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GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA



Junior Enlisted Associations Throw BBQ Bash



Logistic Specialist 2nd Class Kerron Prendergast eats BBQ chicken during the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Hospital Junior Enlisted Associations' 4th of July BBQ Bash held at Marine Hill on Saturday, July 4.

MC2 Kegan E. Kay

Photojournalist

Independence Day marks a point in American history when brave leaders took a stand and committed treason by writing the Declaration of Independence and the consequences of which a war was fought to bring about the freedom the United States now enjoys.

This freedom is still fought by members of the armed forces and the service members stationed at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay are not strangers to the hardships of being at an isolated duty area and being away from family, especially during the holidays.

Independence Day is now marked with time spent with friends and family out in the summer sun or the night sky awaiting the color display of the fireworks.

The NS Guantanamo Bay and U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay Junior Enlisted Associations (JEA) joined together to throw a 4th of July BBQ Bash at Marine Hill on Saturday, July 4 for all service members stationed without their families.

"It's free food, everybody comes, has fun, dances and it is just a good time for everybody," remarked NS Guantanamo Bay JEA Vice President Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Ali Buell. "We just hope everyone appreciates the work we've put into this."

NS Guantanamo Bay JEA Secretary Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Katelyn Johnson said the bash included BBQ chicken and burgers and have activities such as volleyball, football, sumo

suits and more for the service members to enjoy.

A few daring souls even braved the summer heat and got into the sumo suits for a battle round. Thankfully the battle was over quickly but between the humidity outside and heat from wearing the suits, the opponents were worn out and slow to move about after their battle.

"[The event] seems pretty good and most of the people in the barracks are either out on the water or here," commented Hospital JEA Vice President Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Travis Erhardt on the number of people at the event.

"It is a much better turn out than last year," agreed Buell. "We learned from last year and this year we included the Hospital JEA and everybody else so it is a much bigger event this year."

Service members continued to dance, play volleyball and corn hole while either braving the sun or enjoy the small comfort of the shade under the pavilions.

"These events are what we do to give back to the community supporting us," concluded Buell. "We hope this makes more people come out and join us. The more volunteers the better and the easier it is to put on events like this."

While the JEA BBQ Bash was only two hours, service members still had plenty of opportunity to enjoy other Independence Day festivities like MWR's Freedom Festival with a fireworks display and first time performances at NS Guantanamo Bay by Magic and Xperimento.



NS Guantanamo Bay Executive Officer, Cmdr. Al Ross, center, congratulates LS2 Prendergast, right, and PS2 Ferdinand on their selection as the Sailors of the Week.

LS2 KERRON PRENDERGAST AND PS2 KEYONNA FERDINAND

LS2 Kerron Prendergast and PS2 Keyonna Ferdinand were selected as this week's Sailors of the Week for their hard work in the Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay Junior Enlisted Association (JEA) in hosting a 4th of July BBQ Bash for installation's junior enlisted.



They fed more than 100 Sailors and Marines to include the U.S. Naval Hospital Duty Crews and provided an event that fun, safe and keeping with The Right Spirit.

The NS Guantanamo Bay and Hospital JEA hosted the BBQ Bash at Marine Hill on Saturday, July 4. The event included free food, volleyball, corn hole, football, sumo wrestling suits, music and more. Great job to the JEAs for the hard work and putting on a spectacular event for the base.

GUANTANAMO BAY GAZETTE

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SECNAV Announces New Maternity Leave Policy

Office of the Chief of Information

Secretary Ray Mabus triples maternity leave: 18 weeks for women in the Navy and Marine Corps.

July 2, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that effective immediately, women who serve in the Navy and Marine Corps will have 18 weeks of maternity leave available to use during the first year of her child's life.

"In the Navy and the Marine Corps, we are continually looking for ways to recruit and retain the best people," Mabus said. "We have incredibly talented women who want to serve, and they also want to be mothers and have the time to fulfill that important role the right way. We can do that for them. Meaningful maternity leave when it matters most is one of the best ways that we can support the women who serve our country. This flexibility is an investment in our people and our Services, and a safeguard against losing skilled service members."

