

Fiesta Way  
Nurmi Drive  
Royal Palm Drive



Fall 2023



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## SUMMER SAFETY REPORT: NURMI ISLES CRIME DOWN 83%

They say numbers don't lie. Looking at the most recent crime statistics in our Nurmi Isles neighborhood, it's clear our comprehensive safety and security initiatives are succeeding.

During the months of June, July and August of 2022, a total of six crimes were reported on all three streets that comprise the Nurmi Isles neighborhood. Those included car or other vehicle thefts, plus burglaries inside and outside of homes.

According to Theo-Nathan Wilson MS, Public Records Coordinator, City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department, the crime statistics for the same time frame in 2023 went down.

It's down to one. One reported crime (a car theft), across all three isles during all three months. That's an 83% reduction in crime.

### Comprehensive approach proves effectiveness

We recognize that our comprehensive approach to dealing with crime issues in Nurmi Isles relies on residents as much as it does on the security officers who patrol our streets at night. While we were experiencing some crimes during daytime hours, better vigilance and attention to securing homes and property during the day have made Nurmi Isles less attractive to thieves, who typically "move on" when there are any significant barriers.

We knew from the start that we could not leave the matter of our safety entirely in the hands of a hired team of security officers. That's why we've continued to stress the importance of:

**LOCKING UP.** Nurmi Isles is a neighborhood with many modern, luxury cars. Typically the side view mirrors on those cars fold in when the car is locked. It's not hard for a would-be thief to quickly spot an unlocked car when the mirror is in the driving position.

**LEAVING CARS EMPTY.** You may know that the bag on the passenger seat contains nothing valuable or important, but a thief doesn't and may be tempted to grab it and go.

**SECURING FOBs.** Leaving your car fob near the front door or a window makes it susceptible to technology that allows thieves to clone the fob or relay its electronic signal. We know for a fact that owners are using the fob boxes we distributed that block attempts to hijack the fob signal.

### Awareness is key

One of the most important improvements we've made is that we're all more aware. We're using our exclusive security guard "hotline" number to report suspicious behavior, to alert guards to times when we might be away for an extended period, or just to walk us to and from our cars during hours when we might feel vulnerable or alone.

We're taking better precautions, like keeping garages closed and locked, and keeping easily stolen items off porches and lawns.

While crime statistics are vastly reduced, we'd love to see them go to zero. With everyone's help, we'll get there. 🌴



**Janet Gualtieri**  
**President**  
*Nurmi Isles Home Owners Association, Inc.*

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings fellow members of the Nurmi Isles HOA security and safety program. I want to just start out by thanking our security and safety committee for all of their hard work and effort in getting this project completed. A very special thank you goes out to Harry Rozelle and Elizabeth Lowsky for their tireless effort in getting this mission accomplished.

With this said, I would like to talk a little bit about the utilization of our safety and security guards that we have employed from Regions Security Services, LLC. There are many different things that we could be utilizing the guards in our neighborhood to do. I just want to highlight a few.

**1. ESCORTING YOU SAFELY:** If you leave or arrive home in the wee hours, Regions guards will walk you between your door and the car. Just call the exclusive number distributed to members to reach the guard on duty.

**2. SECURING DELIVERIES:** Packages piling up are a dead giveaway to thieves looking for easy targets. If you know you'll be away, inform the guards and they'll secure your deliveries safely until your return.

**3. VACATION ALERTS:** If the guards know you are away, they can alert you to things like a garage door left open by mistake, or activity around your home when no one is expected to be there. Email [security@nurmihoa.com](mailto:security@nurmihoa.com) when you plan to travel, and they can help keep your property safe.

**4. COMPLAINTS:** Noise from a nearby rental property? Make the Regions guard your first call. The guard can approach the occupants on your behalf and ask for them to bring the level down, which can help us avoid involving our very busy police force unnecessarily.

