



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

eNewsletter # 211 - 26 October 2015

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page [click here](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Click here](#) to email NHW in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

26 October: The weekly stats for Kuring-gai Local Area Command, from 22 to 26 October:

OFFENCES	Break & Enter	Malicious Damage	Stealing	Steel from motor vehicle	Steel Motor Vehicle	Drugs	Other
Suburb							
ASQUITH							
BEROWRA							
BROOKLYN							
COWAN			1				
GALSTON							
GORDON	1			1			
HORNBSY			2	3			
HORNBSY HEIGHTS							
KILLARA	1		1				
MT COLAH			1				
MT KURING GAI			1				
NORMANHURST							
PYMBLE	1						
ST IVES	1						
THORNLEIGH			1	1			
TURRAMURRA	1		1				
WAHROONGA			2				
WAITARA	1			1			
WARRAWEE				1			
WEST PYMBLE							
WESTLEIGH							
Date range	22/10 to 4pm 28/10						

For those who have difficulty:

- Cowan** - Malicious Damage (Mal Dam) 1
- Gordon** - Break & Enter (B&E) 1, Stealing 1
- Hornsby** - Mal Dam 2, Stealing 3
- Killara** - B&E 1, Mal Dam 1
- Mt Colah** - Mal Dam 1
- Mt Kuring-gai** - Mal Dam 1
- Pymble** - B&E 1
- St Ives** - B&E 1
- Thornleigh** - Mal Dam 1, Stealing 1
- Turramurra** - B&E 1, Mal Dam 1
- Wahroonga** - Mal Dam 2
- Waitara** - B&E 1, Stealing 1
- Warrawee** - Stealing 1.

26 October, from the Telegraph: Why You Should Wrap Your Keys in Aluminium Foil

How to protect yourself against hackers using your key fob's signal to steal your car



Wirelessly unlocking your car is convenient, but it comes at a price

Full article, [click here](#).

26 October, from Crime Stoppers: If you're a car or truck driver who believes a close pass on a cyclist (less than a metre) is 'safe', then picture this;



Imagine walking between the yellow and white lines whilst a train is passing. That's how unsafe it is for a cyclist. The road is there to share. We don't want you to try this, as it would be way too dangerous... much like passing too close to a cyclist as you drive past.

26 October, from Brisbane Water command: HALLOWEEN!.....The one day of the year where many parents confuse children by telling them to go and take lollies from strangers.



Are you going 'Trick or Treating' for Halloween on Saturday 31st October 2015?

NSW Police recommend you do not participate in this activity. However, if you choose to participate, here are some things you should consider:

- Is it safe to take candy, lollies, chocolate from strangers?
- Do I know the person whose door I am knocking on?
- Will I get into trouble from police if I play a 'prank' or damage property?
- What if a stranger talks to me?



Remember your safety tips from the NSW Police 'Keeping Me Safe' initiative:

- Safety in numbers! Walk in a group. Never walk alone. Ensure you have adult supervision.
- Hold hands and cross roads at safe locations such as marked crossings and/or traffic light intersections. Don't forget to 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think.'
- Do not take candy, lollies, chocolate from strangers.
- Do not talk to strangers other than the people nominated as 'safe people' from 'safe places'
- If you feel unsafe or unsure remember to tell a stranger 'No! Stop and/or Go away!'

If you would still like to celebrate the occasion, perhaps you could consider celebrating at home.



Police will not tolerate poor behaviour, particularly in public so remember your manners just like every other day of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Senior Constable Rob Petersen, Youth Liaison Officer from Castle Hill Police. Call 000 if you require immediate assistance or 9680 5299 for Castle Hill Police.



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26 October, from Transport NSW: Know the Rules - Mobile Phone Use



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For example: 6 Can I use the GPS function on my mobile phone?

Yes, if you have a full unrestricted licence or a provisional P2 licence (green Ps). You can use a mobile phone as a driver's aid, such as GPS, as long as it is secured in a mounting fixed to the vehicle and doesn't obscure your view of the road. You cannot hold your phone to use the GPS function.

No, if you have a learner or provisional P1 licence (red Ps), you are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving.

[Link to website](#) for full information [and it's well-set out! - Ed].

24 October, from Cop Humour Australia:

Its kinda slow at work today... thinking about signing up for Uber and showing up for pickups in the police car... 😏😏😏

Ppl be like " 🤔 🚗 "

24 October, from the Drug & Alcohol Research & Training Australia: Doing Drugs with Paul Dillon - 3 Simple Tips on How to Host a 'Safe as Possible' Teenage Party

[Click here](#) for full blog.

