

# JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT Community Services Division

Happy July neighbors! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Independence Day is quickly approaching, and I know many of you have concerns



about fireworks in our area especially with the new law on fireworks. I want to first address the new law and what it states.

Section 2404. Use of consumer fireworks.

(a) Conditions.--A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of this article may purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks.

(b) Prohibitions.--A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge:

(1) Consumer fireworks on public or private

property without the express permission of the owner.

(2) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.

(3) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.

(4) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.

(5) Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

The following penalty applies from the new law:

Section 2414. Penalties.

The following shall apply:

(1) A person using consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this article commits a summary offense and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

## FIREWORKS TIPLINE

To report any fireworks activity or concerns please send all tips and information to:

[fireworks@yorkcity.org](mailto:fireworks@yorkcity.org)



# Fireworks Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow **children** to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ **Never** try to **re-light** or **pick up** fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Keep a **bucket of water** or a **garden hose** handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are **legal** in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Light fireworks **one at a time**, then **move back** quickly.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips –  
**[www.cpsc.gov/fireworks](http://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)**

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2012 Fireworks Annual Report



# JACKIE'S CRIME PREVENTION TIP

July 2019

Vacation Safety. Crime Prevention Article

Jacqueline Marrero. Crime Prevention Coordinator

While on vacation remember to take precautionary steps to minimize your chances of being victimized. This information is meant to contribute your personal security while traveling. You can never be too careful, prepared or aware.

**Cash:** Do not carry large amounts of cash. If you must carry cash, never display large amounts. When possible, carry cash substitutes such as traveler's checks or credit cards. Keep a written record of your traveler's checks and credit card numbers and keep them in a safe place.

**Luggage:** Remove old flight tags from your luggage. Old flight tags can cause confusion and misdirect your luggage. Band your luggage as a safeguard against pilferage while in transit. Placing a band, strap or tie around luggage, or a seal on the zipper, is an effective deterrent against theft. Be sure to provide adequate identification on the outside and inside of your luggage. Never leave your luggage unattended, not even for a moment. Never store cash, jewelry, medicine or other valuables in your luggage.

**Hotel Tips:** Never leave valuables in your hotel room. Hotel management encourages guests to use their safe-deposit box services. When you get to your room, determine the most direct routes to the elevator, stairs and fire escapes. Most room doors are equipped with interior locking devices that can be used while you are in the room. When leaving your room, lock the door, even if you are briefly darting down the hall for a towel or ice. Always pull the door shut by hand and double check it. When you retire for the evening, make sure your key is not outside in the door lock.

**Sightseeing Crime Prevention:** Make note of your passport number. If it becomes lost or stolen, knowing your passport number will facilitate getting a new passport. Prior to your day of sightseeing, obtain directions at the hotel for those attractions you intend to visit. Never discuss your sightseeing schedule in the presence of strangers. When possible, travel with another person or group while sightseeing or shopping. During the evening, always travel on well-lighted streets. Never carry your wallet in your rear pants pocket. Women should carry their billfolds or coin purses in coat pockets. If you must carry a purse, firmly grasp the top portion of the purse while shopping, waiting for, or riding a bus. Be aware of your surroundings and watch for suspicious people or vehicles.

**Vehicle Tips:** Never leave your vehicle with the engine running or keys in the ignition. Always lock your vehicle, close the windows, and take the keys with you. Avoid leaving an extra set of keys in a secret hiding place. Never leave your wallet, credit cards, registration or driver's license in your vehicle. Your vehicle trunk is not completely secure, but it is the safest place to store your valuables while traveling. Avoid transferring items to the trunk of the vehicle at the location where it is parked. Someone may be watching you. Park in well-lighted areas and use valet parking whenever possible.



# Street 2 Creek

## City of York Storm Drain Art Contest



[www.street2creek.org](http://www.street2creek.org)

## 2019 Call for ARTISTS!

**What?** Create art in our community around storm drains in the City of York to raise awareness of stormwater pollution.

**Why?** Stormwater pollution is the fastest growing form of water pollution in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Stormwater carries many pollutants such as litter, pet waste, lawn fertilizers, automobile oils, road salts directly from the Codorus Creek in the City of York to the Susquehanna River and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. Art can help *slow the flow* by educating the community about the importance of good water quality through storm drain art!

**How?** Submit your design(s) to Street 2 Creek by July 12th. For complete submission guidelines and additional details, visit [www.street2creek.org](http://www.street2creek.org).

**Where?** Winning entries will be debuted at the 2019 Yorkfest Fine Arts Festival on August 24-25.

**CASH PRIZES awarded for most creative and impactful storm drain art!**

**1st place \$500, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$350  
4th \$300, 5th \$250**

### 2018 Winning Artwork



#### Project Partners:



[www.street2creek.org](http://www.street2creek.org)

#### Project Supporters:



## Community Service's Division



Officers had a great time with the kids at the June Youth Outreach!! This month we had a total of 80 kids come in to hang out and play video games with the York City Police! Our next Youth Outreach will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon-4pm at Martin Library. Lunch is provided as well! No registration needed. If you have questions, please call Joan Williams at 717-812-8383



York City Police Department's Summer Bowling program has kicked off this month! Officers had a blast bowling with the kids from all over York City! If you are interested in signing your child up for bowling please call Joan Williams at 717-812-8383





Although we may be short staffed, and these guys are extremely busy on calls, they decided it would be a nice break to stop by the park and join in on shooting some hoops. Officer Groh and Officer Batten, as is the entire department, are committed to building positive relationships with the community they serve.



The Community Services Division had a great time at the NENA block party! We met lots of new friends and were able to give out many prizes and crime prevention information to the community. These two lucky kiddos were the WINNERS of our two grand prizes. Kayden Cross (left) won a pool! Khloe Martin (right) won a sprinkler! This should help with those hot summer days!



## Resource Center's News



### **NEW!! WELLINGTON CENTER GRAND OPENING!!**

Ms. Jerri had her grand opening for her new center at the Wellington Center!

We are all so very excited to get to know the people in the neighborhood. Ms. Jerri is there to assist neighbors with questions, help where needed, and to give the kids a safe, fun place to come hang out. If you have time, please stop by and say hello to Ms. Jerri!

**780 E. King Street York, PA**







Ms. Brenda's kids at the S. George Street center enjoyed a nice cool day inside with snacks and a movie! (LEFT)

K-9 Officer Tommi came in to the center for a visit with the kids. Did you know that K-9 Officers also wear a bullet proof vest? The kids got to look at his vest and see him do some cool tricks.

Ms. Brenda's center is located at 426 S. George Street

