



City of Palm Bay O.N.E. Community Program helped to purchase Security Cameras and Equipment

PALM BAY- Margaret De Hart came to Palm Bay City Hall today to collect security equipment valued at nearly \$2500, funded in part by the Palm Bay O.N.E. Community Program. Ms. De Hart worked with the City to purchase lights and security cameras that will be placed on 5 streets in the Driskell Heights neighborhood to help to deter crime related incidents in the area.

"It makes such a difference knowing that we'll be able to use this as a preventative tool to help the Palm Bay Police help our residents," De Hart told Deputy Mayor Santiago, who started O.N.E. Community.

The Palm Bay Police Department is also excited to be working with Ms. De Hart and other community members like her. As the department works to target crime in the city, technology

has become an important asset to investigators. "These cameras, placed in strategic locations in Driskell Heights, will cover the majority of the areas where we're having the issues," explained Chief Mark Renkens. "This helps us immensely in our effort to prevent a crime or solve a crime."

Margaret had a personal security system already in place at her home and had assisted the police department in the investigation of a shooting and as well as other incidents that had occurred in her neighborhood. Investigators came to pull footage from her system, and through her conversations with officers, she learned of funding that might be available O.N.E. Community Program.

"It's a great program and I invite all neighborhoods to organize and participate in it and benefit from some of the things the program has to offer," says Deputy Mayor Harry Santiago.



The O.N.E Community program offers a place for neighborhoods to organize and connect. The website offers a guidebook for organizing neighborhood associations, information on how neighborhoods can apply for the community grant, and a number of other resources. More information about the O.N.E Community Neighborhood program can be found at www.palmbayflorida.org or by contacting one@pbfl.org.

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Additional photos and video can be found at the link below:

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