

# The Waite Hill Police Beat

December – February 2020



Hello to all residents.

As the snow starts flying again, we need to remember to slow down and take extra time to get to our destinations. The Service Department does a great job keeping our roads open, but they need our assistance. If you have someone plowing your driveway, please remind them not to push snow across the road. When snow is plowed across the roads, driving and plowing hazards can be created when the Village endures a high volume of snow

## SCAM ALERT!

**As we enter into the holiday season, the Police Department would like to remind everyone to be mindful of financial phone scams that are taking place in order to safeguard their personal information. Today, we received a complaint of an individual claiming to be a representative from the Social Security Administration (SSA) requesting personal information from the complainant due to an alleged ongoing fraud investigation. When questioned about the information, the caller advised the complainant that they would call them back. Upon callback, the caller referred the complainant to the SSA website to confirm the caller ID number to a number on the SSA website in an attempt to validate their identity. The complainant refused to provide their personal information and advised the caller that they would be notifying the police which caller discouraged them from doing. The complainant received several additional calls from the original phone number and was advised not to answer the calls.**

**Should you receive such a phone call, do not provide any personal identifiers that would allow anyone to access your financial information. It is recommended that you contact the police department to document the incident and file an online scam report with the SSA. Individuals can also contact their local SSA office to determine if there are issues involving their SSA benefits or services.**

**Again, remember to *never* give out personal information to phone solicitors. If anyone receives a call or shows up at your door like this please call our department at the non-emergency number 440-942-1660 or 9-1-1 if you feel it is necessary.**

As a reminder, our surrounding communities are experiencing multiple thefts and break-ins, so please be diligent keeping your vehicle and home locked. The best deterrents are alarm systems and well-lit properties. Motion lights seem to help when you have them at the four corners of your home. Also, with the holidays coming and packages being delivered to your residence, keep an eye out for suspicious people and vehicles in the area. People are trespassing onto properties and stealing the packages right from your porch or wherever they are left.

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## TRAFFIC SAFETY

I would like to remind all residents who walk on our roadways to be remain diligent with traffic safety. Our officers are continuously monitoring vehicular and pedestrian traffic for safety concerns. If you have any questions or concerns about traffic safety, please contact our department.

## Halloween Party

I believe the party was a great success and was enjoyed by all who came. Thanks to all who participated with making it such a great party. If you would like to see any changes or additions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Please remember, if you notice anything that does not look right or looks suspicious, please contact us. The best way to reach an officer is through the dispatcher at 440-942-1660. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

Have a safe new year!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

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