

# Middle School

COVID-19 is something everyone has been worried about for the past year. COVID-19 has affected and altered millions of lives, it has caused mass deaths, mass sickness, and has put us into a global pandemic. Some ways that we can help keep the public safe are wearing two masks and mandatory COVID-19 tests weekly.

First and foremost, people should wear masks, no questions about it, but something we could do is wearing double masks mandatory to slow down the COVID-19 spread. The CDC has made a statement about the said matter, "Researchers found that if two people are both wearing surgical masks that are knotted and tucked flush to the face -- or if both are wearing a cloth mask over a surgical mask -- exposure to viral particles is cut by more than 95%." The CDC clearly states that wearing double masks increases protection. The CDC has conducted thorough research and concluded that wearing double masks decreases the chance of spread and protects people from COVID-19 more thoroughly.

Secondarily, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 we should make it mandatory to take COVID-19 tests weekly. You might take the COVID-19 test monthly or when you feel ill, but if you are asymptomatic you might not take the COVID-19 test and put people around you in danger. We should mandate taking the COVID-19 test weekly to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Also, if you do have COVID-19, taking the test weekly might make sure that we caught the disease in time and that there is more of a chance for recovery.

In conclusion, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to keep others safe we should make wearing double-masks mandatory and taking the COVID-19 test weekly mandatory as well.

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Greek philosopher, Aristotle once said, “Man is a social animal”. In contrast, we currently live in a world of isolation and social distancing, and the priority of many people across the globe is staying safe from this seemingly endless pandemic. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), COVID-19 is the “infectious disease caused by a novel coronavirus from 2019” (CDC, 2019). John Hopkins University of Medicine reports new data that after a year of this fatal disease, it has claimed over “500,000 American lives and nearly 30,000,000 in the U.S. have contracted the infection” (JHU, 2021). This pandemic should not be taken lightly anywhere, especially in our very own communities. Today, I will be explaining some of the various ways to stop the spread of COVID-19 and what we can do, as citizens, to help execute them.

First and foremost, we need to inform the public about some basic measures to protect us from exposing ourselves to the virus. The most effective ways to break the chain of this infection are, frequent handwashing, mask-wearing, and social distancing. These simple restrictions should be practiced like a second nature by all citizens to keep our community safe in this time of pandemic. Another way we can protect our community from this deadly illness is by providing health education to all members of the community including children. To impart these preventive measures and health education into our community, we should permit volunteers, preferably health care workers, to help spread the word and educate those who don’t already follow these guidelines. Now that the much awaited COVID-19 vaccines have arrived, it is highly recommended for all the people of the community who can get the vaccine to receive it to further help protect themselves and the people around them.

Given the points above, it is crucial to inform the public about the importance of safety protocols to protect themselves from contracting the COVID-19 virus. Together, as a community, we can take significant steps ahead into battling this virus. We can contribute to the global effort to control this pandemic and hopefully put an end to it. As the Chinese Proverb goes, “A Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with a Single Step” and we can use this advice to start moving forward as a community and overcome the challenges of this pandemic.

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Many people in the Village of Wellington commit crimes or are affected by other people who commit crimes. There are many places in the Village of Wellington where people places can have less crime than it is up right now. Crimes are committed all over the place whether they are small or big they happen.

First of all, many of the communities in the Village of Wellington can improve their security. For example, many security guards don't even check identification when people are coming into the neighborhood even if nobody has invited them. This is a problem because people can come into the neighborhood and do things they aren't supposed to be doing. For example, they could be eating the fish from the lakes inside your community when that isn't allowed in most of the communities. Another example of a problem within communities is not having security guards on the sidewalks right by the gates people just walk in a bunch of times. This is a problem because this is considered trespassing and they can be doing things that they shouldn't be doing.

Moreover, I also believe that there is another way that we can improve crime prevention in the Village of Wellington. I believe that security guards need armed weapons because many of them don't have them and it is harder to protect people without them. Armed weapons are very dangerous when they are in the wring hands. Many people have brought armed weapons and security guards haven't been able to do anything since they don't have them also. If security guards can have these they can protect us much better than without them.

There are many ways that people can help with Crime Prevention. In the end, with these two things crime can be reduced.

When it comes to keeping your community safe it means a lot. Whether you live in a small or large community at the end of the day what counts is how safe that community is. The major problem occurring worldwide right now is Covid-19 which is a major Pandemic that is sadly still taking many lives. If your community is safe then people will feel welcomed and they will feel like they are protected by the foundation that their community has built. When it comes to Covid-19 the main way to prevent getting it is by wearing a face mask, sanitizing, and by maintaining social distancing. When going outside to play or going to a friends house then you can wear a mask and maintain social distancing to prevent illnesses and mainly Covid-19. Even at school you can constantly sanitize and wipe your belongings to prevent Covid-19 from spreading at public and populated areas. Most of all people can consider not touching other things that other people have touched like balls, bottles, toys, furniture, etc. When practicing these important actions it is creating an impact on the people around you because you are then creating an influence that people in your community notice. After your community realizes that they are there for eachother then your community unites together and feels welcomed no matter what their differences are. Overall, the Village of Wellington and you can help to prevent Covid-19 to make the community safer and a better home for the families living in it.

