

FW: Heathcote Botanical Gardens: 2 reports & event log from City of Fort Pierce.

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From: dkimes@heathcotebotanicalgardens.org [mailto:dkimes@heathcotebotanicalgardens.org]

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 5:10 PM

To: 'cricker@city_fortpierce.com'

Cc: 'cricker@city-fortpierce.com'

Subject: FW: Heathcote Botanical Gardens: 2 reports & event log from City of Fort Pierce.

From: dkimes@heathcotebotanicalgardens.org [mailto:dkimes@heathcotebotanicalgardens.org]

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 5:01 PM

To: 'cricher@city-fortpierce.com'

Subject: FW: Heathcote Botanical Gardens: 2 reports & event log from City of Fort Pierce.

Ms. Richer:

Attached please find the recent Police Reports outlining the Vandalism we experienced earlier this summer, along with a history of Heathcote Botanical Gardens (HBG) communications with the City of Fort Pierce Police Department.

As we discussed over the phone, HBG was not aware of an ordinance change until we received *mailed* documentation of a false alarm Ordinance dated 7/8/2017. HBG was in receipt of this document the following week. A few weeks later, we received the following two fines – on the same day, totaling \$300.

Heathcote has been in existence for thirty years. We have alarms in the Heathcote House, as well as the Gift Shop. Included in the Gift Shop are two sets of alarms, one for the interior of the Gift Shop/Admissions and another for the exterior grounds comprised of a specialized “set of beams” covering the Gardens’ invaluable tropical bonsai collection which exceed 100 trees. It is a sensitive system that is completely outdoors and one that seems to go off 99% of the time..

- On July 2, the bonsai alarm went off at 8:57 a.m. and our groundskeeper, JD Collins was on the property.
- On July 19, the bonsai alarm went off at Wednesday 7:19 p.m. – there is a possibility that someone was walking around in the Gardens, but left upon hearing the alarm.
- On July 23, the bonsai alarm went off at 1:43 pm in the afternoon when our bonsai curator was on the campus. This may have occurred as a result of a faulty beam, short, a storm.

This summer, we've witnessed vandalism on the property – enough to call the police twice. Other times, beer bottles, prophylactics and other nuisance items were found, so much so that staff and volunteers now walk grounds, esp. in the northwest area prior to opening the gates. In the case of the beer and other items, it was the mother of a camper who found the items.

Earlier this summer, the alarm went off around 5:20 pm while I was here. I walked out to find a young shirtless man coming out of the Bonsai Gallery. From across the main lawn, I told him we were closed and that he set off the alarm. He said the back gate was open and he just walked through. He was a resident of the apartment to the north and I waited for him to leave and go up to a Second Floor unit.

I am sharing this information because, HBG exists, in large measure as a community treasure and a cultural asset; but sits in the heart of an urban environment surrounded by Section 8/low income housing. HBG's Operating Budget in 2016 was \$211,892. We are a 501c3, not-for-profit charitable organization and should be viewed differently than a corporate/ business entity.

We have made and are continuing to make changes to the Security System and working with our vendor to ensure that staff are contacted in a different order to ensure the cell phones on file are answered in a timely manner. We have also made a decision to have the City of Fort Pierce only be notified in the event, we are absolutely sure it is a true alarm.

We applaud the City of Fort Pierce in its vigor to collect fines where appropriate, but proper written, advance notice should be given with businesses and residents, and especially non-profit organizations like Heathcote Botanical Gardens. The Gardens are one of the shining stars that make this community special.

