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"MAKE YARMOUTH THE SAFEST COMMUNITY IN THE REGION"

Chief Frank Frederickson

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

We had a great block captains meeting with over 100 in the audience on May 3, 2017. There are more details in this issue and more pictures on the NCW web site. Great interactive discussion and good questions from the audience. We also signed up a few potential block captains as a result of the meeting. Thanks to Officers Ambrosini and Geary, Chief Frederickson and Town Administrator Dan Knapik, as well as all the attendees. We will have another one in October. As always, we welcome your feedback on these meetings, and suggestions for what topics you would like to see at future meetings. I know you are just waiting for another Code Red poem from the Chief.

Yarmouth Cleanup Day

Neighborhood Crime Watch supported Yarmouth cleanup day. This is a great spring event to clean up our public areas. We hope to do it again next year, and get a bigger contingent of NCW blocks involved. Thanks to Tom and Judy Bartha for an enthusiastic crowd at Gray's Beach and Homers Dock, Carol McBride for a large group on Weir Road and Mike Sahagian and the Allains for their work at Bass River Beach. Thanks also to the Town and the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this event.

NCW Survey

We are preparing a survey that will be going out shortly to all block captains. We would like to find out how you are doing in your block, how we can better help you to be successful an any suggestions you have for improving the program. This will be a brief survey and should only take a few minutes to fill out. Block Captains are the key to the success of the program and communication with your Area Captain is essential. We ask your support in helping us. You will receive a hard copy, and hopefully we will have an online version on the web site if you prefer to use that.

YPD Welcomes New K-9 Nero!

Source: Deputy Chief Steven G. Xiarhos

The Yarmouth Police Department welcomes Nero, a 16-month-old fully trained and certified Patrol Dog, to our Yarmouth Police Department K-9 Unit.

Nero is a stunning male Belgian Malinois that has recently completed 640 hours of specialized training in the past 16 weeks and is partnered with Yarmouth Police Department K-9 Patrol Officer Sean Gannon.

Nero is the son of a retired and specially trained United States Armed Forces dog and was donated to the Yarmouth Police Department at no cost by Kenneth Ballinger the President and CEO of Alpha Canis Advanced K-9 Training and Care of South Weymouth.

Nero was certified by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department K-9 Academy with special support and training by members of the Massachusetts Department of Correction and the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office.

Nero is certified in:

- Tracking
- Building and Area Searches
- Criminal Apprehension
- Evidence Recovery
- Crowd Control
- Handler Protection

Sean and Nero hit the streets together on April 18th for their first shift.

The men and women of the Yarmouth Police Department wish Sean and Nero the best of luck as they protect and serve their fellow Police Officers and all of the residents, business owners, and visitors of the town of Yarmouth for many safe and successful years to come.

GREAT CRIME WATCH MEETING!

On Wednesday evening May 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM, a record turnout of over 100 citizens attended our Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting at the Yarmouth Senior Center.

Guest speakers Chief Frank Fredrickson, Proactive Anti-Crime Unit Officers Nicholas Ambrosini and Sean Geary, Yarmouth Town Administrator Dan "Special K" Knapik, and of course YPD K-9 Gauge all did a tremendous job speaking with and listening to our citizens.

The main goal for the Proactive Anti-Crime Unit is to disrupt the flow of crime. This is accomplished by officers getting out of their vehicles, walking around in plain clothes, being observant and looking for potential crimes. The "Big 3" problems for police include: mental illness, drugs and domestic violence. Soon 20% of the police department will have advanced training for mental health issues. Special thanks was given to Cape Cod Healthcare for providing Narcan to all law enforcement on Cape Cod.

Yarmouth Neighborhood Crime Watch is an outreach program of the Yarmouth Police Department managed entirely by citizens designed to assist us in our mission to transform Yarmouth into one of the safest communities in the region and make Yarmouth Great Again!

Neighborhood Crime Watch helps build strong neighborhoods where neighbors help and watch out for each other.

For more information visit www.yncw.org and join our team today!

National Night Out Against Crime

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to join the YPCAT Committee to help support the Police Department in putting together the National Night Out event in August. Currently the event is held on the first Tuesday in August. In the past the Police Department has done all of the coordination but with increased duties it is becoming more difficult for the officers to take care of the tasks involved.

If you would like to help out with this very important event and would like to learn more about it, please contact Bruce Wilson, YPCAT Chairperson at 508.694.7055.

Rest in Peace Richard Covell

Richard Covell, Block Captain for Eider and adjacent roads in Yarmouth Port recently passed away. Richard visited all his neighbors in record time after joining Neighborhood Crime Watch. He was an excellent block captain and will be greatly missed for his service to Yarmouth. Our condolences are with his family, may he rest in peace.

Friends of Yarmouth Council on Aging Outdoor Yard Sale

The FOYCOA Yard Sale is being held on June 3, 2017 (Rain Date - June 4th) from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Senior Center Patio Area. We are not accepting any donations at this time.

Thank you for all the volunteers who helped at the March Yard Sale which was very successful.

COMPUTER SECURITY

Source: Federal Trade Commission

Use Security Software That Updates Automatically

The bad guys constantly develop new ways to attack your computer, so your security software must be up-to-date to protect against the latest threats. Most security software can update automatically; set yours to do so. You can find free security software from well-known companies. Also, set your operating system and web browser to update automatically.

If you let your operating system, web browser, or security software get out-of-date, criminals could sneak their bad programs – malware – onto your computer and use it to secretly break into other computers, send spam, or spy on your online activities. There are steps you can take to detect and get rid of malware.

Don't buy security software in response to unexpected pop-up messages or emails, especially messages that claim to have scanned your computer and found malware. Scammers send messages like these to try to get you to buy worthless software, or worse, to "break and enter" your computer.

Treat Your Personal Information Like Cash

Don't hand it out to just anyone. Your Social Security number, credit card numbers, and bank and utility account numbers can be used to steal your money or open new accounts in your name. So, every time you are asked for your personal information – whether in a web form, an email, a text, or a phone message – think about whether you can really trust the request. In an effort to steal your information, scammers will do everything they can to appear trustworthy. Learn more about scammers who phish for your personal information.

Protect Your Passwords

Here are a few principles for creating strong passwords and keeping them safe:

- The longer the password, the tougher it is to crack. Use at least 10 characters; 12 is ideal for most home users.
- Mix letters, numbers, and special characters. Try to be unpredictable – don't use your name, birthdate, or common words.
- Don't use the same password for many accounts. If it's stolen from you – or from one of the companies with which you do business – it can be used to take over all your accounts.
- Don't share passwords on the phone, in texts or by email. Legitimate companies will not send you messages asking for your password. If you get such a message, it's probably a scam.
- Keep your passwords in a secure place, out of plain sight.

Back Up Your Files

No system is completely secure. Copy important files onto a removable disc or an external hard drive, and store it in a safe place. If your computer is compromised, you'll still have access to your files.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
FOYCOA Yard Sale	Yarmouth Senior Center	06/03/2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
NCW Meeting	Yarmouth Police Department	06/14/2017	10:00 AM
National Night Out	Simpkins Field Yarmouth	08/01/2017	5:00 - 8:00 PM

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The CAT is a newsletter from the Yarmouth Police Community Advisory Team (YPCAT) relating to happenings in the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and the community.

Do you have an article you would like to see published in the CAT, or an idea for us to include? If so, contact us at cat@yncw.org.

Interested in learning more about, or joining Yarmouth Neighborhood Crime Watch—Visit our web site www.yncw.org . Here you can find out if you are in a current block, and learn more about the program and how to start your own block. You can also contact us at info@yncw.org.