24 October: A steady morning at our Crime Prevention community engagement event at the Koola Ave shops, East Killara. Thanks to Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who helped our Crime Prevention Officer give out many goodie bags full of advice. Especially popular were the anti-theft screws for car number plates (thanks Neighbourhood Watch Australasia) and the colouring-in of Constable Charlie for Halloween. The translation help from Macquarie University language students was much appreciated.



24 October: Officers from Police Transport Command and Kuring-gai Local Area Command have charged two men in separate incidents yesterday, after they both allegedly had weapons on them at a railway station.

About 2pm (Friday 23 October 2015), police were patrolling Hornsby Railway Station with the assistance of the Dog Unit, when they stopped and spoke to a man. The man was carrying a backpack and on searching it officers allegedly located an extendable baton, two knives and a replica pistol. The 27-year-old was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station, where he was charged with possess unauthorised pistol, possess prohibited weapon and custody of a knife. He was refused bail to appear at Parramatta Bail Court today (Saturday 24 October 2015).

Later that day, about 6.30pm, officers still patrolling Hornsby Railway Station, stopped and spoke to another man, he was asked for a valid rail ticket. The man allegedly did not have one and after further investigation he was searched. Officers will allege that they located over 2gms of ICE, anabolic steroids, a small knife and

knuckle dusters. The 23-year-old was arrested and taken to Hornsby Police Station. He was charged with possess prohibited drug x3, custody of an offensive implement, custody of a knife in a public place and travel without a valid rail ticket. The man was given bail to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 18 November 2015.

23 October, from Roads & Maritime: Tolling customers warned to be aware of scam emails

Roads and Maritime Services has advised customers to beware of scam emails which incorrectly state they are from Roads and Maritime Services tolling.

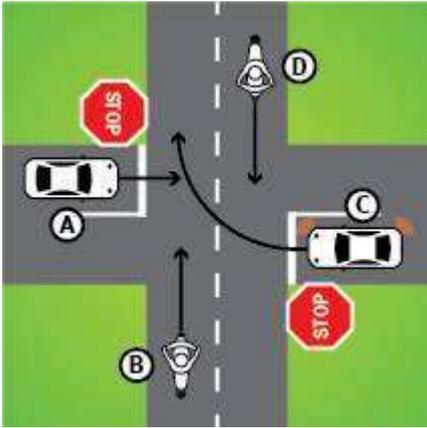
[Full warning here.](#)

22 October, from the Hornsby Advocate: Students rescued after becoming lost during orienteering bushwalk

NINE local high school students and a teacher were rescued after becoming lost while on an orienteering bushwalk in Berowra over the weekend.

[Full article here.](#)

21 October, from the NRMA: TEST TIME: In the diagram, which vehicle would go last? Vehicle A, B, C or D?



The correct answer is: Vehicle C would go last. Vehicles A and C must first give way to vehicles B and D, as vehicles B and D are going straight ahead on the through road. Vehicle C must then give way to vehicle A as it is turning across vehicle A's path.

For more information, please see [NSW Road Rules 67 \(1\)\(3\)\(a\)](#).

21 October, from Traffic & Highway Patrol command:



Loadfall



Neighbourhood Watch

Creating Safer Communities

At the weekend we had the **East Killara Community Engagement event at the Koola Avenue Shopping Centre**, hosted jointly by the Kuring-gai police command and the East Killara Neighbourhood Watch group. A 'Thank you' to all the volunteers, including four Macquarie University language students who came along to help with Chinese-speaking residents. Thanks to the many residents for coming along and taking advantage of all on offer.

If you missed it, you can get any crime prevention advice or publication emailed to you, [click here](#).

The FREE car rego plate locking screws can also be requested [from us](#) if you email your name, the car make and model. The screws will be left for pickup at Gordon or Hornsby Police Stations.

Our local Neighbourhood Watch '20 Tips' series available:

- Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors
 - Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Retirement Communities
 - Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Tradies
 - Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Apartment Security
 - Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Businesses
 - Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Car Owners
 - Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips concerning Fire Issues
 - Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Mailboxes
 - Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for New Neighbours
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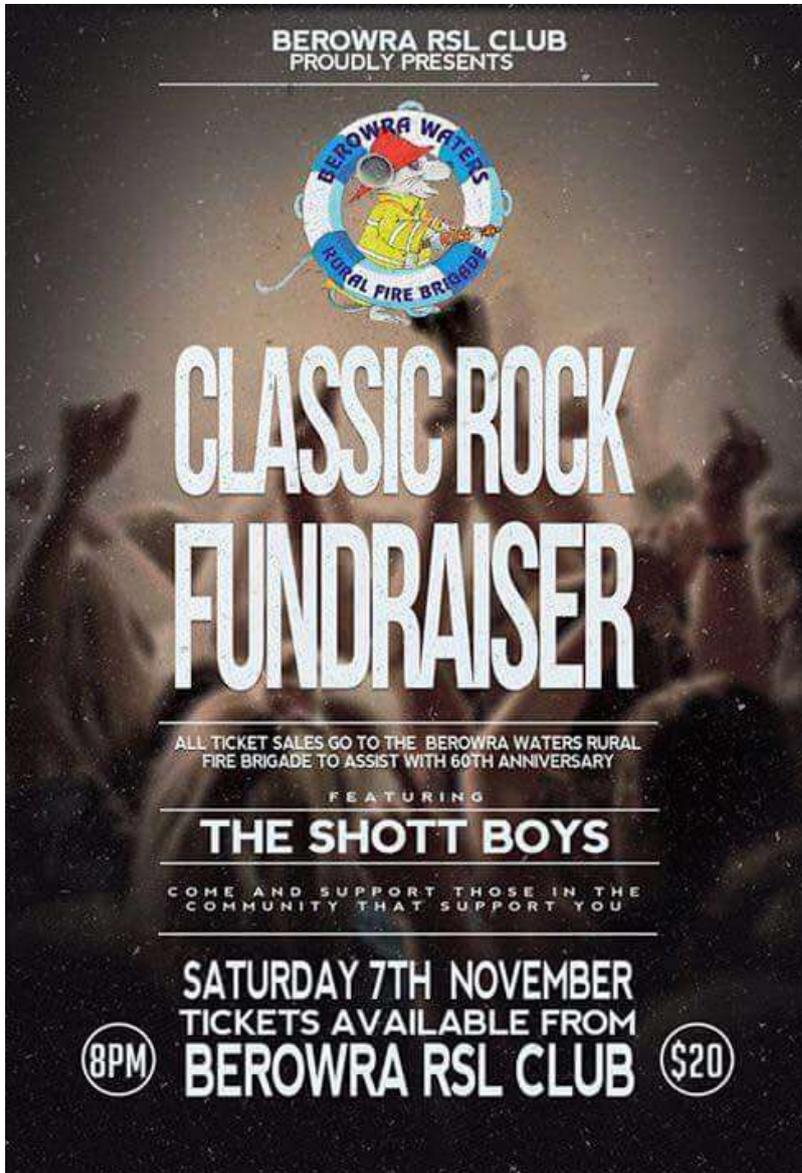
Anyone can view the local [Kuring-gai police Facebook page](#) (no Facebook ID or knowledge required). The NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) covers most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai suburbs.

From NSW Fair Trading: What to Look For When Buying a Second-hand Car

When buying a second hand car, it is critical that you do your homework. Always view and drive the car and never ever base your decision on just the photos provided. To avoid buying a lemon, check out our video on how to inspect a second hand car and what you should look for.

[Click here](#) for video.

From Berowra Waters Rural Fire Brigade: Classic Rock Fundraiser, Saturday 07 November 2015.



East Killara Neighbourhood Watch group had their AGM last week.

The decision was made to reduce the printed newsletters to twice a year, and to hold one meeting each year in October.

Items to be given away at the East Killara Community Engagement event (Saturday 24 October) were distributed to those who knew they couldn't attend on

Saturday - a great reason to attend these meetings!

Hoon cars were noted in the area. Residents were advised to phone **Hornsby Police Station 9476 9799**.

EASYCARE GARDENING SHARE A WARNING

Easy Care Gardening recently shared this warning story with us. One of their clients had taken a phone call from someone pertaining to be the bank. The bank representative warned that because the client had too much money in their bank account they may lose their pension. The answer was to transfer a lump sum to the bank account that the representative had set up ready for the purpose. You can guess the ending. Please warn your neighbours, friends and family, suggesting they NEVER do a transaction into an unverified account.

Please [email us](#) with any warnings you may have come across this week.

From Ku-ring-gai Council & Ku-ring-gai SES: Come and meet your neighbours at a Ku-ring-gai 'Street Meet', where you can find out about extreme weather risks specific to your area and learn about your local bushland.

Echo Point Park, Babbage Road, Roseville Chase

Sunday 8 November 2015, 10 am – 12:30 pm

Highlights include working with experts to better prepare your home and family for storms and bush fire, and a live demonstration and talk on local snakes.

