

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

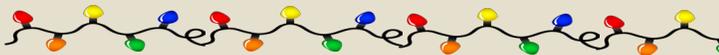


Public Safety Hits A Home Run with Officer Keaney

Kieran Keaney, one of Rohnert Park's finest Public Safety Officers, joined the RPDPS team in December, 2015. Kieran is assigned to the Patrol Division and works to

keep us safe every weekend while we sleep (yes, the dreaded graveyard shift). Kieran is a graduate of the SRJC Police Academy and will be attending the SRJC Fire Academy in the future. On his down time, Kieran enjoys coaching his two sons in baseball and soccer and spending time with his family.

One of the things Kieran likes about the RPDPS is the ability to do both law enforcement and fire-fighting as a full-time career. When asked what he likes the most about his position as a Public Safety Officer, Kieran said he "enjoys being part of the community and having the ability to interact with our citizens." If you see PSO Keaney on the streets, say hello and you will always get a smile and greeting back.



3 Ways to Recycle Your Xmas Tree

Start by removing lights, ornaments, tinsel, and stands. Flocked trees cannot be recycled and must be disposed of in regular garbage bins.

1. Compost/Green Waste Bin

Cut your tree into manageable pieces so that your bin is able to close. Place your bin on the curb on your regular collection day and you're done!

2. Curbside Collection

Place your tree curbside the night before your regular collection day for the weeks of 1/9 and 1/20 - residential customers only.

3. Drop-off

Trees are accepted at the following locations:

- Rohnert Park Community Center at 5401 Snyder Lane (12/26-1/13)
- Central Landfill at 500 Mecham Road, Petaluma (through mid-Jan)

Contact Rohnert Park Disposal at 586-2283 for additional information about Christmas tree recycling.

Annual Toy Drive Brightens the Holidays

The Rohnert Park Public Safety Officers Association has partnered up with



Santa Claus for their annual toy drive. Santa and his RPPSOA team have already begun visiting neighborhoods, listening to children's wish lists, and collecting new unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 2-14. Toys are provided to Rohnert Park families that have fallen on hard times. We can't forget our furry friends either - we partner with the Rohnert Park Animal Shelter to provide goodies for family pets. Families needing assistance can apply at the Department of Public Safety or at any school in the Rohnert Park/Cotati School District. We need your donations to make this year's toy drive a success and serve the over 250 families that apply for toy assistance. Donations are happily accepted and greatly appreciated. Check the RPPSOA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RPPSOA for present drop off locations; donations for pets can be delivered to the Rohnert Park Animal Shelter located at 301 J Rogers Lane.

Spreckels Theatre Company presents

1776
The Musical

February 10 - 26, 2017

For tickets call 707-588-3400
www.spreckelonline.com

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Want to Learn More about Law Enforcement and Fire Protection?

The Citizen's Public Safety Academy provides community members with an inside look at local law enforcement and fire protection. During Academy training, students will be introduced to 24 subject areas, including the Department of Public Safety's theory and philosophy, law, use of force, officer safety, investigations, traffic, narcotics, hazardous materials, emergency medical services, fire prevention and fire suppression. All attendees will receive CPR training and certification.

Academy classes are interactive, taught by sworn and civilian public safety personnel. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the Director of Public Safety and many members of the department.

Eligible participants must live or work within the City of Rohnert Park, be a minimum of 18 years of age, and have no criminal conviction that would prohibit possession of a firearm.

The next class is scheduled to run January 9th – March 13th. If interested, contact Catherine Colburn at 707-584-2650 or ccolburn@rpcity.org.

Silent NIGHT

Public Safety Helps to Make Silent Nights

The City knows that some residents are affected by loud student parties in their neighborhoods. In response, the Department of Public Safety, and particularly Sergeant David Sutter, established a Community Outreach program to build relationships with students.

Since the program started 18 months ago, Sergeant Sutter has met with 3800 Sonoma State University students to answer questions and educate them about being responsible residents. This has contributed to a 50% reduction in party call complaints. The City is committed to continuing this part of community-oriented policing with both our long-term residents and our students.



Don't Let the Storm Season Leave You Under Water

Winter storms in California can be deadly, causing flash floods, high coastal surf, mudslides, and snow-storms. Wherever you live or travel, you should be aware of the dangers of winter storms and be prepared to cope with one. What's the difference between a FLOOD WARNING, a FLOOD WATCH and a FLOOD ADVISORY? A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible. A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning; however, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

In the case of flooding the City provides empty sandbags and sand for residents to help prepare for winter storms. If storms are imminent, residents can pick up up to 25 sandbags per household at the Callinan Sports and Fitness Center—5405 Snyder Lane (rear of parking lot). For more information and specific hours call the Public Works Department at 707-588-3300.

Visit the City's storm season information webpage at <http://bit.ly/RPstorm> and stay ahead of the storm.



Rohnert Park Dept of Public Safety

5200 Country Club Drive

Saturday, January 7, 2016, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
bloodcenters.org 888.393.4483

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