Department of Defense Instruction 1327.06, Leave and Liberty Procedures for the Department, charges Secretaries of the Military Departments with publishing departmental guidance in accordance with the DoD instruction. Under the section that delegates to the Secretary the ability to designate the level of control for convalescent leave that exceeds 30 days, Secretary Mabus has directed that commanding officers grant additional convalescent leave up to 84 days beyond the currently authorized 42 days of convalescent leave following the birth of

a child.

For families, increased time following the birth of her child has tangible benefits for the physical and psychological health of both mother and child. For the Navy and Marine Corps, there is the likelihood that women will return to and stay in her career, yielding higher readiness and retention for the services.

"When the women in our Navy and Marine Corps answer the call to serve, they are making the difficult choice to be away from their children - sometimes for prolonged periods of time - so that they can do the demanding jobs that we ask them to do," Mabus said. "With increased maternity leave, we can demonstrate the commitment of the Navy and Marine Corps to the women who are committed to serve."

The policy, which is effective immediately, will also apply retroactively to any woman who has been authorized convalescent leave following the birth of a child since Jan. 1, 2015. Under the new policy, commanding officers are required to grant to a woman up to a total of 18 weeks, using a combination of maternity leave and convalescent leave beyond 30 days. A mother does not need to take all of her leave at once; however, she is only entitled to the use of this type of leave within one year of her child's birth.

The Department of the Navy's increase in maternity leave is the latest in a series of personnel initiatives announced by the Secretary of the Navy.

Who is Trying to be You? Identity Theft Not Going Away

Terrina Weatherspoon

DMA

Since so many health care and military processes and benefits required her social security number, she assumed that at some point her identity might be comprised, so she's always been pretty diligent with it. She was well aware of information and assistance available to assist ID theft victims and felt she was prepared for anything.

Only it wasn't her identity she had to worry about, it was her husband's. While attempting to file 2013 federal and state taxes, their submission was denied because of duplicative tax refund filing.

"We were receiving an error message which indicated one of our forms was not accurate," said Meadows. "After multiple associates verified the information from the referenced form was reported properly, H&R Block referred me to the IRS to inquire about the error message. Concerned, I immediately contacted the IRS and after multiple steps of verifying my identity and explaining the purpose of my call, the IRS advised me that the reason for the rejection was that someone had filed an individual return using my husband's SSN alone."

The IRS never alerted Meadows or her husband about the breach, said Meadows. They didn't notify anyone even though they were fairly certain his information had been compromised. However, after Meadows contacted them, she said they immediately began telling her what steps to take.

"The IRS provided references to a lot of the necessary precautions," said Meadows. "I was provided a case number and was advised to immediately file a police report with my local authorities."

Meadows took steps on her own as well, immediately contacting her bank and all three credit bureaus to place security freezes. She notified the Social Security Administration and the State's Attorney General's office. She also printed and became familiar with the IRS' Identity Theft Taxpayer Guide.

"The bank assisted us by placing an immediate freeze on any credit increase requests, without additional security checks and verifications, and they also placed additional security on any transactions above a mutually agreed upon amount," said Meadows. "Now, we receive

communications from our bank regarding transactions which are out of the ordinary and especially those which are conducted out of our home state. When we travel, we now contact our bank to advise them of our travels so they can be aware of potential foreign transactions which are appropriate. Our bank and creditors have been very helpful and most accommodating through this entire process."

And as far as taxes, that is going to continue to be a bit of a hassle for the next few years. Meadows was also informed that in addition to her husband being required to submit a complete IRS ID Theft Affidavit with their hard copy tax filings and additional copies of photo identifications, they would also not be allowed to file their taxes electronically for at least three years.

Although Meadows and her husband did receive their federal tax refund, as far as they know, the thief has not been caught. They don't have any details on how they could have prevented this.

"The most disappointing part of all of this is that the IRS suspected something since the fraudulent return had been flagged and they did not notify us. Subsequent attempts to find out what happened or who filed the fraudulent return have been helpless since the IRS won't tell us anything. We both feel as though the IRS doesn't care and won't help even when they have information suspecting someone of wrong doing. Their process must be changed. They had to have information such as where the fraudulent return was requesting a check be sent to or where they wanted their return sent electronically. We know they are withholding vital information from us which could potentially help us understand how this happened and prevent future incidents."

