COVENANTS CORNER

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Solicitation: to plead with or ask somebody for something. Our communities are posted as "No Soliciting" so why do we have people coming to our doors asking us to purchase some product or service?

Good question. *To find out more, continue reading here....*

We cannot stop the general public from entering Victoria Park. Nor can we prevent people from walking up the sidewalk and knocking on your door. Please call the Police! After notifying the police, you can make a report to the HOA office.

If solicitors are found in any of the four quadrants of Victoria Park, the following is recommended:

- Call the non-emergency number for the police department at (386) 626-7400 and report that solicitors are in the area.
- Never open your door to a solicitor; you never know if this is legitimate or a ruse to get inside and commit a crime.
- Always let the solicitor know that you are not interested, behind your closed door or by a closed window. Always let them know someone is home. In a few cases over the years, burglary suspects will knock on your door, and after no answer may attempt to forcibly enter.
- In order to solicit in the City of DeLand, the solicitor must have a city of DeLand solicitor permit. Even if they present a Volusia County permit, it is not valid in the city of DeLand.
- Each Solicitor must have a permit, not just the supervisor.

The police department takes solicitor complaints serious. Once called the Police Department will respond and verify the subjects identity and that they have a valid city solicitors permit. A subject found in violation will receive a city ordinance violation.

Please follow the above mentioned steps to help us keep Victoria Park safe. Everyone can help by keeping their eyes and ears open to anything that may seem out of the ordinary. We appreciate all you do!