

The Waite Hill Police Beat

October - November 2013

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.

I am reiterating the letter that was recently distributed as a reminder to all residents. Unfortunately, we all have to start locking our vehicles and homes so personal property is not an easy target. Also, you can no longer leave anything of value in your vehicle; this includes your personal identification. In the last few years, insurance companies have been refusing to cover any costs if your personal property is not secured.

During the early hours of October 1st, our Police Department arrested two adults that were involved with two other individuals who fled the scene. While they were trespassing on Gardenside Drive, Mountainview Drive, and Eagle Road, they were entering into vehicles and stealing various items. The items varied from GPS units, laptop computers, wallets, purses, currency, personal identification cards, and many credit and bank cards. All four individuals are heroin addicts and have criminal histories. Heroin is turning into an epidemic problem and people are becoming very desperate when finding ways to continue their addiction. These individuals are doing whatever it takes to feed the addiction. We were able to track down the other two that fled on foot and all four are awaiting their trials. The good information we have regarding the above incident is that we were able to catch the individuals in the act and we were able to return the majority of the items that were stolen.

Also, during the month of October we had two residents that were possible victims of identity theft. Fortunately, the suspects were not able to obtain credit after fraudulently filling out credit applications out-of-state with the resident's information. As a reminder, you should shred your documents that have any personal identification on them. This includes the mailings you may receive offering credit cards or loans that are already started in your name or other family members and are just waiting for activation. The criminals are using your name after they find your date of birth online and then changing the address to a false location they choose.

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.

We hope to have a great turn out for the Halloween Party which is on October 26th from 6pm-9pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police