

Dear Friends,

With the holidays fast approaching, here is some information that I hope you will find useful:

Holiday Crime Fighting Tips to Help Keep You Safe.

- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. Keep clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. "Con-artists" will try various methods of distracting you to take your money or belongings.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. . If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or conceal it.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse and wallet. Do not put them down in the store or on top of the car in order to open the door or trunk.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask a mall or store security guard for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

City Resource Guide Now Available.

The City Resource Guide is available on the City's web site. Here is the link to the guide

- [http://www.cityoforlando.net/executive/neighborhoods/pdf/Resource%20Guide09 WEB.pdf](http://www.cityoforlando.net/executive/neighborhoods/pdf/Resource%20Guide09_WEB.pdf) .

This guide outlines key City programs and resources to help citizens and neighborhood groups enhance their neighborhoods. The other sections include City and community agency phone numbers that are often requested by neighborhood organizations and volunteers. If you would like a hard copy of this guide, please let me know.

Prescription Discount Card is Available .

The National League of Cities offers a free prescription discount card. You can print this out from the City web site at <http://www.strengthenorlando.com/prescription.htm> If you would like an actual card, please let me know. By the way, the City just received these cards so, I do not know how much, if anything, you may save on your prescription drugs. However, the use of this card is free to National League of Cities members-like the City of Orlando. I would be curious to hear about your experiences-good, bad or neutral with the card.

District 1 Email List.

As many of you know, from time to time, I periodically send emails to keep people up to date on District 1 issues and events. If you would like to be added to this list so that you can also be up to date and receive these emails, please email me or call me. Recently, after sending some of these emails, a number of them were returned because of spam filters. If you are on the email list but haven't been getting your emails, check your spam filter. If that doesn't work then let me know. If you would like to be removed from our email list, please let me know.

Questions or Comments.

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please call me at 407-246-2001 or email me at phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net . My aide, Jeanne Wilson, can be reached at 407-246-3011 or email at jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net and Police Officer Edgar Malave can be reached at 407-246-2513 or email at edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net

Happy holidays and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!