- Meet RFS and SES volunteers and hear how Council and other agencies are working to reduce bush fire and storm risks
- Identify extreme weather risks specific to your area, particularly storms and bush fire

- Get expert advice to prepare your family and property for bush fire and other natural hazards
- Learn about the benefits of planning with your neighbours
- Learn about your local bushland reserve and its history
- Find out how to get involved in local community environmental programs.

West Pymble Scouts Group will provide a sausage sizzle on the day.

More information, [click here](#).

From Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai PCYC: Safer Driver Course, 05 November 2015.



CLUB NEWS

PCYC Safer Driver Course 5th November 2015

PCYC in partnership with the NSW Driver Trainers Association have been successful in achieving Approved Provider status for the interim delivery of the Roads & Maritime Services' (RMS) 'Safer Drivers Course for Learner Drivers'.

The Safer Drivers Course is a combined theoretical and practical course involving a facilitated group session discussing how to manage risks on the road and tailored in-car coaching addressing individual learning needs.

Learner drivers who undertake the Safer Drivers Course will gain important road safety skills and learn about driving alone, road conditions and identifying hazards and managing risks.

Learners will receive 20 hours of credit on their compulsory logbook hours, requiring them to do only 100 hours of supervised driving outside the course.

**For more info contact Mary 9477 2310 –
hornsbytoip@pcycnsw.org.au**

This column is proudly sponsored by helloworld, Hornsby - please ring 9476 5544 for all your travel needs.

Want to know more about Neighbourhood Watch within the Hornsby and Ku-

ring-gai regions? View the website [here](#), or [email us](#) for any particular information, question or concern.

Dates for the Diary:

OCTOBER - Mental Awareness Month

Friday 30 October: Wear red for Day for Daniel, Daniel Morcombe Foundation. [Info](#).

Saturday 31 October: CareFlight's Open Day Westmead Operations Base. 1hr tours at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. **RSVP essential:** events@careflight.org or 02 9843 5176.

Sunday 01 November: Normanhurst West Public School Gala - Kuring-gai Police stall & goodie bags.

Thursday 05 November: Thank a Paramedic Day. Leave your message of support using the hashtag: [#ThankANSWParamedic](#)

Thursday 05 November: PCYC Safer Drivers Course for Learner Drivers **Ph: Mary 9477 2310.**

Saturday 07 November: Berowra Waters Rural Fire Brigade Classic Rock Fundraiser - The Shott Boys. 8pm. Tickets \$20 from Berowra RSL.

Sunday 08 November: SES 'Meet the Neighbours' 10-1230 Echo Point Park, Babbage Rd, Roseville Chase.

Monday 09 November: 'All Areas' NHW meeting. Please email your suggestions and concerns - [click here](#).

Wednesday 11 November: Gordon Area Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 7pm @ Gordon Bowling Club, Pennant Ave. **Ph: Julia 9499 7412.**

Thursday 12 November: Ku-ring-gai Council Helping your learner driver workshop. 630-830pm at Council Chambers. **Bookings: 9424 0798. [Info](#).**

Tuesday 17 November: Hornsby Council Parents of Learner Drivers workshop. 630-830pm Council Chambers. **Bookings: 9847 6856. [Info](#).**

Tuesday 24 November: Hornsby Council Safer Senior Drives presentation. 10-12 @ Council Chambers. **Ph: 9847 6856.**

Wednesday 25 November: White Ribbon Day.

Thursday 26 November: Child Seat Safety Checking Day. Brickpit Sports Centre car park, 1B Dartford Rd, Thornleigh. **Ph: 9847 6856.**

Saturday 05 December: Xmas Spectacular, Hornsby Park in front of the pool. 5-9pm. Kuring-gai Police command & NHW will have a joint crime prevention stall there. [Info](#).

Want to know about Scheduled Roadworks near you?

View the Live Traffic NSW website [here](#).

Download the Live Traffic App: Android, [click here](#). Apple, [click here](#).

From Hornsby Shire Council, 23 October: MAJOR ROADWORKS

Hornsby Shire Council will be carrying out major roadworks next week in the following locations:

- Turner Road, Berowra heights
- Alan Road, Berowra Heights
- Red Cedar Drive, Mt Kuring-gai

Please drive carefully if you are passing through these areas.

Great tips for parents with pre-driving age children:

Consider buying a second rear view mirror for use on the passenger side front window.

Let your child have time in the front seat.

Make a commentary as you drive, pointing out what you are seeing and thinking.

Explain your driving decisions.

