

# The Waite Hill Police Beat



## September - October 2015

Hello to all residents.

Now that summer is about gone and the dreaded winter is just around the corner, we have to remember to take care with pedestrian traffic and school buses. Our Village has had an increase of traffic over the years. There have been a few incidents with crashes and near misses of pedestrians versus vehicles. We are trying to be diligent with the speeding vehicles on our roadways, contact us with any areas of concern that you may have.

**We have received a few complaints of golf carts being operated on the roadways with children driving them. So everyone is aware, these types of vehicles are not permitted to be operated on our roadways. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or anyone else at the police department.**

This year we have seen an increase in residents receiving scam letters in the mail, via email, and by telephone. If you are the recipient of anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact the police department for help verifying the legitimacy of any communications. There also have been scams involving threatening IRS calls reference being sued if you do not cooperate with the phone caller. I personally received one of these calls and reported it to the Attorney General's Office.

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.

As many of you probably saw already, there were bear sightings in Kirtland in the area of Hobart Road. Please remember not to have pet food or other food products outside near your home. Usually, bears are more afraid of you and wander off when they see us; however, I'd rather discourage them than invite them to stay in the Village. They usually pass through by ways of the river beds and creeks on various properties. You may remember, we have had a few bears walk through the Village over the years. Take a look at the attached link <http://fox8.com/2015/08/18/photos-show-black-bear-walking-through-kirtland-mans-yard/>

We have tentatively set a date for the Halloween Party which is October 24<sup>th</sup> this year. We are working out the details for this year's events.

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.

**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