In other areas of concern, we have hired Regions Security Services to patrol at night starting at 9pm. It has come to our attention that there have been several robbery attempts during the day when the guards are not on duty. It seems

the individuals that perform these crimes are adopting to our timetable when the guards are not around. Please lock your cars all the time and keep an eye on your belongings. If you see something suspicious, please call the non-urgent Fort Lauderdale Police or the main office number of Regions Security Services to report it.

As a reminder, here are important numbers to have on hand:

- Regions Security Services Guard is (305) 496-2293
- Regions Security Services main office is (305) 517-1266
- Non-Urgent Fort Lauderdale Police is (954) 764-4357.

If you have any questions for the HOA about security or safety, please e-mail: [security@nurmihoa.com](mailto:security@nurmihoa.com). 🌴

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Nurmi Isles Home Owners Association, Inc., is a voluntary organization and we rely on our residents to step up to the plate and become involved in order to run our programs and events.

We are seeking volunteers to join our Board and we also need committee members to work with the Board on safety and security, event planning, and other initiatives. Bring your concerns, your solutions, and your ingenuity to the attention of everyone – because we all have something to offer. Please contact Harry Rozelle at [security@nurmihoa.com](mailto:security@nurmihoa.com) or call him at 407-492-4931 to discuss where you can best be of help.





## **NURMI PLAN FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY – A MODEL FOR EVERYONE, SAYS SERGEANT**

Sergeant Eric Pekrol  
*Fort Lauderdale Police Department*

Your Nurmi Isles Safety and Security team recently talked to Sergeant Eric Pekrol, who oversees FLPD Community Support Unit for District 1.

A veteran of more than 13 years with FLPD (as well as five years before that as an infantryman with the Marines), Sergeant Pekrol is no stranger to HOA issues like the ones we face in Nurmi Isles. He’s a strong advocate for working with communities on crime prevention strategies.

We talked about the challenges the department faces in a vast area like District 1, which stretches from the beach west past the railroad tracks, and from the 6400 block of N. Federal above Commercial Blvd. south to where the Intracoastal meets the Atlantic.

**Q. – How does the work of the Community Support Unit (CSU) differ from standard police work?**

Sgt. Pekrol – All police officers are trained in community support, but the focus is different. If you report a crime, you may never see that responding officer again after the initial visit. It’s not their fault, they have to get on to the next call. In the CSU, we’re not slaves to the radio, though we do respond to those calls, too. We’re just five officers and a public service aide, but we’re like subject matter experts and we’re out there every day. We try to go to every HOA meeting. We set aside time to get to know the residents and work on crime prevention. And we follow up on issues the community faces.

**Q. – How has the nature of crime changed since we’ve emerged from the pandemic?**

Sgt. Pekrol – There’s no question there was a significant drop in crime during lockdown, here in Florida and everywhere. People were working from home – crime is going to be more prevalent when you’re away from your home and thieves can get access. Crimes are back closer to pre-pandemic levels now, which is why comprehensive programs like Nurmi Isles’ are so important.

**Q. – What is it that you like about the approach we’re taking in Nurmi Isles?**

Sgt. Pekrol – Frankly, what Nurmi Isles is doing I’d like to see done everywhere in the city. The roving guards are obligated to get out of their cars at GPS checkpoints on each street throughout a shift and scan a device. That keeps them moving. The fob boxes protect your car ignition fobs. You have a security committee that sends out alerts, like your newsletter. And there’s increased attention to community awareness. We rely on your help. Our work never ends, and it’s a challenge as the population in this district grows. We’ve had some new hires recently to the police force, but with academy and training requirements it can be a year before a new officer hits the streets.

**Q. – How do you and your team work with groups like Regions Security Services?**

Sgt. Pekrol – Security officers are licensed and certified. They are trained to observe and report. What we’ve found is that when there is any incident, they notify law enforcement and they stick around until the officer arrives to give the officer all the details. They’re well trained and that’s how it should work.