From the Rural Fire Brigade: Do you know someone who may benefit from this Free Service?

The **AIDER** (Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents) program is a free, one-off service which supports some of our most at-risk community members.

The program helps people live more safely and confidently in their home in areas where bush fires may start.

The AIDER program is designed for people who have limited domestic support available from family, relatives, friends or other services. This could include older people, people living with a disability, and people who are already receiving community assistance and services. Their property must also be on bush fire prone land (land that can support a bush fire or be subject to bush fire attack).

AIDER Services can include -

- clearing gutters
- thinning vegetation around the home
- removing leaf and tree debris
- trimming branches from close to the home
- mowing or slashing long grass.

COMMUNITIES AT RISK NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE **01**

AIDER Program

Assistance for Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents
A one-off free service to reduce bush fire hazards

AIDER SERVICES MAY INCLUDE

- ✓ Thinning vegetation
- ✓ Removing leaves, sticks and fallen branches
- ✓ Trimming lawns from around and overhanging the home
- ✓ Mowing or staining long grass
- ✓ Clearing gutters

An assessment of your property will be completed by NSW Rural Fire Service staff. Advice will be given about completing your Bush Fire Survival Plan. All works are completed by Rural Fire Service teams.

Call 02 8741 4955 to request an assessment of your property



What is AIDER?
AIDER is a one-off FREE service supporting residents to live safely and comfortably in areas where bush fire may start. The property must be bush fire prone, meaning an area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack.

Who is eligible?
Aged residents and residents with disabling conditions who have limited domestic support from family, relatives, friends or other services.

Are you prepared for a bush fire?
Aged and disabled people in the community may be at higher risk during a bush fire. The NSW Rural Fire Service recommends that you have a Bush Fire Survival Plan.

EMAIL: aider@rfs.nsw.gov.au
WEB: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 479 177

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Phone 02 8741 4955 or email aider@rfs.nsw.gov.au, or go to the website for further info and the request form, [click here](#).

From the Hornsby Advocate, 22 October:

KEEP COOL AND SAFE THIS SUMMER

“The weather is getting warmer, so it's a good time for a reminder to lock your doors every night to prevent unwelcome visitors.

If you have security screen doors or windows, make sure they are secure when you go to sleep. If not, perhaps consider locking them open a small way to allow airflow but prevent entry.

We are still seeing homes in our area entered by thieves looking for cash and valuables while families sleep. Car keys have even been taken and vehicles stolen. This is happening far too often. If you are lucky enough to have airconditioning, it is a good idea to use that instead of open windows.

Detective Inspector Jon Gross
Kuring-gai Local Area Command

3 GALSTON Two motocross bikes were stolen from the garage of a property in Crosslands Rd, between 6pm on Monday and 6.30am Tuesday. One was a KX85 Kawasaki, and the other was a WR450 Yamaha. A third bike was moved but not stolen.



4 MT COLAH Four chickens in the backyard of a property in Ku-ring-gai Chase Rd died after their throats were cut between 5pm on Friday and 7am Saturday. Police said the owners didn't hear anything but discovered the dead chickens the next morning.

7 WARRAWEE A 2011 Mercedes, parked in Eulbertie Ave, was damaged after a bar stool was thrown at it between midnight and 8.40am on Tuesday. The car's tail light was broken and the boot was dented.

8 WAITARA Oxyacetylene equipment was stolen from a construction site in Park Ave, between October 10 and 12.

9 GLENORIE A 17-year-old Galston man was charged with travelling more than 30km/h over the speed limit along Old Northern Rd, Glenorie, at 4pm last Thursday. The man was driving a motorcycle and on his learner's licence at the time. He was issued with an infringement notice.

Getting handle on domestic violence HORNSBY'S domestic violence support group has come up with a novel way to raise awareness about the social scourge. The group has designed 12 coffee mugs with messages aimed at generating thought and discussion about domestic violence. Co-ordinator Ross Blade is in the process of writing to every state and federal politician in Australia to get their support for the initiative. Mr Blade says the mugs are designed to get people talking in a casual manner about this serious issue. The group has launched a Pozible crowd funding campaign to help produce and distribute the

mugs, which will be available at a local stall and online.

Details and designs, [click here](#).



From the North Shore Times, 23 October:

5 LINDFIELD Two watches were stolen from a home on Burleigh St between 5.30am and 8.15pm on Friday. Phone Chatswood police if you saw anything suspicious in the area.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road (ex-Pacific Hwy), Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: [Kuring Gai LAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

Interpreting & Translating Services 131 450

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

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Our mailing address is:

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