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G-PHS Student Y-Lead Council to Host First-Ever “Neighborhood Watch Extravaganza”

This Saturday, April 1, 2017, several Gregory-Portland High School students are inviting local citizens to attend an event designed to help initiate and expand Neighborhood Crime Watch programs in their community.

The first-ever “Neighborhood Watch Extravaganza” will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Portland Community Center Pavilion (2000 Billy G. Webb Drive in Portland, Texas), and is being offered free-of-charge to residents. It is this year’s main project for the G-P High School Y-Lead Council – a student-led organization that gives back to the community thanks to a partnership with Cheniere Energy.

During the last few years, Cheniere has donated \$20,000 annually for the Y-Lead Council to use at their discretion. Student leaders on the council develop and pitch ideas to each other, and determine how to invest the donation in a way that will greatly benefit the Gregory-Portland community. They visit throughout the school year with Cheniere leadership, City Council and School Board members, and other community leaders to gain assistance and support for implementing their annual project(s).

This year, students are using most of the donation to hold the event free of charge to the public. Police officers and officials will provide helpful tips for establishing Neighborhood Crime Watch programs, and the students have activities planned for citizens who attend.

Following the event, the Y-Lead Council also plans to use any remaining funds to create care packages for students new to G-PISD and who may need assistance/support.

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