We hope that the City looks favorably on rescinding this fine that allows HBG ample time to make the necessary changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diane B. Kimes, Executive Director

Heathcote Botanical Gardens

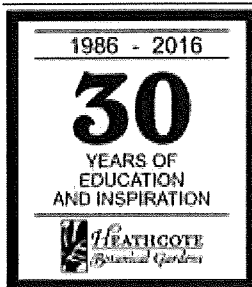
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From: dkimes@heathcotebotanicalgardens.org [<mailto:dkimes@heathcotebotanicalgardens.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:46 AM
To: 'fortpiercef1@publicsafetycorp.com'
Subject: FW: Heathcote Botanical Gardens: 2 reports & event log

I am following up with a phone call we made regarding charges for false alarms invoiced to Heathcote Botanical Gardens, a not-for profit public garden. Heathcote Botanical Gardens has experienced a series of vandalism incidents over the summer. A "First Notice" of the Alarm Ordinance was received regarding implementation of fine being assessed as a result of a police officer being called to the premises. On Monday, notices for two other incidents were received. I'd like to discuss this with a member of the City of Fort Pierce regarding these charges. The garden is located in downtown Fort Pierce off U.S. One and is situated between two public apartment units – one to the north and one to the South on Savannah Road. Staff has witnessed evidence of intruders in the gardens, with beer cans and other items found on the grounds.

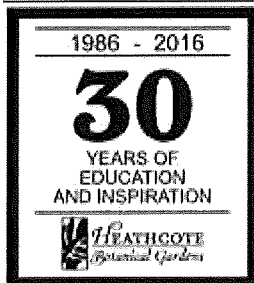
We ask for consideration as we work with the City and our alarm company to provide alternative approaches to the issue.

We appreciate your attention and look forward to talking with someone further about this.

With appreciation,

Diane B. Kimes, Executive Director

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From: Sheila Bronger [<mailto:sbronger@fppd.org>]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:17 PM
To: dkimes@heathcotebotanicalgardens.org
Subject: Heathcote 2 reports & event log

See attached reports we discussed and also is the event log for your records.
I do see 3 premise alarms on the event log 7/2, 7/19, 7/23 however there is no police report.

If you have any questions, please call 772-467-6817 or email sbronger@fppd.org.

Thank you,

Sheila Bronger | Records Supervisor | City of Fort Pierce

Police Department

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INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

I N C I D E N T D A T A	Agency Name <i>Fort Pierce Police Department</i>		Case# <i>17-06-00178</i>							
	ORI <i>FL 0560100</i>		Date / Time Reported <i>06/07/2017 12:19 We</i>							
	Location of Incident <i>210 Savannah Rd, Fort Pierce FL</i>		Premise Type <i>Park / Woodlands / Field</i>	Zone/Tract <i>F250</i>	Last Known Secure <i>06/07/2017 12:19 We</i>					
					At Found <i>06/07/2017 12:19 We</i>					
#1	Crime Incident(s) (Co) <i>Vandalism</i> <i>VAA</i>		Weapon / Tools <i>NONE</i>		Activity					
			Entry	Exit	Security					
	#2	Crime Incident ()		Weapon / Tools		Activity				
		Entry	Exit	Security						
#3	Crime Incident ()		Weapon / Tools		Activity					
			Entry	Exit	Security					
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V I C T I M	# of Victims <i>1</i>		Type: <i>BUSINESS</i>		Injury: <i>Domestic: N</i>					
	Victim/Business Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL GARDEN</i>		Victim of Crime # <i>1,</i>	DOB Age	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status <i>N/A</i>	Military Branch/Status	
	Home Address <i>210 SAVANNAH RD, Fort Pierce, FL</i>						Home Phone <i>772-464-4672</i>			
	Employer Name/Address				Business Phone		Mobile Phone			
	VYR	Make	Model	Style	Color	Lic/Lis	VIN			
O T H E R S	CODES: V- Victim (Denote V2, V3) O = Owner (if other than victim) R = Reporting Person (if other than victim)									
	Type: <i>INDIVIDUAL/ NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>		Injury:							
	Code <i>RP</i>	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>CHARLES, MIRIAM</i>		Victim of Crime #	DOB Age <i>03</i>	Race <i>W</i>	Sex <i>F</i>	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status <i>Resident</i>	Military Branch/Status
	Home Address <i>210 Savannah Rd Fort Pierce, FL</i>						Home Phone			
	Employer Name/Address <i>Heathcote Botanical Garden</i>				Business Phone		Mobile Phone			
I N V O L V E D	Type:		Injury:							
	Code	Name (Last, First, Middle)		Victim of Crime #	DOB Age	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
	Home Address						Home Phone			
	Employer Name/Address				Business Phone		Mobile Phone			
	L = Lost S = Stolen R = Recovered D = Damaged Z = Seized B = Burned C = Counterfeit / Forged F = Found ("OJ" = Recovered for Other Jurisdiction)									
P R O P E R T Y	VI #	Code	Status Frm/Tc	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description		Make/Model	Serial Number
		<i>05ST</i>	<i>DEST</i>	<i>\$70.00</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>ROCK BRIDGE</i>			
		<i>09M</i>	<i>DEST</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>MISCELLANEOUS (ALL OTHER)</i>			
		<i>07P</i>	<i>EVID</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>CD'S/DVD'S</i>			
Officer/ID# <i>Zamora, Fabian (DIS1, NS) (8695)</i>										
Invest ID# <i>(0)</i>					Supervisor <i>Mcdermott, Thomas (DIS2, NS)</i>					
Status	Complainant Signature			Case Status <i>Inactive</i>			Case Disposition:		Page 1	

