
Have you ever been out walking at night in your neighborhood and by the light from the moon you can see you are the only one there. Does this give you an unsafe feeling? For most people it does. Many safe neighborhoods have many lamp posts or house lights. Kids playing outside can be a main factor to show if a neighborhood feels safe or not. People have many opinions about how a neighborhood feels safe but some of the main reasons are lights, people out and about, and kids outside playing.

Additionally, people feel safe in different neighborhood environments such as kids playing outside or people walking or running. It can also vary by different ages. It states on the web page "Home and Safety Trade-Offs" that "children playing outside was the first sign of safety" many people like to see the sight of children playing because it tells them that kids feel safe playing outside in the neighborhood.

To conclude, there are many different types of people and different opinions on how a neighborhood feels safe, but most people find that in a safe neighborhood kids will play outside and there will be people walking or running around.

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What do you feel makes your neighborhood safe?

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What I feel makes my neighborhood safe is the people in my neighborhood, because I know I can trust them . I think the highest security in our neighborhood is the police men and women. But I think the most important safety in our neighborhood is our neighborhood watch (the neighborhood watch is on an app that allows the whole neighborhood to look at the houses.)and the way we all can help each other and work together like a family.My neighbors look after each other, for example besides the neighborhood watch some of the neighbors I am close with watch over my house when I am away on a trip and we do the same for them. Although my neighborhood is pretty safe there are things that could be improved like to improve my neighborhoods safety I think there should be safety plans in case of emergencies and easy ways to contact each other if anything ever happens or goes wrong. My favorite thing that keeps me safe in my neighborhood would most likely be the alarm systems in everyone's houses. From all the people in my neighborhood to the police men I think everyone else feels pretty safe.



What do I feel makes my neighborhood safe!

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Have you ever thought, how is my neighborhood safe? Well I can tell you today. Guards, police and gates to the community entrances all combined help to do that.

There are guards at many neighborhoods. If someone gets hurt they can help them. Also, if a bad person tried to enter, they will not be let in.

Next, police can also help with security. Like if a bad guy gets into the neighborhood police can stop them. They can also help people who got hurt. If someone was riding a bike and they fell off the police can help the injured person. So I think police are great at helping people and protecting the neighborhood.

Gates into neighborhoods can help with safety, lights on the gate can help. If it's nighttime and you can't see well you can run into the gate and someone can get hurt, but the lights help to prevent that. Gates are helpful and good to have so people won't get hurt.

In conclusion, I think that my neighborhood is very safe and fun. The gate, guards and police all help to make it a good place to live. I am very lucky to live here.

What Makes My Neighborhood Feel Safe

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There are so many ways I feel that my neighborhood is a very safe place to live, including security gates, public safety officers, and specifically designated bike lanes. First and foremost, security gates make me feel very safe. The reason behind this is because no one can enter without the resident's permission. They also need to have a valid identification card. Secondly, public safety officers make me feel that my neighborhood is safe. They drive around each and every street multiple times per day to make sure that everyone is safe. Additionally, bicycle lanes play a large role in keeping my neighborhood safe. For example, whenever I bike from school, I usually ride in the bike lane because it allows me to not interfere with any pedestrians or with cars on the road. In a nutshell, bike lanes, security gates, and public safety officers all combined create a very safe community.

“What do you feel makes your neighborhood safe?”

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Have you ever thought what has my community done to keep me safe? Well I have, I live in Wellington, Florida and I feel safe in all ways. First of all, by having crosswalks. Next, there are gates and security guards in front of neighborhoods. Finally, police and speed limits. Wellington has done many things to keep me safe but these are just some.

To start, Wellington has both crossing guards and crosswalks for horses. This is important to our safety. I find it interesting that horses in Wellington have their own crosswalks. Not only do humans have crosswalks but horses do to. Crossing Guards also provide safety awareness to children. This is great because students know how to be safe when they are crossing.

Next, the Village of Wellington has gates and security guards in many neighborhoods. A large portion of communities in Wellington are either guard-gated or unmanned but still gated. This makes sure that we know that there is almost no chance of someone unwanted getting in. It also means that we know that we are safe 24/7. Whenever I felt unsafe I always know that there is security protecting me.

Finally, Wellington protects us with speed limits and police. They are very safe with these things. Wellington works closely with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The police keep up with all of the danger and harm that is happening. Speeding is the most common traffic ticket issued by police in Wellington. Having speed limits help prevent this from happening.

