedder, Tallman Pines, Bonnie Lock, Spring Lake Villas, Woodsetter Single Family Homes, Breezy Hill Mobile Home Park, Highland Villager Mobile Home and County Knolls Mobile Home Communities.

Ginger and Ed Alvarez have been married for 32 years and have been living in the same house for the last 28 years located in Tedder Single Family Homes area. Ginger and Ed have two married sons and a daughter who still lives at home and is attending college. They share their lives with two granddaughters and according to their grandmother, "both are as cute as a button", with another grandchild soon on the

way. Ginger and Ed started the Tedder Neighborhood Watch Program 19 years ago and patrolled their communities before the BSO COP Program was started and have been patrolling ever since. Due to their concern for the safety of their Neighborhood Watch Volunteers, while they were patrolling their communities, Ginger and Ed established their own communication system with a home base C.B. radio station they monitored with each participant having their own CB radio in each of their vehicles and they required detailed log sheets to be kept as we do today in our COP Program. The neighborhood participation was very high and a lot of fun, including neighborhood events and a great relationship with their deputies. The deputies participated in some of the events and even helped with neighborhood clean ups.

Ginger and Ed started a youth program called "Kids on Patrol" in which once a month they would take their K.O.P.'s out and help a single parent or an elderly person clean up their property or paint their home.

Eventually the kids grew up and people moved to other locations and the volunteers thinned out, but their families have wonderful memories, and the kids had a real sense of community.

For the past 19 years Ginger has worked at Highland's Christian Academy teaching K-3 Preschool and enjoys it immensely. She currently has a class of nineteen 3 and 4 year old students including two Aides. Ginger enjoys teaching a Sunday school class and her hobbies are gardening and spending time with her Grandchildren.

### June Birthdays:



**John Appold**  
**Patricia Bailey**  
**Salnave Isaac**  
**Stan Jacobs**

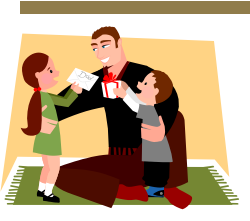
**June 6**  
**June 14**  
**June 2**  
**June 6**

**Geneva Kayko**  
**Rudoppe Michel**  
**Fresnel Sinsmy**  
**Charlene L. Wirth**

**June 6**  
**June 15**  
**June 30**  
**June 23**

### JUST A BIT OF TRIVIA

**Tower Club/Teen Center:** The Teen Center was created as a place for teenagers to relax and have fun in the community. The Teen Center/Tower Club was established on July 2, 1999 with the help of the City of Deerfield Beach's staff and equipment, along with the sheriff's office and other local businesses. The Teen Club was previously the former City of Deerfield Beach police firing range. *(This center is part of the West Sub-Station housing the C.A.T. Unit and C.O.P. Office at 580 So. Powerline Rd.)*



**FATHER'S DAY**

**June 21, 2009**

*“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”*

*Harold R. McAlindon*

**N.E. FOCAL POINT:**

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In 1981 a joint effort between The City of Deerfield and the Area Agency on Ageing in Broward County created this facility to provide federally mandated services to persons age 60 and over. Managed by what is known as “Senior Services” it provides programs and services to promote social, physical and psychological well-being to adults, seniors and children of Deerfield Beach and northern Broward County. This service administers the following programs with funding from federal and state grants, fees for services, fund-raisers, the Area Agency on Aging, N.E. Focal Point CASA, which means Children’s, Alzheimer’s Seniors and Adult Services, United Way of Broward County,

N.E. Focal Point Thrift Shop and the City of Deerfield Beach General Fund:

1. **THE SENIOR CENTER** provides services and activities to the senior population, i.e., information, referrals, public education, health support, counseling, recreation, transportation, nutrition, legal assistance, volunteer opportunities and the emergency home energy assistance program.

2. **INTERGENERATIONAL ADULT DAY CARE** provides Creole/Portuguese Adult Day Services Programs for functionally impaired and frail adults, maintaining the family unit and the prevention of premature institutionalization.

3. **CHILD DAY CARE** provides preschoolers with developmentally appropriate activities.

4. **ALZHEIMER’S DAY CARE CENTER** provides respite to caregivers and activities to individuals stricken with Alzheimer’s and memory disorders and assist caregivers with coping skills.

5. **THRIFT SHOP** received tax-deductible donations of merchandise. Volunteers operate the shop. Proceeds from this shop supplement grant fund for all of the above programs.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**June 5-6**

*Relay for Life  
(Markham Park)*

**June 12-13**

**Training on the 12th  
Event on the 13th**

*Car fit*

**June 26**

*Appreciation Dinner*



**FLAG DAY**

**June 14, 2009**

**4th OF JULY**

The City of Deerfield Beach will be hosting the Annual 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks on July 3rd and 4th of this year. The activities will begin on Friday night July 3rd at 6:00 pm with live enter-

tainment and food vendors, located at the main beach parking lot. On Saturday July 4th the day’s events will begin with children’s activities from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, DJ from 7:30 pm — 9:00 pm. The fireworks display and

live music from 3:00 pm — 7:00 pm, The feature act will be *The Association* who will perform promptly at 9:00 pm. Sticker parking will be void during this time due to the event and will resume July 5th.