

WESTMINSTER CRIER

Enjoy the Rest of Summer

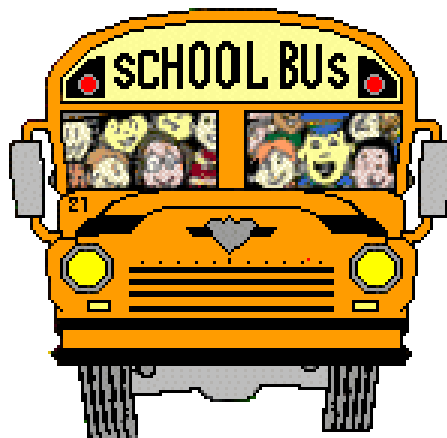


Solar eclipse-
partial in Ft Myers
area

August 21,2017

Get your special
glasses!!

School starts in Lee County– August 10



A Note from Access Committee

All visiting/guest drivers coming into Westminster are required to give their license to the Guard. If a driver does not have a license with them or refuses to hand their license to the Guard on duty they will NOT be allowed entrance into our Community. Please let your guests know what our policy is.

Residents are not allowed in the Guard House. If you need clarification on a policy for entrance into the Community or have a concern regarding a Guard, please contact our Property Manager Paul Braid.

A Note from Compliance Committee

This is a reminder notice that owners should keep trees adjacent to sidewalks and streets trimmed. Per the ARC, design review guidelines, page 7, (h) trees and branches must be trimmed with a clearance of seven (7) feet over sidewalks and fourteen (14) feet over streets. This notice is a result of recent complaints of low hanging branches

Front
Gate
Plants



Back Gate Plantings



From the Lee County Sheriff's Office

Scammers Use Bag of Tricks to Scheme You

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Fraud Line continues to receive hundreds of complaints from concerned residents about a variety of scams currently circulating throughout Southwest Florida. We urge you to remain vigilant in protecting your identity, credit card, and bank account information by familiarizing yourself with the three most reported complaints highlighted below:

1. Phone Scam Targets Dish Network Customers: Complainants to the fraud line say they initially were not suspicious of this scam because their Caller ID identified the call as coming from Dish Network. A variety of twists has been reported including:

- offers to cut the customer's bill in half,
- requests to schedule an appointment to bring new equipment to the customer in exchange for \$200,
- claims the equipment is outdated and must be replaced. Customers are asked for their credit card numbers or told to purchase a prepaid card,
- demands for customer's model number and IP address,
- scammers provide the last four digits of the customer's credit card number, ask customers to verify the first twelve.

Sheriff Office Continued

What you should know: Dish Network says they never reach out to customers by phone, only by mail and email. If you receive a call from anyone identifying themselves as being with Dish, even if the caller ID says so, HANG UP!

2. Grandparent Scam: This old trick is back and targets grandma and grandpa. Scammers pose as an injured or arrested grandchild and claim they need money to get out of jail or the hospital. The scam often involves a fake "police officer, attorney, or doctor" requesting you wire transfer money or purchase a prepaid card in exchange for the release of your grandson/daughter. What you should know: If you receive this call, ask for information that only your family member would know, such as, what street they grew up on or what their pet's name is. Most likely, the scammer will hang up. For peace of mind, call the child or parent to be sure.

3. IRS Telephone Scam: Unbelievably, this fraud continues to plague our area with robocalls threatening a warrant or arrest if a tax payment isn't made. In the latest twist, the alleged "IRS agent" tells the taxpayer that two certified letters sent to their attention were returned as undeliverable.

Sheriff Office Continued

Immediate payment through a prepaid debit card connected to the IRS's EFTPS Voice Response System is required to avoid spending time in jail. What you should know: **Hang up immediately!** The IRS does not use these methods for tax payments.

Do you know someone who has recently moved into the community?? Ask them to email the Crier to be placed on the mailing list at westminstercrier@gmail.com

Have you moved away from the community and no longer want to receive the Crier??

Send a note to westminstercrier@gmail.com to be removed from the mailing list

Tips from the Sheriff's Office

Education Can Save You a Citation

In just a few days, summer vacation will end and students will be returning to the classroom. This means our roadways will see an increase in pedestrian and automobile traffic, including those bright yellow school buses carrying our most precious cargo. Often times, many drivers are confused about the rules of the road when it comes to stopping for a school bus, which is not only dangerous but can be costly too.

Below are graphics that depict what Florida law mandates drivers must do when approaching a stopped school bus with flashing red lights. Failure to comply with FS Statute 316.172 will result in a written citation requiring you to pay a Civil Penalty of \$266.00. .

2 LANE HIGHWAY

Drivers moving in either direction must stop for a stopped school bus picking up or dropping off children and remain so until all children are clear of the roadway and stop arm is withdrawn.

Tips from Sheriff Office continued

Divided Highway

Painted lines or pavement markings are not considered barriers. Drivers moving in either direction must stop for a stopped school bus and remain so until all children are clear of the roadway and stop arm is withdrawn.

Multi Lane Highway

If the highway is divided by a Raised Barrier or an unpaved median at least 5 feet wide, you do not have to stop **IF you are moving in the opposite direction of the bus**

Stop by the Community Center to check out the new Floor. It looks **AWESOME!**