Meadows now preaches diligence to everyone who will listen.

"Use fraud alerts, watch your credit, monitor your bank accounts - especially if using online banking, build a close relationship with your banking institution and purchase identity theft protection, if possible," said Meadows. "Our society relies upon SSN's far too much! Be aware of your finances and don't trust anyone!"

For more information on how you can protect yourself against identity fraud visit: <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/feature-0014-identity-theft>.

Annual Consumer Confidence Report on the Quality of Drinking Water

NAVFAC Environmental

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay

What is the purpose of this report? This is an annual report on the quality of water delivered by the U. S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay (GTMO). The annual report was required when Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in 1996. The SDWA added a provision requiring all community water systems to deliver a brief annual water quality report to their customers. Included in this report is pertinent information about the source of our water, any contaminants detected and possible sources of contaminants for the calendar year.

What is the source of our water and the basic treatment process?

Our raw water supply is drawn from Guantanamo Bay, approximately 160 feet north of the DESAL Water & Power Plant Compound. Our "source water" is seawater from the bay. Seawater is made into drinking water through a process called "reverse osmosis". A textbook definition of reverse osmosis (RO) is: The application of pressure to a concentrated solution that causes the passage of a liquid from the concentrated solution to a weaker solution across a semi-permeable membrane. The membrane allows the passage of water (solvent); but does not allow the passage of the dissolved solids (solutes). When operating at full capacity, the RO plant is currently capable of making about 1.6 million gallons of freshwater per day. Water produced from the RO plant is transferred to water storage tanks before being processed at the water treatment plant on Skyline Drive (WTP3). At the treatment plant, water is stored in tanks before entering the distribution system eventually ending up at your house or workplace.

Is our water system meeting the rules that govern our operations?

The quality of drinking water at GTMO is in compliance with the Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document (OEBGD). The OEBGD establishes monitoring frequencies and recordkeeping requirements for possible contaminants based on the SDWA. We are in compliance with the OEBGD.

How can I get involved?

If you have any questions about the quality of water at GTMO or would like more information on the Drinking

Water Program at GTMO; please contact Public Works Environmental Office at 5627 or 5623.

Do I need to take any special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons (such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy; persons who have undergone organ transplants; people with HIV / AIDS or other immune system disorders; some elderly and infants) can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Are there contaminants in my drinking water and why?

Drinking water (including bottled water) may reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in source waters include:

Microbial Contaminants: such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, agricultural livestock operations and naturally from marine and terrestrial wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants: such as fertilizers and heavy metals that can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, agricultural activities and dumping hazmat down storm drains.

Pesticide & Herbicide Contaminants: may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural stormwater runoff and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants: may include synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that may be by-products of industrial processes or petroleum use/spills; can also come from gas station spills, urban stormwater runoff, water treatment process itself and improper management of hazardous materials.

Radioactive Contaminants: can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Turbidity: can be naturally occurring however since we produce our water from seawater RO turbidity is used as an indicator of filtering efficiency.

Glossary: The definitions and abbreviations below give a better understanding to the meaning of terms and abbreviations concerning contaminants found in our drinking water as indicated in the table on the next page.

AL: Action Level. The concentration of a contaminant (if exceeded) will trigger further treatment or other procedures that the water system must follow to lower the level.

MCL: Maximum (allowable) Contaminant Level. The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water (by regulation).

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

mg/L: milligrams per liter. Equivalent to parts per million.

ND: Not detectable. A value below the detectable limit by the lab test procedure.

NPDWR: National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: legally enforceable standards that apply to public water supply systems. Primary standards aim at protecting drinking water quality by setting limits on the levels of specific contaminants that can adversely affect public health and are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems.

NSDWR: National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations: non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends secondary standards for water systems but does not require systems to meet secondary standards.

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units – a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity is measured with an instrument which measures the intensity of light scattered by suspended matter in the water. Turbidity is used as a measure of filtration effectiveness.

