

# The Waite Hill Police Beat



## June 2020

Hello to all,

First and foremost, I want to commend our residents for their cooperation and understanding of the measures we had to take with this Covid-19 situation that we are still dealing with and will probably have to continue to deal with and exercise caution. Finally, a big thankyou to our first responders and service personnel who continued to provide the upmost service to the Village and its residents through these challenging times. I can attest that living and working in Lake County we are quite fortunate with the networking and cooperation of all emergency entities that we have. I have personally been involved with preplanning for unexpected events. The officials of Lake County have certainly come together to provide the most up-to-date information and continued to evaluate what was best for the residents of Lake County.

## A Few Reminders from Your Police Department:

- Residents are reminded to have their address clearly marked and visible for emergency responders. When time is critical, you do not want emergency services wasting time searching for the correct location.
- If you have an alarm system at your residence, please use it. Secure your doors, windows and vehicle(s). Do not leave keys or valuables in your vehicle. Remember, thieves are looking for opportunity.
- If you observe suspicious activity, notify the police immediately. It only takes a few minutes for the police to check a suspicious person or vehicle.
- With warmer weather here, be mindful of your speed and children playing. Also watch for pedestrians and cyclists in the area.
- Be cautious of telephone and internet scams. In these economic times, criminals are looking to access your money anyway possible. "If it sounds too good to be true, it is". Unfortunately people are being taken advantage of with callers trying to sell you testing equipment for the Covid-19 virus.
- Please contact the police department if you have any questions or concerns.
- Pets – Please be considerate of your neighbors. Waite Hill Village has ordinances which pertain to barking dogs and animals running at large. You are responsible to keep your pets under control at all times. Also, we have been getting complaints of people walking their dogs and not cleaning up after their dogs. Please clean up while walking your dogs on other resident's properties.

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- Parents should be aware of the information your children are posting on the internet. This includes texting, photos, posting on “my space”, “face-book”, and other social networking sites. Once the send button is hit, it’s out there in cyber space and there’s no deleting or bringing it back. Also keep in mind, some information can be damaging, hurtful or embarrassing to your family or others.
- Well will not be having a summer picnic this year, hopefully we can revisit it for next year.
- Year 2021 will be the next year for the shredding event held here at town hall.
- Please remember that golf carts cannot be ridden on any of our roadways.
- **Lighting fireworks at home is not legal in the State of Ohio.**
- **With warm weather and family events, the Fourth of July can be a fun time with great memories. But before your family celebrates, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety. If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns, dismemberment of limbs, and or death. The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home – period. Attend public firework displays, and leave the lighting to the professionals.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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