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Fort Pierce Police Department

Case # 17-06-00178

Status Codes L = Lost S = Stolen R = Recovered D = Damaged Z = Seized B = Burned C = Counterfeit / Forged F = Found						
D R U G S	UCR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	Up to 3 types of activity
Assisting Officers						

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated: *None*

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Narr. (cont.) OCA: 17-06-00178

Fort Pierce Police Department

NARRATIVE
 On 6/7/2017, I was dispatched 210 Savannah Rd. (Heathcote Botanical Gardens) in reference to a vandalism.

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

Fort Pierce Police Department

		OCA <i>17-06-00178</i>
Victim <i>HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL</i>	Offense <i>VANDALISM</i>	Date / Time Reported <i>Wed 06/07/2017 12:19</i>

On 6/7/2017, I was dispatched 210 Savannah Rd. (Heathcote Botanical Gardens) in reference to a vandalism.

Upon arrival, I met with Miriam Charles who stated that someone unknown had spray-painted on their rock bridge and one of their exhibit signs. The spray paint was red in color and I was unable to determine the writing on the bridge. Charles stated that he had to have happen sometime between 1800 hrs. last night and 1200 hrs. today. Charles also believes that they might have gotten in by jumping the property fence. Charles stated that she believes that happened during the night.

At this time there are no suspects or video available. Officer Fasenello canvassed the area and surrounding businesses for video and yield negative results. This report is for informational purposes only. Nothing further to report at this time.

Incident Report Related Property List

Fort Pierce Police Department

OCA: 17-06-00178

1	Property Description ROCK BRIDGE			Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.	Value \$70.00		Qty 1.000	Unit	Jurisdiction Locally		
	Status Destroy/damage/v	Date 06/07/2017	NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN
	Name (Last, First, Middle) Heathcote Botanical Garden,				DOB		Age	Race	Sex

Notes

spray paint on bridge.

2	Property Description MISCELLANEOUS (ALL OTHER)			Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.	Value \$40.00		Qty 1.000	Unit	Jurisdiction Locally		
	Status Destroy/damage/v	Date 06/07/2017	NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN
	Name (Last, First, Middle) Heathcote Botanical Garden,				DOB		Age	Race	Sex

Notes

SPRAYPAINTED

3	Property Description CD'S / DVD'S			Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.	Value \$0.00		Qty 1.000	Unit	Jurisdiction Locally		
	Status Evidence	Date 06/07/2017	NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN
	Name (Last, First, Middle) * No name *				DOB		Age	Race	Sex

Notes

photos of scene.