Quality of Drinking Water- Reporting Year 2014

Contaminant	Sampling Site	Units	MCL or Highest Level Allowed	Level Detected (or Range of Detections)	Violations (Y/N)	Typical Source of Contaminant
1. NPDWR (enforceable)						
A. ORGANICS						
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's)	AV-526 LP BEQ	mg/L	0.080	.017 - .058	No	by-product of disinfection by chlorination
Halo Acetic Acid 5 (HAA5)	AV-526 LP BEQ	mg/L	0.060	0.005-0.011	No	by-product of disinfection by chlorination
B. INORGANICS						
Copper	Residential Units	mg/L	AL=1.3	0.00-0.049	No	corrosion of plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Lead	Residential Units	mg/L	AL=0.015	0.000-0.011	No	corrosion of plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	4	.22 - .95	No	water treatment additive which promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	10	ND	No	run-off from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
C. MICROBIALS						
Total Coliform	Residential Units	number of positive samples	1 positive sample/ 40 tests	0	No	naturally present in the environment; indicator species for fecal waste
Turbidity	Reverse Osmosis Plant Product Water	NTU	0.3	0.00 – 0.11	No	breakdown of natural minerals and deposits; indicator of filter efficiency
2. NSDWR (recommended / non-enforceable)						
Sodium	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	250	150	n/a	breakdown of natural minerals and deposits
Chlorides	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	250	205 - 258	n/a	breakdown of natural minerals and deposits
Iron	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	0.3	0.00 - .15	n/a	water distribution pipe corrosion
Sulfate	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	250	0 – 5.00	n/a	run-off from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	500	393 - 484	n/a	breakdown of natural minerals and deposits

Chaplain's

Corner

NAVSTA CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

* ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES*

Mon-Thur 1730 Daily Mass
(Sacristy in Chapel)
Sat 1700 Mass (Chapel)
Sun 0900 Mass (Chapel)

* LITURGICAL PROTESTANT SERVICE *

Sun 0930 Worship Service (RM 1)

* PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICE *

Sun 1100 Worship Service (Chapel)

* GOSPEL WORSHIP SERVICE *

Sun 1300 Worship Service (Chapel)

* GTMO BAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP *

Sun 1800 Worship Service (Chapel)

* ISLAMIC PRAYER*

Fri 1300 (RM 2)

* SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST*

Sat 0930 & 1100 (RM 19)

* PENTACOSTAL GOSPEL TEMPLE*

Sun 0800 & 1700 (RM 13)

* CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS *

Sun 0900 Sacrament Meeting (RM 19)

* THE LORD REIGNS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES *

Sun 0600 Worship Service (RM 17)

* IGLESIA NI CRISTO *

Sun 0530 & 1900 Worship Service (RM 1)

For more information about these and other religious ministries contact NAVSTA Chaplains' office at x2323

NEXCOM Announces Its 2014 Bingham Award Winners

Kelley Stirling

NEXCOM Public Affairs Officer

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has announced its Bingham Award winners for 2014. The Bingham Award is presented to the best of the best NEXs in nine sales categories for overall financial results and customer service.

"Winners of the Bingham Award exemplify the true spirit, dedication and professionalism of all our associates and management teams," said Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi (Ret), Chief Executive Officer, NEXCOM. "The Bingham Award recognizes our stores for work they do throughout the year in support of our customers. By design, this award is presented to both the NEX and the local Navy command to recognize their partnership and dedication in supporting the quality of life of our military members and their families."

The winners and runners-up of the 2014 Bingham Award are:

Sales above \$85 million

-Winner: Naval Base Guam

-Runner Up: Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam, Hawaii

Sales \$36 - \$85 million

-Winner: Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy

-Runner Up: Naval Station Mayport, Fla.

-Runner Up: **Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba**

Sales \$23 - \$36 million

-Winner: Naval Station Rota, Spain

-Runner Up: CFA Sasebo, Japan

-Runner Up: Naval Station Everett, Wash.

Sales \$14 - \$23 million

-Winner: Naval Support Activity Norfolk Naval Shipyard

Portsmouth, Va.

-Runner Up: Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy

Sales \$7 - \$14 million

-Winner: Naval Air Station Key West, Fla.

-Runner Up: Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu, Calif.