One of the most dangerous parts of living in Wellington is the lack of traffic safety, and I believe there are things that the Village of Wellington can do to help make it better. One of the things that they can do is put extra traffic lights on the busy roads like 441. There are a few turns that are really dangerous to do without a traffic light. Another thing they can do is put more police on the roads. People drive very fast and they change lanes all the time, and if there were more policemen watching, they wouldn't drive as fast or as dangerously. The other thing that the Village of Wellington can do is to make the roads bigger. Every year, more and more people move to Wellington, and there are new stores and restaurants that open, and the roads just get more crowded. The Village can add lanes on roads that are now busy and wasn't busy a few years ago. I believe that all of these changes can make us all safer as a community, but the only ones that can make these changes are the Village of Wellington government.

"There are means to prevent crime - it's punishment. And there are means to change manners - it's good examples." - Montesquieu. Disciplined children tend to obey the laws, and the opposite follows, which goes along with the quote. The Village of Wellington should increase punishments to further enforce laws and inspire others to be role models in order to reduce crime.

First, increasing punishment would instill fear into lawbreakers, preventing them from breaking laws. For example, [worldnomads.com](http://worldnomads.com), claims crime rate in Saudia Arabia is low due to the punishments, "Saudi Arabia has both capital and corporal punishment for a wide variety of offences. Execution via beheading is the punishment for murder, ... armed robbery, ... and certain other offences." (Crime in Saudi Arabia: What Travelers Need to Know, Paragraph 4). Saudia Arabia set this crime prevention system in place to enforce laws and it's on a level than USA. The effect of this system, not only reduces crime but ensures safety of it's law abiding citizens.

Moreover, More role models would set a good example for other citizens in Wellington. To prove this theory, [educationandbehavior.com](http://educationandbehavior.com) states, Youth with positive role models do better in life, "Research findings indicate that adolescents who can identify a positive role model in their lives have higher grades and self-esteem than those who can't." To explain, the ambassador for Wellington might be a role model for someone and they may strive to be like that person. Furthermore, if your role model was someone on a personal level like a parent, if their parents made an effort to obey laws the person would likely obey laws.

To sum up, Crime in Wellington can be decreased by enlarging punishments, and giving people someone to look up to. Crime in Wellington needs to be dealt with as soon as possible.

For Starters, Golf Carts are becoming a real problem in our society. Every time that anybody leaves their house 9 times out of 10, there is a golf cart whipping around the corner and there are usually teens in the driver's seat. According to U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission "Each year, there are approximately 13,000 golf cart-related accidents that require emergency room visits, and that number is rising." This means that even though anybody over the age of 14 can legally drive a golf cart, it does not mean that they should.

Every time I am out with my friends, we see a golf cart going full speed and doing burnouts and making very sharp turns around corners. One time one of us almost got hit and they just laughed and drove off. Another example is from the same source and which says "About 40 percent of those accidents involve children younger than 16. Half result from kids falling out of a moving cart." This statistic is incredibly sad and is not surprising. Most kids feel a rush of adrenaline when they are in control and it usually ends up in speed and eventually loss of control.

Another reason we need to crack down on Golf Carts is that they tear up people's yards. Golf Carts are also not regulated and are not vehicles. A quote by Pajcic.com is that "Golf carts simply aren't manufactured as soundly and are not equipped with the same safety features as other vehicles. They're not stable enough to prevent a rollover, nor can they brake as steadily as a car or truck." This means that posed with a problem the golf cart might swerve or break unevenly and end up sideways. Golf carts are extremely dangerous vehicles, and they are not for our society.

Traffic safety can depend on many things including your age and skill level. For example, Some people don't feel comfortable driving at high speeds on the highway and drive very slow. When drivers go much slower than everyone else on the highway, it can actually cause an accident.

Additionally, I think there should be an age limit for older drivers just like there is for younger drivers. Some older drivers don't see as well and don't react as fast and could cause an accident. There should be a driving and eye exam they have to take after a certain age in order to get their driver's license renewed. After a certain age, they should not be allowed to drive themselves for their own safety and the safety of everyone else on the road.

Finally, I think all roads should have bike lanes. It is very dangerous when a person on a bike rides on the side of the road. It only takes one second for a driver to take their eyes off the road and hit someone on a bike, especially if they are driving too close and can't move over. Flashing stop signs are also a good idea because they really get your attention so you can stop. All cars should also have lights that automatically come on during the day. Having cars that have daytime running lights or fog lights help make it easier for your car to be seen during the day when it is not so clear out. All cars should be inspected every couple of years to make sure they are safe on the road.

In conclusion, one of the best ways to stay safe on the road is to put your phone away so you don't get distracted. Even if you take your eyes off the road for one second, it could cause an accident. If you have to look at a text or make a call, do it when you either come to a stop or pull over if you can.

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The world is currently being ravaged by Covid-19. Covid is one of the biggest public safety concerns in the world right now. Some ways to reduce the spread of the coronavirus is to wear masks, stay indoors, and with a vaccine.

First of all, one of the ways to reduce the spread of Covid-19 is to wear a mask when outdoors. The CDC advises that people wear masks when in public settings to reduce the spread of covid. This means that wearing a mask can help reduce the risk of you getting the coronavirus. Dr. Anthony Fauci says that it is common sense to wear two masks instead of one. This means that wearing two at the same time provides more protection than just wearing one.