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Fort Pierce Police Department

Case # 17-06-00201

Status Codes L = Lost S = Stolen R = Recovered D = Damaged Z = Seized B = Burned C = Counterfeit / Forged F = Found						
	UCR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	Up to 3 types of activity
D R U G S						

Assisting Officers

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated: *Unknown (Offender's motivation not known)*

NARRATIVE

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

Fort Pierce Police Department

		OCA 17-06-00201
Victim HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL GARDEN	Offense VANDALISM	Date / Time Reported Thu 06/08/2017 09:40

On 06/08/2017, at approximately 0847 hours, I responded to 210 Savannah Road at the Heathcote Botanical Gardens, in reference to an act of vandalism. Upon arrival, I made contact with Diane Kimes, the complainant.

The complainant left the business yesterday around 1800 hours and came back this morning at 0815 hours. As she was walking the east side of the garden, by the patio, she noticed a white liquid on a good part of the ramp and a table. There was no container around. The liquid was later identified as paint. It appeared to have been recently dropped by an unknown suspect. Because the paint was fresh, the complainant was able to wash it off with water.

I later canvassed the area, no additional pertinent information was gathered.

With the exhaustion of investigative leads, this case was classified as inactive/pending.

BWC is available for review.

Incident Report Related Property List

Fort Pierce Police Department

OCA: 17-06-00201

1	Property Description COMPUTER DISC/CD/DVD/USB DRV	Make	Model	Caliber
	Color	Serial No.	Value \$1.00	Qty 1.000
			Unit EA	Jurisdiction Locally
	Status Evidence	Date 06/08/2017	NIC #	State #
			Local #	OAN
	Name (Last, First, Middle) * No name *		DOB	Age
			Race	Sex

Notes

Photos of scene

2	Property Description STRUCTURE - OTHER	Make	Model	Caliber
	Color	Serial No.	Value \$100.00	Qty 1.000
			Unit EA	Jurisdiction Locally
	Status Destroy/damage/va	Date 06/07/2017	NIC #	State #
			Local #	OAN
	Name (Last, First, Middle) Heathcote Botanical Garden,		DOB	Age
			Race	Sex

Notes

Patio floor damaged with paint

COMMUNICATIONS

Call Time	Event ID	Rpt #	Street	Nature	Addi Business
10/23/2016 14:48:4	161030562		210 SAVANNAH RD	PREMISE ALARM	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
10/26/2016 07:51:0	161033992		210 SAVANNAH RD	ANIMAL COMPLAIN	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
10/29/2016 20:16:3	161039043		210 SAVANNAH RD	OPEN DOOR OR WI	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
11/25/2016 16:59:3	161132608		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
11/26/2016 17:35:0	161133752		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
12/02/2016 17:26:5	161202446		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
12/09/2016 17:32:0	161211851		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
12/10/2016 17:33:2	161213027		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
12/16/2016 17:32:3	161220974		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
12/17/2016 17:32:0	161222131		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
12/22/2016 17:28:4	161228453		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
12/22/2016 20:39:3	161228621		210 SAVANNAH RD	FOOT PATROL OR	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
12/23/2016 17:31:2	161229612		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
12/30/2016 17:43:3	161237848		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
12/31/2016 17:43:0	161239014		210 SAVANNAH RD	DETAIL OR INFOR	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
02/13/2017 18:48:2	170217083		210 SAVANNAH RD	STAND BY	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
02/19/2017 19:44:1	170225352		210 SAVANNAH RD	SUSPICIOUS PERS	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
05/30/2017 14:09:2	170539422		210 SAVANNAH RD	ANIMAL COMPLAIN	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
06/07/2017 12:19:0	170607992	17060017	210 SAVANNAH RD	VANDALISM	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
06/08/2017 08:26:3	170608945	17060020	210 SAVANNAH RD	VANDALISM	GARDENS HEATHCOTE
06/24/2017 20:00:5	170630922		210 SAVANNAH RD	DISTURBANCE	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
07/02/2017 08:57:0	170701683		210 SAVANNAH RD	PREMISE ALARM	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
07/19/2017 19:09:4	170725663		210 SAVANNAH RD	PREMISE ALARM	HEATHCOTE BOTANIC
07/23/2017 13:43:3	170730468		210 SAVANNAH RD	PREMISE ALARM	GARDENS HEATHCOTE