Sales \$3 - \$7 million

-Winner: Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev.

-Runner Up: Navy Region Center, Singapore

-Runner Up: NSAHR Portsmouth Annex Navy Exchange, Va.

Sales \$1.4 - \$3 million

-Winner: Navy Exchange Hario, Japan

-Runner Up: Navy Shipyard Portsmouth, N.H.

Sales \$700,000 - \$1.4 million

-Winner: Naval Support Facility Indian Head, Md.

-Runner Up: Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Sales \$85,000 - \$700,000

-Winner: SCSC Wallops Island Navy Exchange, Va.

-Runner Up: Naval Support Activity Gaeta, Italy

NEXCOM established the Bingham Award Program in 1979 to recognize excellence in customer service, operations and management at NEX activities. The award is named after the late Capt. W.H. Bingham, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy Reserve. Bingham was the Chief Executive Officer of the R.H. Macy's company and was appointed by the Secretary of the Navy in 1946 to lead an advisory board for establishment of what is now the Navy Exchange Service Command.

The Bingham Awards will be presented during local ceremonies to be determined at a later date.

GTMO SHOPPER

E-mail classified ad submissions to PAO-CLASSIFIEDADS@USNBGTMO.NAVY.MIL

If sent to any other e-mail, it may not be published. Submit your ad NLT noon Wednesdays for that week's Gazette. Ads are removed after two weeks. Re-submit the ad to re-publish. The Gazette staff and NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, page. The Public Affairs Office has final editorial discretion on all content. Call MCC Keith Bryska at 4520 with your questions or concerns. Please keep ads to a minimum of 5 items.

YARD SALES

Garage Sale Caribbean Circle 34D, Saturday, July 11th 8-11 a.m.

The Scoop

FACILITIES

Need to place a trouble call? Facilities has changed their number. It is now 3694 for all trouble calls.

HURRICANE SEASON

Remember that we are now in the midst of Hurricane season. Make sure you have your emergency preparedness kit ready to go!

W.T. SAMPSON

The W.T. Sampson School Advisory Committee (SAC) is taking nominations for the 2015-2016 school year.

Anyone interested in being nominated please submit via e-mail to WTSampsonSAC@gmail.com with name, education level and why you would be a good candidate to advise the school.

W.T. Sampson MS/HS Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. If you need URGENT assistance outside these office hours, please contact Cindy Madison, School Support Assistant, at 90575 or via email at Cynthia.Madison@am.dodea.edu

SUN SAFETY

Stay in the shade, especially during midday hours. Wear clothing that cover your arms and legs. Wear a hat, preferably with a wide brim. Wear sunglasses. Use sunscreen and of course remember to hydrate.

TRASH

Remember to pick up your trash and dispose of it in the proper receptacles. Help keep our base looking clean.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

BBQ Safety- Never leave cooking unattended; Keep it fire safe and you won't have unexpected guests for dinner. Cookouts are great fun and makes for great food, but it only takes a second for everything to go wrong. Safe BBQ is Good BBQ.

JOG-A-THON

The Navy Ball Committee is hosting a Jog-A-Thon on August 1 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to: Top Fundraiser, Most Laps and Most Sponsors. For more information please contact HM1 Benitez at 84682 or LS2 Prendergast at 84364.

SISTERS IN ARMS

July is Volunteer Month with Sisters in Arms. On July 11 there will be a Beach Clean Up followed by a Snorkeling Social from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information contact LTJG Andrea Green at 4836. On July 18 SiA will be hosting a Spa Day Cuban Community Residents from 1 to 4 p.m. Support needed for supplies, services and snacks. For more information please contact MAJ Gennelle Lee at 3187.

MACA

The Migrant Arts and Crafts Association will be hosting a Craft Fair on Thursday, July 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the NEX Atrium. It will be a perfect time to buy some Authentic Cuban crafts. All profits go to and all prices are set by the craftsmen.

MARINE HILL MINIMART

The Marine Hill Mini-Mart will be closed from 9 p.m. on Sun, July 12 to 7 a.m. on Mon, July 13.