Secondly, one of the ways you can reduce the spread of the coronavirus is to stay indoors. The governor of Florida has issued a stay at home order on the 4/1/20. This means that people in Florida have to stay at home during the pandemic. According to USA Today, all but four states are currently in lockdown. This means that almost everyone in the country has to stay at home.

Finally, one way that stops the spread of Covid-19 is a vaccine. There are three vaccines that are approved by the CDC. This means that you could go get vaccinated now. According to npr, “more than 87 million doses have been administered”. This means that 17.3% of the U.S. population has been vaccinated.

In conclusion, Covid-19 is a ginormous public safety concern and you can deal with it by wearing masks, staying at home, and getting vaccinated. In these trying times it is important to stay safe and listen to health officials.

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Internet safety is super important. You should always be aware of what is happening online. Today I will be talking about internet safety. The two main topics are never telling your personal information online and how the internet rate has and is increasing in the world.

Firstly, You should never tell anyone your personal information this applies to all sorts of stuff including your address, passwords, name, and even your card info. Here's a trick, remember to. "Treat your password like you treat your toothbrush. Don't let anybody else use it and get a new one every six months"-Clifford Stoll. This means that you should never share your password with anyone, and that you should change it every six months. This can help because if anyone finds out your password they can steal information from you. Especially with our world today due to covid most of the things we do are virtual, it's like our second world.

Secondly, the internet rate is increasing drastically for example, studies show that. "Between 2020 and 2021, the consumer electronics industry in the United States is expected to grow by 4.3 percent". Although 4.3 percent might not seem like a lot, trust me it is for example imagine a world where you have no technology. I don't know what I would do because I'm even writing this essay with technology right now and sometimes we can't control our time on the internet. With more Internet in our lives we are at a higher risk of getting hurt on the internet so we should always try our best to stay safe on the internet.

- Clifford Stoll
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“Man killed by crossing 1-95 in West Palm Beach” This man at age 72 was walking his dogs and hazeradly walked into the road. The result of this was fatal. How could we stop this? One possible solution is adding signs saying “Not a crossing” or “Sidewalk up ahead, Do not cross”. Adding simple things like this would make it easier for people to be aware of where or where not to cross.

According to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Study, “Over 25% of all traffic related fatalities in Florida and Palm Beach County involved a motor vehicle hitting a pedestrian or a pedalcyclist”. A simple fix could be adding pedestrian walk-way signals to all crosswalks. This way people could walk safely across the street while the cars are stopped at a red light.

Another solution for this problem would be adding bicycle lanes. With bicycle lanes, the bikers could ride without worry of getting hit by a car and without holding up traffic. (You could also apply the same principles to other vehicles like golf carts and motorcycles).

From the data in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Study, there have been more accidents with drivers who had no extra influences or circumstances, including drugs, alcohol, weather, and lighting. This means that most crashes are caused by pure recklessness and unawareness. So fixes like the ones I have listed would be simple and effective.

To conclude, traffic safety is extremely important and there are many things we could do to ensure it. Including, adding bicycle, golf cart, motor cycle lanes. Signs letting people know where the crosswalks are. And pedestrians sidewalk signals. These solutions have many benefits and should without a doubt be added to Palm Beach.

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House fires from cooking and combustible materials are the number one cause of house fire's and deaths. I believe that if kids were supervised more while trying to cook on a stove there would be a lot less house fires. Thespruce.com states "According to statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there are more than 350,000 home fires each year in the U.S., leading to more than 2,500 deaths." I believe that if we are supervised more while cooking or just have our parents do it for us then this number will be way down and not rising at a steady rate. If people are constantly causing these house fires not only will the population go down because of deaths there will also be people that will no longer have a house. If I were to have a house fire not only would I be in trouble but I would have to get all new things for my house and we would not have somewhere to live any more. So I believe that there should be a law or something enforced to make it so everybody needs to be supervised when cooking on a stove or in an oven. If a law was enforced then there would be less house fires and there would be less deaths caused in your own house. This would make one less problem we would have to solve when we are in our house and for the Government to do for us. I believe that this may be a permanent solution for this problem. I think it will solve the problem for good and we won't have to be worried about house fires as much anymore.

### What I think I can do to help keep myself and my Community Safe

Internet safety is a very important topic for families today. It is hard for kids sometimes to make good choices especially online when everything happens so fast. The things I can do to help keep myself and my community be safe on the internet is being honest about my internet activity with my mom, speaking up to my friends about what is the right thing to do and say online, and by reporting anything I know is dangerous or inappropriate.

First of all, parents need to have a good relationship with their kids so their kids trust them to tell them stuff but kids can always make the right choice even if their parents aren't watching. When I am not sure if I made a right choice or even if I make a mistake online, it is important that I talk to my mom about it so it doesn't get worse.

Secondly, I can keep an eye on my friends online and tell them when something feels inappropriate., I can warn my friends about the dangers and block people who I am not sure about or stop chatting with them at all.

Finally, I know to report anything I hear that seems dangerous or inappropriate. In the YouthFirst blog it says, "If you see something, say something." That is the only way to make people aware there's a problem and hopefully it will get fixed so no one gets hurt.

