

# The Waite Hill Police Beat

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Happy New Year to all, I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I will continue this year with 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 pertaining to criminal activity, hopefully none that is taking place here, but activity that may be happening within our surrounding communities.

Recently we have had a few residents reporting solicitor complaints in the Village. The Village has an Ordinance regarding unwanted visitors. The Police Department maintains the "Uninvited Visitors List" that is referenced in the Ordinance. The Village offers each resident the opportunity to sign a form that will indicate whether or not they wish to allow uninvited visitors on their property. Those canvassing commercially must register with the Village. Residents who sign either form will have their names placed on a list of persons who do not wish or who wish to have any uninvited visitors. The list of residents who wish to permit uninvited visitors is issued to persons who wish to canvass Village residents. If you are a new resident and have not signed either form, please let us know and we will bring the forms to you.

Fortunately, we have had a light winter so far, however, 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.

The Police Department in association with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will provide an opportunity for residents to safely dispose of their unwanted, unused prescription drugs. Left over medicine can lead to accidental poisoning and overdoses. It is also toxic waste when it's flushed, poured down the drain or dumped in the garbage where it can end up polluting our waters, hurting aquatic life and contaminating water supplies. Please help the environment by properly disposing of your medicines. I am working with the Lake County Narcotics Agency and we will have a couple of dates for April of this year. I will confirm the date as soon as I receive more information.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police