

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Community Outreach Newsletter



BIKE BUILD AT MIROMAR OUTLETS

As part of a collaborative effort between Seagate Development Group, Bikes for Tykes, Miromar Outlets and the Lee County Sheriff's Office, contractors and volunteers spent time assembling 54 children's bicycles to be distributed to deserving children.



Using space generously donated by Miromar Outlets, volunteers worked long and hard to ensure that the bicycles would be

ready for the holidays.

The clank of wrenches and tools dropped to the floor filled the large workspace as assemblers knelt, sat and stood around the dozens of glossy blue, white and black bicycles.

Once assembled, bicycles were stored overnight awaiting delivery to smiling children the following day.



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(BIKE BUILD...continued)

Included with each bike was a VIP bag containing gift cards and discounts at Miromar Outlets retail locations.



Recipients of the bicycles included selected children at Franklin Park Elementary School, the Dr. Piper Center for Social Services and the Salvation Army.

Special thanks to Ann Cemer and the wonderful staff from Seagate Development, Skip Riffle and his kindhearted crew from Bikes for Tykes, LCSO Community Outreach Coordinator Naz Elyassi and Jeff Staner, Vice President of Miromar Outlets.

THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IS A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY.

DRIVE
CAUTIOUSLY
AROUND AND
NEAR
SCHOOL BUSES.

WE'RE WATCHING...



TOY GIVEAWAY IN ESTERO...

Just days before Christmas, LCSO Sergeant Frankie Pooser and Community Service Aide Leeann Wharton spent a part of their day distributing toys, coloring books and balloons to the many children out shopping with parents and guardians at Miromar Outlets.



Exhausted from last-minute shopping, the children appeared extremely pleased to accept gifts and smiles from LCSO staff.

CHILDREN'S FINGERPRINTING SERVICES

Never entered into any databases, completed fingerprint cards are given to parents and guardians to store safely in their homes.

Lee County Sheriff's Office Civilian Support Unit staff members spent several hours at the Edison Mall assisting children and parents to complete fingerprint cards.

While it is difficult to consider the possibility of one's child going missing, maintaining fingerprint identification cards is a prudent step to take in an effort to assist law enforcement.



COOOOOKIE!

Sergeant Damian Orihuela recently delivered freshly-baked cookies to all of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Centers including the location at the Gulf Coast Town Center.

Want to see a child smile? Hand them a cookie!

The remainder of the cookies were distributed to guests, shoppers and visitors to and around the LCSO Community Outreach Centers.



**LAST CHANCE
TO REGISTER!**

Annual Homeowners Association Presidents Council

February 6th, 2024

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall
18850 P3W Pkwy, Fort Myers, FL 38919

**All HOA Board Members &
Residents Welcome!**

**Complimentary Food and
Beverages will be provided**

9:30am-11:00am HOA Expo

Lee County Sheriff's Office Assets
and HOA Vendor Displays

11:00am-12:00pm Forum

- Applying New Technology
- Community Policing Strategies
- Question & Answer with
Sheriff Carmine Marceno



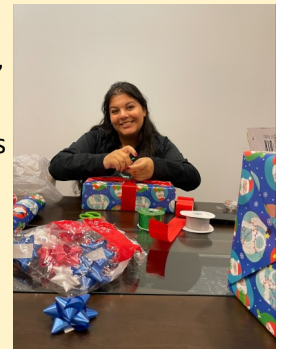
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HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

Regardless of the mall or shopping center that one chose to patronize, it is likely that they encountered a member of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit meticulously wrapping holiday purchases for shoppers.

Done at no cost to the shopper, Sheriff Carmine Marceno was hoping to make the hectic and frenzied holiday



experience a bit easier for guests, visitors and residents.

Shoppers happily passed off wrapping responsibilities, especially for those

oddly-shaped gifts, to Lee County Sheriff's Office outreach staff.

Have you ever tried to wrap a basketball?



325 ICE CREAM CONES...

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice Cream Response Team visited The Sanibel School recently and greeted students and school staff.



Principal Jennifer Lusk was extremely appreciative for the 325 ice cream cones distributed to her students!

While scooping and serving 325 ice

cream cones requires a considerable amount of time, making the ice cream disappear was significantly easier!

The distribution of ice cream by Lee County Sheriff's Office staff is proving to be an excellent manner in which law enforcement officers and local children can begin to establish a trusting and long-lasting relationship.



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GREETING GUESTS FROM THE OTHER COAST...

Seniors from the West Palm Beach area visit the Miromar Outlets annually, prior to the holidays, to enjoy shopping at the outlet stores.



This year, 45 shoppers made the two-hour trip, were greeted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach staff and given

freshly-baked lemon and oatmeal-raisin cookies courtesy of Sheriff Carmine Marceno.

Guests were shown the LCSO Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center prior to the start of their shopping spree.



THE MAKING OF A JUNIOR DEPUTY...

Hundreds of Lee County residents, guests and tourists venture into the many Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Centers on a weekly basis.

Some are seeking information; some share community and personal concerns.

Answering questions and assisting residents can be rewarding and enjoyable.

However, it is when a child enters one of our locations and receives a shiny, gold Junior Deputy badge that we derive the most pleasure.

Becoming a Junior Deputy is an impressive accomplishment as it comes with significant responsibilities.

With consideration to age-appropriateness, the position of Junior Deputy mandates that children are well-behaved, produce their very best efforts in school and conduct themselves in a respectful, reliable and honorable manner.



"PAWS FOR THE NIGHT"

Among our favorite things are spending time with our neighbors and our furry friends.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Coconut Point Community Outreach Center found an excellent way to do both... "Paws for the Night."

Vendors and small business owners brought their wares to the event, offering guests an opportunity to do a bit of holiday shopping while mingling with pups.



Guests posed for holiday photos, generously donated to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) and participated in a holiday costume contest judged by Coconut Point Mall management and Lee County Domestic Animal Services staff.

A DAY OUT AT BASS PRO SHOPS

Holiday season is an excellent opportunity for the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit to engage and share information with seasonal guests and shoppers.

Outreach staff spent the day distributing information and "swag" to shoppers at Bass Pro Shops in Gulf Coast Town Center.

Approached by hundreds of guests, LCSO staff answered questions regarding seasonal security, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities at the Lee County Sheriff's Office and much more.



LET IT SNOW...

Few Floridians would pass up an opportunity to frolic in the snow and staff from the Lee County Sheriff's Office Cape Harbour Community Outreach Center joyfully participated in the "Holiday Magic" event at Fathoms Restaurant in Cape Coral.



Children (and adult children) enjoyed the snow slide, as well as making snowballs, while attending the Cape Harbour event.

LCSO Community Response Unit staff may have made a snowball or two while greeting guests and distributing sheriff's office swag.

Santa was on-hand discussing toy requests with children eager to learn if they were listed on Santa's "nice" list.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Cape Harbour Community Outreach



Center is the newest addition to our growing group of outreach facilities. Serving the residents of Southeastern



Cape Coral, the center is located near the Chiquita Lock at 5858 Cape Harbour Drive, Suite 108 and open from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm every day.

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