In conclusion, Wellington has kept our community safe because of all of these things. Having crosswalks for horses, crossing guards for kids, gates and security guards in front of neighborhoods, and having police and speed limits. Those are reasons why Wellington, Florida is keeping me safe.

How the Village of Wellington Makes Me Feel Safe

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Grade 6

3/31/2022

Senior citizens are important members of our community and may feel lonely and depressed, especially during the Pandemic. Seniors are vital members of our community and need extra care and support especially in the areas of mental health and emotional safety. The Village of Wellington in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department provides many services for seniors. The Village of Wellington advocates for seniors and works with different agencies and organizations to create new and innovative services for seniors. Some services offered include: Covid-19 assistance, home inspections, one on one assistance, a senior advisory committee, senior classes and programs, and senior transportation and rides (STAR).

Another area where seniors need help is with meals since many seniors are hungry. The Village of Wellington partnered with CROS ministries to provide a mobile pantry program to serve not only seniors but any residents in need. There is a walk up food pantry at Village Park which is open during select hours.

Students in Wellington schools can volunteer in various ways to assist seniors and can earn community service hours for their efforts. We have so many talented students in the arts, sports and other areas and these talents can be shared with seniors. I would like to start a school club called SHS (Students Helping Seniors) where students can visit with seniors in the community whether in nursing homes, assisted living centers or private residences. Students can play an instrument, read a book, sing a song, or just spend time with seniors by playing a board game or talking about current events.

The Village of Wellington does a great deal for our seniors now, and students in our schools can assist with this mission and help to keep more of our seniors safe and healthy and entertained.

Jacob Brett Schechter
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“What has the Village of Wellington or you done to keep Wellington safe?”

Feelings over Followers

During October to December, a trend on social media has been growing viral. The trend consisted of creating Instagram accounts surrounding a person's school to create random content. The most popular contents being high schoolers sleeping, couples, and bathrooms. Though most of the internet postings were for laughs and giggles, the content harmed the students who were involved without their knowledge.

I noticed the attention-growing videos on Tik Tok and it was not long before students began to create accounts for Wellington High School. Two of my friends had started an account rating and giving commentary to student's outfits. The account was friendly and if they rated something bad, it was given off as a joke. I admit that I joked around with my friend's over people's outfits that they submitted sarcastically, however, the account became more extreme.

After the account began to gain popularity and word around the school, my friends started using the account to publicly harshly make fun of people's look as a whole as well as their physical appearance. The attention they gained from bullying classmates for followers led to looking at the account from a victim's perspective. The humiliation they felt and the worryness of walking into school the next day. It was a joke, but a cruel joke, involving the harm of another.

I conversed with my friends over the harm they caused, they understood and explained how they were realizing the problems they were inflicting on random classmates. Though they continued their account, they stopped tormenting others for their appearance. To understand issues in our community that don't involve us individually, we need to put ourselves in other people's shoes. Without empathy and compassion, our community would not exist.



Public Safety Essay Contest

Title: Feeling over Followers

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Wellington High School

Grade: 12th

Date: February 15, 2022

“What has the Village of Wellington or you done to keep Wellington safe?”

The Village of Wellington has done numerous acts to preserve a safe community amongst the people.

One of the ways they have helped keep Wellington safe is by having crossing lights for pedestrians. This definitely makes me feel safe when I go out for a run or a bike ride. Crossing the street can get a little scary, especially in four-part intersections, but the crossing lights allow me to cross the streets with ease as I know the cars must wait for me to pass for a couple of seconds.

The Village of Wellington ensures safety not only on the streets, but also in schools. School IDs, for example, have been aiding in confirming that time and place every student is meant to be. After the shooting at Stoneman Douglas, the implementation of school IDs have definitely provided a way to better maintain a safe learning environment for the students, as the faculty/staff can be more alert and better address any dangerous or unwelcomed individuals that step onto school campus.

As much as the Village of Wellington provides many helpful resources to keep the community safe, I, as a resident, also do my part and help establish a harmless living space by driving safely. I do my best to follow the safety guidelines of staying off my phone while driving, driving with my seatbelt on, and driving without being under the influence. All of these factors not only ensure my safety and those in the vehicle with me, but also those around me as I drive. Good driving techniques make roads safer and prevent serious injuries.

Overall, the Village of Wellington's numerous implications of safety guidelines such as cross lights and school IDs and my contribution of not recklessly driving assist in maintaining an overall safety within the community.



Public Safety Essay Contest

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