**Q. – Clearly the Nurmi Isles approach has had a positive impact. What’s your biggest takeaway?**

Sgt. Pekrol – The fact is that most crime is preventable. We can’t be everywhere all at once. Honestly we have a lot on our hands with homelessness and quality of life issues. But if people are careful to not leave keys in the car... don’t leave anything in the car that could draw attention... use the fob boxes, that’s huge. Efforts like what’s going on in Nurmi Isles make us all more effective. 🌴





# Nurmi Isles Holiday Party

Please join us for our Nurmi Isles Home Owners Association Holiday Party

November 17, 2023  
7:00PM - 9:30PM

Hosted by  
Harry Rozelle & Larry Yturralde  
202 Nurmi Drive

## POT LUCK!

Royal Palm residents - please bring desserts  
Nurmi Drive - you've got the appetizers  
Fiesta Way - you're in charge of entrees  
The HOA will provide drinks and refreshments.  
All residents of Nurmi Isles are invited.  
Hope to see you there!



## CRIME STATISTICS

Before and After the Safety and Security Roving Patrol  
June, July and August - 2022 vs 2023

### 2022 - June, July, August crimes by street

**Fiesta Way:**  
1 Motorized vehicles theft  
1 Outside of home on property burglary

**Nurmi Drive:**  
1 Inside of home burglary

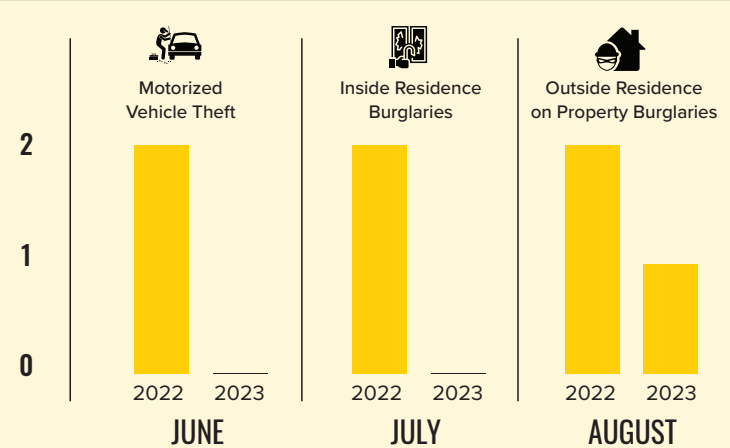
**Royal Palm Drive:**  
1 Motorized vehicles theft  
1 Inside of home burglary  
1 Outside of home on property burglary

### 2023 - June, July, August crimes by street

**Fiesta Way:**  
1 Motorized vehicles theft

**Nurmi Drive:**  
0 Crime

**Royal Palm Drive:**  
0 Crime



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Public Records Coordinator, City of Fort Lauderdale - Police Department

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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## SIGN-UP ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS FOR TEXT MESSAGING ALERTS

We are using a texting application that allows each member to choose the information they would like to receive from our Safety and Security Committee and opt-out anytime if desired. To limit chatter, this application is a one-way messaging service and does not give users an option to "Reply to All". **Choose Only**

**One (1) Keyword to Text: SECURITY or SECURITY 911**

**TEXT THE WORD: SECURITY to 954-335-2704**

to receive the message types below:

- All Security Alerts, including Suspicious Activity and Eminent Danger
- Safety and Security Meeting & Event Date Information
- HOA Meeting & Event Date Information

**TEXT THE WORD: SECURITY911 to 954-335-2704**

to receive the message types below:

- Receive ONLY Alerts of great importance such as Eminent Danger
- Safety and Security Meeting & Event Date Information

## UPDATED GARBAGE COLLECTION DAYS

**WEDNESDAY** Trash and pick-up (black cans)  
Yard Waste (green cans)

**SATURDAY:** Trash pick-up (black cans)  
Recycling pick-up (blue cans)  
Palm Fron pick-up

**BULK TRASH:** Pick-up day is the second Friday of every month