In conclusion, even though the internet can be a fun place for kids to learn a lot, it can also be dangerous so I will always make choices to protect myself and others online.

Have you ever worried about public safety in your community . If you have I hope I will give you some ideas that communities do . If you live in Florida you have seen a golf cart before right . Sometimes people get pulled over for riding on the sidewalk ? So why don't we add a golf cart path so that we could keep people safe with golf carts . we also could make the sidewalks bigger so people can walk and golf carts could also ride on the sidewalk . On the normal sidewalks you have to ask the people to move over so that people on the golf carts go passed them . According to Wellington plans to codify golf cart safety "State law makes it legal to use golf carts on local streets that have a posted speed limit of less than 25 mph". This states if a golf cart were slower less accident would happen . Also if people that owned a golf cart dealership could put lower voltage batteries in the golf cart and less batteries . Also Wellington could make golf have certain things so that they are safe or can be street legal they have put seat belts and other things to make it safe . in the end this is why I like Wellington should do about golf car safety and traffic safety .

Have you ever wondered about how you can keep yourself and your family safe from COVID-19? There are many ways including washing your hands often, clean frequently touched objects or places. These are two very effective ways to keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19.

First off, the first way you can protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is by washing your hands often. The article states, "Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds." This means that by washing your hands for at least 20 seconds you can help prevent your family from getting COVID-19. That article also states, "If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer." This also means that alcohol-based hand sanitizer works just as good as soap and water.

To continue, another way to keep yourself and your family safe from COVID-19 is by cleaning frequently used places. The article states, "...disinfect frequently touched surfaces." This means that after using or touching something disinfect it. The article also states, "Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue." This means that before you sneeze or cough cover your mouth or nose.

To conclude, you can keep you and your family safe by using a tissue to cover your mouth or nose when you sneeze or cough. Another way to keep your family safe from COVID-19 is by cleaning frequently used surfaces. This is how you can keep your family safe from COVID-19

As a young voice in the community, I believe safety is very important. There's so many dangers that people encounter every day that could be life-changing, and traumatic. Every day, activities such as riding a bike has caused about 25% of traffic related deaths (as stated by <https://www.palmbeachtpa.org/>). It's extremely frightening for civilians in our community ranging from adults to children. Another issue that we've had in the community is the rankings changing, Wellington has gone from 33rd to 19th on crime reports. This idea means that crime rates are going up, which will make a huge impact on our community. Though we spend a good, some of the funds on safety, and police officers it is still not enough. "As a father of three, and educator and veteran, I understand enhancing the safety of our community is a priority and a continuous commitment of mine," said Greenacres Mayor Joel Flores.

This shows the fact and were feeling this may have on local families in my community, I may or may just be scared for his family and his kids. After paying heavy funds to keep them safe. As for COVID 19, I believe some of the precautions we took in the beginning we're not enough, you cannot go back in time. We need to move forward not backwards, I have seen many people on the news and other states bunny mask and protesting against them, and I won hundred percent disagree. Doing this increases danger levels 1,000 percent and it's not Ok.

What I think of the village of Wellington to help benefit me and the community. Is that we should have more police force patrolling so people would feel safe and the crime rates would drop really low. This would benefit Wellington in a very good way where people would feel very good to live here or maybe want to live here. This can surely benefit Wellington in a very good way and keeping a mind set to be improving.

First, by having more police on standby so people would less likely to commit crimes and if they do so they have a very low chance of getting away. According to SunsetSentinel paragraph 11 it says "said Wellington Mayor Anne Gerwig. "When we do have property crime, we're able to get the bad guys and stop it and that seems to stop it from growing." This is telling me that Wellington already is pretty good with the property crime and it is not that much of a worry. The community needs to beware of the safety of the children and people. In SunsetSentinel in paragraph 6 it states "We need to work together to protect our residents, our children and those who serve and protect the public. However, we cannot do this alone. We need to educate our community and they need to be part of the solution." "We need to work together to protect our residents, our children and those who serve and protect the public. However, we cannot do this alone. We need to educate our community and they need to be part of the solution."

Topics: Crime-Prevention, COVID-19

One way the Village of Wellington can help keep the community safe is by enacting safety measures that can help keep crime rates low. Some safety measures may include adding more cameras to homes to help catch people who may be committing crimes reducing the amount of people who would think it is a good idea to. Crime prevention and safety for your neighborhood. (n.d.). Retrieved March 04, 2021, states, “

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**On December 31 of 2019 a pandemic hit, and it created a big impact around the world. People are now quarantined in Florida and everywhere else, But there are ways to be safe inside AND outside when going out to eat, shopping, and going to parks and theme parks.**

**First of all is the impact covid has caused forus and restaurant, schools, and jobs because some of us have to stay in quarantine and doing virtual learning and usually some students or teachers lose connection and get kicked out of the meet and for some jobs, some people have to go home and stay there until covid stops.**

**Second of all when going outside make sure to bring an extra mask and hand sanitizer, you also have to make sure you wash your HANDS about 20 seconds or the whole happy birthday song. And also stay inside yourhouse as much as you can so you won't be infected with the virus. And lastly when traveling make sure to stay safe when getting a snack or a food**

