

The Waite Hill Police Beat

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Hello to all residents, I will be communicating a newsletter each month so each of you are up to date with what is going on within the police department as well as with the community. I will include information about criminal activity, hopefully none that is taking place here, but activity that may be happening within our surrounding communities.



Deer season is approaching fast and they are already on move throughout the Village. Unfortunately, the deer are not too traffic “savvy” and think they own the roads. So please be extra careful when driving. While such deer-involved crashes can occur anytime, most mishaps happen between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m. and 5 and 8 a.m. because deer are “crepuscular” — meaning that they are most active at dawn and dusk. Defensive driving is the best way to avoid hitting these animals. Be particularly cautious at dusk and dawn when deer are the most active.

School Year 2013

The school year will be starting soon, which means school buses are out on the roads. Drivers need to be aware of children at bus stops. When you are heading out for work in the mornings, be aware of school bus activity and children crossing the roads.

Drivers should also maintain a safe distance when driving behind school buses and be aware that the yellow flashing lights mean the bus is coming to a stop, while the red flashing lights mean children are getting on and off that big yellow taxi.

A New Concern to Be On-the-Lookout For!

There's a new purse snatching trend hitting gas stations nationwide. It's called "theft by sliding." The burglars, called "sliders," pull up to a car they've observed to be unlocked at a gas station, open their door and the passenger door of the victim's car, slide in and steal something valuable, slide back into their car, and drive off. Unfortunately, society today is what it is and now we have to lock all of our doors no matter where we are.

The Waite Hill Village Police Department, as always, looks forward to serving the community. Your safety and security is always our concern!

Respectfully submitted,

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