



The Source

Keeping you informed on what's happening in the world of Crime Stoppers.

From the Tips Line

Vandals Hit Area Golf Courses

Crime Stoppers is appealing to the community for information to help solve several acts of vandalism that occurred in Norfolk County. Between June 5th and August 6th, 2004, vandals did several thousand dollars damage to five area golf courses. In these cases, suspects took golf carts on joy rides, causing extensive damage to the greens and drove golf carts into the water. In total, more than \$150,000 damage was done at Turkey Point Golf Course, Lynn Meadows Golf & Country Club, Delhi Golf & Country Club, Woodside Greens Golf Club and The Greens at Renton.

If you have any information on these crimes or any other crime you are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your information could be the piece of the puzzle needed to help solve these cases. Got info? Make the call!

Who Knew...Can I Give a Tip on Email?

In short, the answer is no! Crime Stoppers does not take tips via email. The reasoning behind this is two-fold. The local Crime Stoppers program has chosen not to accept email tips because it is more difficult to protect the caller's identity. In addition, the quality of the tip is not as good as the Crime Stoppers coordinator cannot ask questions of the tipster.

As a result, callers are requested to call 1-800-222-TIPS to report information. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and callers never have to give their name or personal information.

Since our Last Bulletin

13th Annual Golf Tournament

Golfers helped keep criminals in the sand trap on August 19 and raised more than \$15,000 for Crime Stoppers at Pine Valley Golf Club. This event would not be possible without the support of the many hole sponsors, prize donors and volunteers who help us every year.

Special thanks goes out to this year's major sponsors: Scotiabank, Simcoe; North Waterloo Farmers Mutual; The Economical Insurance Group; Central Erie Insurance Brokers Association and Haldimand Insurance Brokers Association.

CSI Honours Local Program

This year marks the seventh year in a row in which Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg has proven that their media partners are the best in the world. In September, the program returned from the 25th annual Crime Stoppers International Training Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio with another first place award. The award was earned in conjunction with Rogers Television (Tillsonburg) and was presented for outstanding "special television" coverage.

The segment, which aired on Roger's "First Local," featured a story about Glendale High School's Student Crime Stoppers Program in Tillsonburg. It also highlighted a Crime Stoppers initiative done in conjunction with Norfolk and Haldimand Community Policing Groups where mouse pads were purchased for every computer at secondary schools in Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg.

Student News

Student "Rap Session"

Students and teachers from seven area high schools recently converged upon Waterford District High School for the fall Student Crime Stoppers "Rap" Session. The morning was a successful one with some great networking and information sharing.

Thanks go to Waterford District High School for being most friendly hosts and to all those who attended and helped make the session a successful one.

Breakfast Anyone?

Student Crime Stoppers programs will be flippin' fundraising flapjacks at Cayuga Secondary on November 24 and at McKinnon Park Secondary (Caledonia) on December 2 (tentatively). So be sure to mark these dates in your calendar and come on out for a real "breakfast of champions."

Coming Up...

Spring Gala

The 5th Annual Spring Gala is scheduled for May 5, 2005 at the Fisherville Community Centre. The evening promises to be a first class event with a gourmet dinner and fundraising auction.

2nd Annual Jail and Bail

Mark your calendars for a day of fun as jailbirds fight for their freedom at the 2nd Annual Jail and Bail fundraiser. This day of courtroom shenanigans is set for June 2, 2005. If you'd like to participate, contact the Crime Stoppers office at (519) 426-3434 ext 4240.

Special Feature

Why Should I Support Crime Stoppers?

Since the tragic events of September 11th, 2001 the world is a changed place. The way we all do business has changed forever. These changes make Crime Stoppers more important than ever.

In his closing remarks at the Crime Stoppers International (CSI) Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio CSI President Mr. Steve Walrath said, "Criminals & terrorists do not see boundaries. Criminals and terrorists do not see borders. Criminals and terrorists have only one goal; to control your life, wherever you live, through fear and destruction."

He continued, "Are you aware that a major North American city received a Crime Stoppers tip that brought down a nine member al-Qaida cell? Are you aware that a Crime Stoppers tip in Bermuda captured 18 million dollars worth of drugs bound for the shores of Boston? Are you aware that an Egyptian traveling through Amsterdam raised suspicion when inquiring about golf tournaments, only to have a tip called into the Holland Crime Stoppers? As a result, he was arrested and seven hand grenades were found in his possession, on their way to the Ryder Cup golf tournament in England. Are you aware that Crime Stoppers tips averted three Columbine-type massacres before they happened? Are you aware that governments throughout Mexico & Central America are on alert as evidence grows that al-Qaida members are traveling in the region and looking for recruits to carry out attacks on North America – the last frontier for international terrorism."

He concluded, "We are fighting a war that has no front. We are fighting an enemy that remains unseen. Intelligence will be the key to winning this battle. And as long as I have breath, I will work to see that Crime Stoppers is the key to that intelligence. We need every program in every city in the world to invest beyond your borders....to care beyond your own program."

Now, more than ever, Crime Stoppers programs need your eyes and ears, and your information. The work that Crime Stoppers programs do worldwide has never been more important. We are all working for one purpose: a safe, secure world, through justice, for our children and children's children. And with your continued support, Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk & Tillsonburg is one

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small piece of a worldwide Crime Stoppers
network that can make a difference.