**Lastly are the symptoms of covid, They are: coughing, Diarrhea, sore throat, high fever, short breath, and runny nose. These symptoms clarify covid 19, you should absolutely go to the doctors fortr eatment orstay in quarantine inside yourr oom because covid can spread more quickly than you expect.**

**As you can see, covid is a real problem outside and inside so please wear masks and stay safe, and what i mean is when going out to eat, buying things and anywhere else, so stay safe and keep wellington and everywhere else SAFE!**

**Information**

**<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>**

Public safety is really important to the community. There's many ways that we can make our community better. According to [wellingtonfl.gov](http://wellingtonfl.gov) "The 24-hour non-emergency number for the PBSO main headquarters is 561-688-3000." This is good for public safety. To make public safety better we can make phone numbers, so people can not only call and ask for help but they can also can also report crimes they see. Not the victim but the witness, if we do this more crimes are going to be looked over and people are going to be safer. For example if someone sees a minor driving a car, they can call this phone number and report the problem so this doesn't happen again, and we can prevent more kids from getting hurt and innocent people from getting into a car crash or getting run over by a car. Like this problem I'm sure there's a lot of problems that we don't know are happening and are getting people in risk. The city can also put up polls to see what the citizens think about our public safety. With these polls we can see what the citizens think, and involve them. That way we all work together to make our community safer. In conclusion community safety is important to everyone and some ways we can make public safety better is getting new hotlines for people to share their concerns and laws being broken, and put up polls asking people what they think about public safety and if the community is doing good. If we do this I'm really sure our community is going to be better.

Golf cars usually go in the sidewalk where as most of us know is where pedestrians walk this can be very dangerous as people who are going somewhat fast and not paying attention not to mention sidewalks aren't very big as they are meant to be walked on and not driven on the amount of people who have gotten injured from golf carts are According to The National Library Of medicine (NIH) '15.2 percent of accidents or injuries happen on streets or public property. According to national law review 'Researchers evaluated approximately 100 children under age 17 treated in ... Twenty seven percent of the children injured in golf cart accidents suffered a concussion. ... Most fractures occurred in children under the age of six' Children under the age of six should not be getting hurt from golf carts If you are going to allow children on a motorized vehicle they should have to wear a seat belt. Now this doesn't go for all golf carts as most of the ones used are used for golf but a lot of them are used outside of golf courses meaning all golf carts should be equipped with a seat belt and it shouldn't be mandatory to use in a golf course because you are going short distances and people need to get out of it quickly and fast but any other other use of a golf cart it should be mandatory to wear a seat belt in order to prevent injuries. This goes for other motorized vehicles so it should be used for golf cars as well. Not many people know all the rules when it comes to driving a golf cart. All these reasons are why I think The village of wellington should be more concerned about golf cart safety.

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**Marleigh...this is just like an essay. Consider the prompt: How can we improve safety in Wellington? You need three reasons. You have stated: educate, safety, but you also mention making changes to infrastructure which could help make our streets golf-cart safe. If that is what you are trying to target, those points need to be in the thesis. Try less dialogue and more of your writing. I made some changes. We can talk more on Monday.**

**Enjoy your weekend!**

**An innocent person was on the ground, his skin was burning, it was hot outside and he was badly injured. This was because he got crashed into. This is one of the many things that go on in Wellington, Florida. Reckless drivers driving end up crashing into someone--carelessness or safety issue? It is because people don't know golf cart safety. The solution, educate and enforce laws on golf cart safety.**

**To begin with, golf cart safety is a big problem in Wellington Florida. What do we do to help? What we can do is enforce golf cart safety laws. For example, according to WPTV , "Carts to be registered : Restrict drivers to at least 16 years of age, place a speed limit on the village's pathways, prevent overloading of golf carts." This shows many rules that we hope to set for golf cart riders. Consequently, we need to set these rules in place to help ensure safety through our community. Furthermore, WPTV states, " The village is also in the process of expanding pathways, which are used by golf carts, bicyclists, joggers and walkers." This is one of the many solutions that we could use to help with golf cart safety. Another idea is educating the community. First, putting up signs for golf cart owners so they know where they can ride their golf cart. Gotowncrier states,"Councilman Michael Napoleone agreed. "The goal of the ordinance is to put the rules in place," he said. "And then, the PBSO will have enforcement." To add on, another plan I've thought of is when we expand pathways, to maybe designate a color to golf cart owners versus bicyclists versus skateboarders, ect.**

**To summarize, I think what would make Wellington safer is to educate and enforce laws on golf cart safety. Make sure to stay safe and follow the rules!**

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You've most likely heard of identity theft. Identity theft is when someone tries to steal another person's identity. This most of the time happens on the internet. What is the age group of people that get their identity stolen? US residents 16 or older are the group most likely to get their identity stolen. I think some ways to prevent this are to do more lessons. I know we already do lessons, but I think they aren't in depth enough. They only show people that take identities. They show us how to find them and all, and then show us how the interact. But to really understand this, they need more. Students should take a quiz that is a text message. This quiz will have questions as if they are text messages from strangers on the internet. Kids need this because there are literally 9 million Americans getting their identity stolen each year. The quiz would have text messages saying things like, "How old are you?" and "Where do you live?" The kids would then have maybe 3 or 4 choices, which would consist of things like, "None of your business." "I live in Wellington!" "[Doesn't answer text message]" "[Blocks user]" This would then train the kids to make sure that they are keeping safe on the internet. When they are finished with the quiz, the teacher will go over it and then show them what they were supposed to say. There might be more than one answer. I think this is going to work because I have experience with these lessons. I think the text messages put you in the situation. The kids would learn like this and put the skills to use on the internet. This is one simple way that I think you can improve internet safety.

