



My husband Don and I just returned from a trip to Cuba. We visited Havana and the city of Santiago de Cuba during our eight day cruise. We saw some fascinating sights; Don was particularly impressed by the number of classic American cars still being driven on the streets of Havana. While we certainly enjoyed visiting this country and meeting some of the Cuban people, the trip made us so thankful for the freedoms we take for granted here in the United States.

Cuba is an extremely poor nation with food rationing a part of daily life. Food is not only rationed but the government mandates which store a person must use to redeem their ration coupons. Very few businesses, mainly restaurants that cater to tourists, are privately owned and none we dined at were air-conditioned. Privately owned businesses are taxed at a rate of 30 percent. Power outages are common in Havana. There is no access to the internet and very limited cell phone service. There are no warning signs that indicate uneven surfaces and sidewalks are often broken and riddled with holes. Havana appeared to us to be stuck in the 1950s with wages that require people to work several jobs just to feed their families.

As we approach July 4th and remember the founding of this great nation, let us take a moment to remember how truly fortunate we are to live in the United States of America. For all our problems and divisions, we are citizens of a free society that is the envy of the entire world. On Independence Day, let us celebrate our heritage and all those who have sacrificed for our freedoms.

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ATTENTION

PLEASE BE AWARE OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!

**IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION
THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN QUESTIONABLE
ACTIVITY IN OUR PARKS, BUSINESSES AND
NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT TOWN.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS
ABOUT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING**

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE
CALL THE SHERRIFF'S OFFICE at: 850.651.7400
or TOWN HALL at: 850.833.3405**

**WE CAN'T HELP UNLESS YOU LET US KNOW WHAT IS
HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN**



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ADORABLE MENACE



When determining the best way for you to rid your yard and home of not only these cute little critters pictured above, but also pesky mosquitoes, ants, etc. that we deal with inside and outside our home on a daily basis we must look at our surroundings.

First, start with all of the items in and around your home and business that attract these animals and pests. Make sure all of your outside plant stands, flower pots, bird baths and gardens are not holding water or moisture. A water bottle cap full of water is all a mosquito needs to breed.

Second, bird feeders are great, but a definite attraction to rodents. Make sure all of your unused seeds are tightly sealed in containers to keep critters from smelling the seeds and getting into the container. Also, seal or cover old cans, dog or cat food bowls as anything food related attracts them.

Third, keep your yard and surroundings free of old furniture, papers, boxes they can chew up to make nests with, old tires, vehicles, mattress and yard equipment where they can keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Fourth, there are many websites that contain a plethora of ideas and Do-it-Yourself home remedies. These are just a few suggested sites:

Pinterest.com,

<http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/pw/environmental/mosquito-control>,

Google: diy natural rodent and pests control

Happy Summer

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4, 2016, Town Hall will be closed for Independence Day

July 13, 2016, Line item Budget Workshop at 5:30 p.m.

July 14, 2016, Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

July 27, 2016, FY 2016/2017 Budget Workshop at 5:30.

August 10, 2016, FY 2016/2017 Budget Workshop at 5:30.

August 11, 2016, Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

September 5, 2016 Town Hall closed for Labor Day

September 8, 2016, 1st Public Hearing, FY 2016/2017 Budget & Millage Rate at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

September 15, 2016, 2nd Public Hearing, FY 2016/2017 Budget & Millage Rate at 5:30 p.m.

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