



Please Don't Feed the Ducks!

It may seem like an act of kindness, but feeding wild water birds – such as ducks, geese, herons and egrets – can actually cause harm.

According to the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Services, feeding water birds can lead to a variety of problems, including:

Behavioral issues. Birds that are fed can become tame, losing their fear of humans. This can lead to dependence on people, and an inability to teach or learn foraging skills. Handouts can also interfere with some birds' will to migrate.

Malnutrition. The natural diet of water birds includes aquatic vegetation and insects – not bread, popcorn and french fries. Such foods can lead to serious health problems, including metabolic bone disease and starvation.

Disease. When birds are fed, they tend to congregate in one location. This can increase the potential for disease transmission.

Pollution. Large groups of birds leave large amounts of droppings. This can boost bacterial counts, including E. coli, in nearby lakes and waterways, and may affect water quality.



City of Sunrise CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Food and Retail Vendors Wanted!

Sunrise is searching for food and retail vendors to participate in the City's second annual **Cultural Festival**, set for Saturday, November 13, in City Park. This free event – a celebration of community and diversity – will feature family-friendly activities and entertainment, including live music.

For more information, please call (954) 747-4631.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

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CULTURAL FESTIVAL: FOOD AND
RETAIL VENDORS WANTED

July 2010

On Tuesday, August 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the City of Sunrise Police Department will host its annual **National Night Out Against Crime** observance. The event will be held at the Sunrise Civic Center (10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard).

National Night Out provides residents with access to free crime prevention information, products and services - such as gun locks and child fingerprinting. The event also features children's activities, including a Home Depot Kids' Clinic, a bounce house and face painting. The Police Department will present a K-9 demonstration, and McGruff the Crime Dog will make an appearance. Residents can also enjoy free refreshments and live music.

National Night Out is observed each year in communities across the U.S. The event helps raise crime prevention awareness, as well as strengthen relationships between police officers and the neighborhoods they serve. It's also designed to generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs - and let would-be criminals know that communities are organized and mobilized against crime.



For more information about
National Night Out in Sunrise,
call **(954) 746-3384**.

National Night Out Against Crime Poster Contest, Sponsored by Target

Contestant Eligibility: Open to all children between the ages of 5 and 13.

Poster Themes: "Police – Community Partnerships Against Crime" and " Police & Fire - Calling 911"

Materials & Size: Any drawing or painting materials or combination thereof (crayon, paint, pencil, etc.) on paper. Bold colors are encouraged. Posters may be submitted on either an 11"x17" or 12"x18" sheet of paper.

Important: Posters must be accompanied by a completed index card securely attached to the back of the poster. Simply provide child's name, complete address, telephone, school, grade, age and school attending in the fall, to the back of the poster.

Deadline: Wednesday, July 21st by 3:00 p.m.

Mail or Deliver to: City of Sunrise Police
C/O Leisure Services
10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd.
Sunrise, Florida 33351

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the following age groups:

- 5 to 7 years of age
- 8 to 10 years of age
- 11 to 13 years of age

Contest winners will be announced at 7 p.m. at the August 3rd National Night Out Against Crime event at the Sunrise Civic Center. All entries will be on display at the Civic Center Art Gallery from August 3rd through August 8th.