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As time goes on, crimes get more normalized. Against black people, against members of the LGBTQ+ community, against immigrants, and many more. Yet, many of us stay silent, because “oh, well, they shouldn't have resisted,” or “maybe they shouldn't have been doing illegal things, then,” which is just... Horrible, really. That is why I am advocating for the protection of minorities, since they are the most targeted groups in america, as well as the ones that get stigmatized the most.

As I previously mentioned, minorities are the groups that get most targeted in America, and not in a good way. They get called slurs, hate crimed, stigmatized, and badly treated by people who think they are better than them. Microaggression is also common everywhere, making minorities feel unsafe and as if they were nothing but criminals, terrorists, or mentally ill individuals. Even I, a thirteen year old, have been called slurs for liking my own gender by children and adults alike. Which, by the way, if you're an adult and you call a thirteen year old something derogatory because you don't like it, you're just being ignorant and childish, and also an embarrassment to everyone who knows you. Anyway, as I said, this needs to change, and it's quite easy to. Simply, people need to be more open to the fact other people exist (literally), and schools should just teach more about racism, homophobia, etc., although I'm also fairly sure they need to follow a lesson plan made by the president or something, so I don't see that happening anytime soon.

There need to be more sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in wellington because there have been more than 400 pedestrian and bicycle crashes up to 2014. This can be reduced by putting more street lights on side walk's because 25% of all pedestrian fatalities occur at 9:00-12:00 PM, this is most likely the cause of cyclists not being able to see where they are going therefore crashing. Protection rails can also be added because the average age of bicyclists that have crashed is 45-54 years of age. Another way to prevent bicycle crashes is to add bike lanes to roads because more than 1200 bicycle crashes happened while out of a bike lane and little to none have crashed while in a bike lane. Because of that, we should add more bike lanes and street lights on wellington roads to help keep the community safe.

[https://www.palmbeachtpa.org/static/sitefiles/Plans\\_and\\_Resources/Ped\\_Bike\\_Safety\\_Study.pdf](https://www.palmbeachtpa.org/static/sitefiles/Plans_and_Resources/Ped_Bike_Safety_Study.pdf)

Golf cart usage in Wellington has recently become a problem for us. Everyday after school, you can see kids from pre-teens to teens riding around such as "joy riding", some are driving the golf cart when others are either sitting or standing as they're speeding past other kids. It is really concerning to see underaged kids using or riding a golf cart without supervision. To add on, Some kids in Wellington Landings said they almost got run over by one before, going too fast. "A golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by any person under the age of 14." That was a rule from the Statutes & Constitution. And yet, you can see many kids operating a golf cart under the age of 14. If we reinforce golf cart safety and include patrolling around 4:00-5:00, it can make a big difference. Patrolling the streets where there are the most golf carts can help a lot. This can reduce the amount of kids riding under 14 or without a license, and could also help moderate the speed golf cart drivers are on when they're riding. Some confirmation from an article in WPTV states that "Golf carts are being called distracting and dangerous in the Village of Wellington." The golf cart usage is very distracting, on the sidewalks you can see under age or unlicensed teens swerving on to the grass, while speeding. And this is also an area where children walk home from school. This is a very concerning thing right now as for traffic safety and has caused a lot of problems over the past months.

The Florida Legislature. 1995-2021.

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In my opinion, there are many things people can do to stay safe while driving because driving can be dangerous when people don't be careful, when people don't there can be as many as 650 car crashes a day! How can people stay safe while driving? Here are three tips : You can keep your distance away from other cars , you can drive in a straight line and try not to swerve your car because that's how people can get in crashes , and finally don't get distracted while driving if you do it could end badly. another tip is always stop when there is a crosswalk and check if anyone is crossing.

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When we think about car crashes, we mainly think about a collision between two cars. What is commonly overlooked is the risk of a pedestrian or biker getting injured by a car. This kills many hundred people every year. According to Palm Beach MPO, "A total of 1,743 traffic collisions with pedestrians and 1,534 traffic collisions with bicyclists were recorded..." This is just too much. We can't let this many people get injured. There are many ways we can do this. One way is to educate the residents on proper pedestrian and bicycle safety. We can have lessons in schools for children and raise awareness on it. For adults, we could make campaigns that raise awareness. Not everyone knows these safety rules, so it is paramount we let them know. We could also teach Additionally, we can put mid-stops in walkways on 2-way roads. A pedestrian or cyclist may be tempted to cross the full 2 roads even if it isn't fully safe. We should put more mid-stops on crosswalks so they know that they can wait in the middle. This can significantly reduce the number of accidents. One more thing that we could do is lower the speed limit in hotspots. It is proven that even a two miles per hour reduction can save a life. While many hotspots may be out of our jurisdiction, it is still imperative that we reduce speed limits. Just because the problem isn't as prevalent in Wellington doesn't mean we should ignore it. These are just some ways we can save some lives and families. We shouldn't hesitate to make these changes. As you can see, we should move forward to solve this problem.