MOVIES

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY July 10

8 p.m.: CLOSED

10:15 p.m.: CLOSED

SATURDAY July 11

8 p.m.: Minions PG

10:15 p.m.: Terminator: Genisys PG13

SUNDAY July 12

8 p.m.: Spy R

MONDAY July 13

8 p.m.: Insidious Chapter 3 PG13

TUESDAY July 14

8 p.m.: Tomorrowland PG

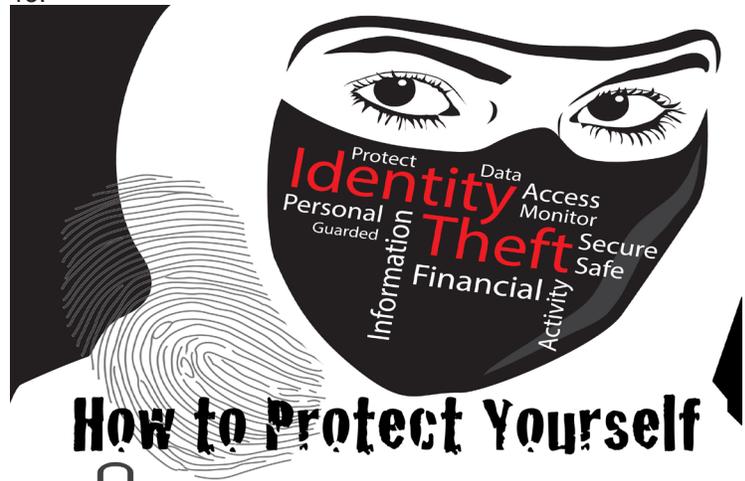
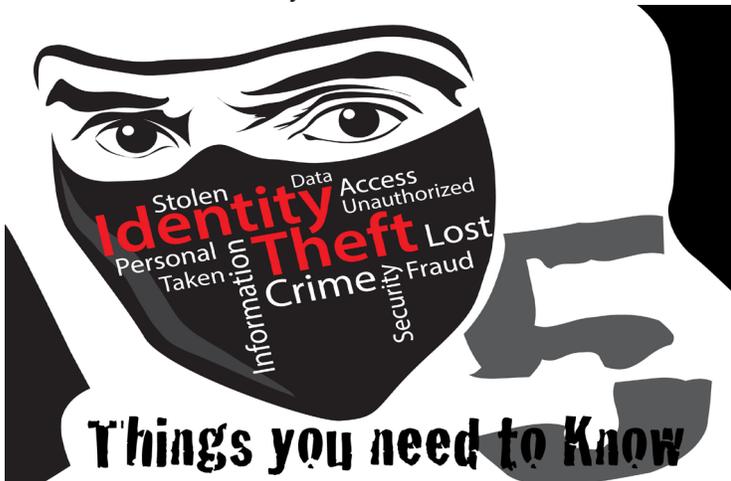
WEDNESDAY July 15

8 p.m.: Terminator: Genisys PG13

THURSDAY July 16

8 p.m.: Poltergeist 2015 PG13

CALL THE MOVIE HOTLINE @ 4880



- 1 Identity theft happens when someone uses your Social Security number or other personal information to commit fraud.
- 2 Identity theft can happen to anyone.
- 3 Once identity thieves have your personal information, they can drain your bank account, run up charges on your credit cards, open new utility accounts, or get medical treatment on your health insurance. An identity thief can file a tax refund in your name and get your refund. In some extreme cases, a thief might even give your name to the police during an arrest.
- 4 If your wallet, Social Security number, or other personal information is lost or stolen, there are steps you can take to help protect yourself.
- 5 If you feel you are the victim of identity theft go to <https://www.identitytheft.gov/#what-to-do-right-away> and act right away.

-  Keep your documents in a safe place at home, and lock your wallet or purse in a safe place at work.
-  Limit what you carry with you, when you go out, take only the identification, credit, and debit cards you need.
-  Opt out of prescreened offers of credit and insurance by mail by calling 1-888-567-8688 or go to www.optoutprescreen.com.
-  Make sure you know who is getting your personal or financial information. Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you've initiated the contact or know who you're dealing with.
-  Monitor your account statements and immediately report any unusual activity to your financial institution.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2015

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