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Have you ever wondered why there are so many COVID 19 cases in Wellington? Mainly because many people don't care about wearing a mask or even washing their hands so they don't get sick. Many people in Wellington are not following the protocols for COVID 19 and this can cause the virus to continue. Just because of those bad things people do, does not mean it can't be changed! There are a lot of COVID tests that came out positive in Wellington and we can stop that! For example, when people go to the mall and get a drink, instead of that person taking off their mask, they can put the straw under the bottom of the mask and pull it up into their mouth. This could cause less masks to be taken off at the mall when there are like 100's of people there. Also, when people are outside in the park, they can keep their masks on when they play so that there are not so many people with their masks off at the same time, they can also social distance and not touch each other. This will be better in a case where kids won't pass on the sickness if they have the sickness and don't know yet. According to Wellington, "There have been around 2,480 deaths from COVID 19 in Wellington Florida." A lot of these deaths could have been prevented if people don't go outside and go to public places a lot, or just even wash your hands! Social distancing has also been a big part in COVID 19, normally when I go out to the store, there is tape for where to stand and no one uses them! COVID can easily be prevented in many cases and we could stop COVID in Wellington.

A very large safety threat that is not addressed enough in our wellington village is the threat of fire safety. Just recently on 2021 july 9th a mother and her child were on top of their own burning house. This could have been prevented but due to poor knowledge of fire safety a mother and her child's life was threatened. Luckily fire rescue made it in time and saved them.

For example the article,

["https://www.wpbfl.com/article/mother-and-child-saved-from-rooftop-of-burning-building-in-wellington/35169981"](https://www.wpbfl.com/article/mother-and-child-saved-from-rooftop-of-burning-building-in-wellington/35169981) states that,"Firefighters rescued a mother and child who were trapped atop a roof during an apartment fire in Wellington on Saturday morning." This was an accident that could have easily been prevented.

Things like this can be prevented very easily this is why we should have some kind of seminar or enforce fire safety rules or procedures. On jan 11 a house was damaged by a fire that took place in the garage. The man's house could have very well burned down, luckily fire crews took notice and eliminated the fire. We are very lucky that fire crews noticed the cloud of smoke and took action. If not a man could have lost his house, again though this is an accident that can easily be avoided all because a man didn't take the right procedures to prevent a fire his house was at risk of burning. As it shows in this article,

["https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20200111/crews-snuff-wellington-house-fire"](https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20200111/crews-snuff-wellington-house-fire) ,"Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is investigating the cause of a fire that damaged a Wellington home Saturday. Firefighters arriving to the home in the Paddock Park development at 5:44 p.m. saw heavy smoke coming from the garage."

With the COVID vaccines rolling out slowly but surely, we should take time to implement measures taken against the virus. A precaution that could be of help is wearing double masks while out in public at all times.

Enforcing citizens to wear two masks has been proven to be more effective and helps reduce COVID by around 95% according to the CDC. The CDC also stated, "A knotted and tucked medical procedure mask is created by bringing together the corners and earloops on each side, knotting the ears loops together where they attach to the mask, and then tucking in and flattening the resulting extra mask material to minimize the side gaps". This information is beneficial because it tells you in clear words how you should wear a double mask. There are some faults to wearing double masks if not worn correctly or fitted to your personal needs it can lead to trouble breathing or exposure to coronavirus. You should also not use 2 disposable masks but, instead one disposable mask then one cloth mask.

WBTV News spoke up in an article from February 10th how the studies for double masks have "... blocked around 40% of the particles coming toward the head that was breathing in. When a cloth mask was worn on top of a surgical mask, about 80% were blocked." From lab research to take into account, wearing double masks would not be the worst thing for our community.

To come to a closing, the Village of Wellington should take into consideration enforcing double masks for the time being. This will be favorable while front-line workers, seniors, and teachers are getting vaccinated. For the safety of the general public, this rule should be enforced by others. The goal of this journey is to be as smooth as possible.

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There are many reasons that my community may not be safe. There are always possible dangers, whether it's catching an illness, getting your money stolen, or hydroplaning. Nowadays there are so many risks of going out and living our everyday lives. The Coronavirus has caused many safety issues within communities. There are many reasons that my community can be harmful, and there are so many ways that it can become a safer place.

People all over the world are becoming ill due to the global pandemic. Covid 19 is a major issue when it comes to public safety. The article "Half of U.S. Adults Don't Wear Masks When in Close Contact With Non-Household Members" that "While 14% of Americans gathered in groups of 10 or more people, just 46% wore a mask most or all of the time they were together." This shows how less people who gather in large groups wear masks for the majority of the time than don't. The article also states that "Of the 4 in 10 Americans who visited someone else's home, only 21% wore a mask most or all of the time they were together." This shows how people barely wear masks when at another person's house.

I can keep my community safe by social distancing and wearing masks when I'm near other people. It is important for people to be safe in their community and keep others safe. Less people wear masks out in public, and to keep people safe, it is vital to make sure that you aren't contagious, and aren't making other people sick.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/news/stories/3388/understanding-coronavirus-in-america-mask-use-among-us-adults/>

The village of wellington can do a lot of improvements but i am going to talk about crime prevention. First of all, crime prevention is pretty good. I'm Wellington but it can be better. Stated in the website "Safety Tips/ Wellington, FL" it states " Don't hide packages in your car. Smash and Grab break-ins are very common this time of year." This shows that crime is still happening in wellington. Also, if they are very common in a set time in the year police can add more cops to petrol and make sher peoples packages don't get stolen. According to the sun-sentinel article it states" In Royal Palm Beach, a village with about 38,000 people, the report shows 126 violent crimes and 789 property crimes at a rate of 3.29 and 20.57 per 1,000 residents, respectively." This proves that if the police keep doing this tha city crime rate will keep decreasing and the people will feel safer in their houses and in the city. According to, Safety Tips/ wellington, FL, States' ' Keep your house exterior well lit. Dark homes are more enticing to burglars. It's getting darker earlier now, so for the next few weeks consider leaving some exterior lights on." This shows that people shouldn't have to leave your light on outside or inside. The police should be patrolling daily so people in their neighborhoods or house shouldn't be word for word if their house would get robbed. They should be relaxed and not stress and think what if my house gets robbed. All in all, people in Florida should feel safe and the police should up their numbers and so then the crime pervention would be very high and make Wellington a safer place for people.

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019), a major problem taking the lives of about 2,500 people, and that is just only in Palm Beach County, at the same time, it is impacting a lot more people (wptv.com), but what are some things we could do to help control the case rate of the virus? Some of the many ways to help your neighboring communities include, masking up, self-isolation if one were to come into close contact with an infected person, and keeping your distance. Out of the thousands of cases in Palm Beach County, about 3,000 of them come from the Palm Beach School District. (palmbeachschools.org)

Masks act as a barrier for the virus, preventing it from spreading to others. Even with the rate of cases slowing down, some people may ease the restrictions provided by the CDC. (cnn.com) However, this will start another trend that could exponentially grow back to about 100,000 cases per day. According to cdc.gov, the recommendations are: "Wear a mask to protect yourself and others and stop the spread of COVID-19. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from others who don't live with you. Avoid crowds. The more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19." The CDC has been a major part of virus prevention during the pandemic and their recommendations could be something that should be taken into account when you are considering travel, gathering, work, or school. All in all, COVID-19 is something that is going to be something that will impact many, but with vaccinations coming to town and 8.5% already administered, we can be sure that it could be back to normal sooner or later.

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There are many issues that Wellington faces. Some of these have improved greatly, such as crime rates. We should keep up what we are doing to prevent the crime rates from going up again. However, the most pressing problem we currently have is Covid-19. This problem started in 2020, which ended up being a bad year for everyone. We are slowly recovering from this pandemic, but there is still a lot to be done. Not to mention that coronavirus doesn't seem like it's going away. If you look at the trend map of Florida in general, you can see that we have had 2 waves so far: in July 2020 and in January 2021. These were the months with the most confirmed cases. It is clear that we need to implement more restrictions, while still maintaining fun and semi-normalcy (as normal as we can be).

One of the things that we can do is require a mask and social distancing in places like stores, libraries, and schools. Many places already have this in place, but some need to enforce this. We also need to provide more sanitary stations and materials, which will include the basics: hand sanitizer, hand wipes, and more. Vaccines are also something that we need; and fast.

We can also provide fun activities and ideas. A lot of people may feel bored and locked in their house, not able to have fun in their usual go-to places. There are a lot of things that they can do; they just need the ideas! The mental health of some people is also declining. These recommended activities can help them loosen up and feel less stressed out.

We need to take action now to stop Covid-19 from spreading further and recover fully!

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In the Village of Wellington, I suggest adding social distancing stickers and automatic hand sanitizer dispensers, as a reminder that we need to stay safe in this pandemic. I believe that is what students, faculty and staff should be aware of and practice to stop the spread of COVID-19, whether it is on campus, at the bus stop, or in any public place. According to John Hopkins, Palm Beach County receives approximately 260,200 COVID-19 cases a day.

John Hopkins University- <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/region/us/florida>

Covid-19 is a very big issue facing our community and everyone around the world. Keeping safe during these unprecedented times is a top priority. We can keep safe during this time by continuing to give out masks in the mail, enforce social distancing in public places, and by ensuring medical care to those sick with Covid-19. By continuing to give out masks, this ensures that mask wearing is easily accessible considering that everyone gets one. We should also keep spare masks at the entrance of stores, malls, and offices. This will ensure extra security so that if by chance someone forgets their mask at home, there is one at the place they are going. Although masks may not completely prevent you from becoming infected with the virus, they are still very effective in giving some type of protection. Enforcing social distancing is also effective in keeping the spread of the virus. You can enforce social distancing by placing stickers 6 feet apart and putting X's on seating areas that are less than 6 feet from each other. Ensuring medical care is probably the most important thing during these times. Testing should be free and fast, and medical staff should be quickly respondent. Although this really isn't something you can control completely this still is something that you can strongly enforce. I know that we will find a stop to this together.