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"MAKE YARMOUTH THE SAFEST COMMUNITY IN THE REGION"

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Chairman's Message

Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

National Night out is coming up soon at field behind Simpkins School Residences at the site of the Seaside Festival, see the flyer in this issue. Meet some of the Neighborhood Crime Watch volunteers there and find out more about our program. This is always a good time and great for kids, with SWAT and K9 demonstrations and many other events.

Our fall Block Captains meeting is coming up on Wednesday October 4, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM, reserve that night. We hope to have a guest speaker on the topic of security and crime prevention, more details as we get closer to the event.

We are continuing to process the new block captains from our recent training, hope to have those blocks set up soon and you will see them in the block lists on our web site.

Sign Up for Yarmouth Police Summer 2017 Junior Police Academy

The YPD Summer 2017 Junior Police Academy will be held during the last week of July and is one of several innovative, effective programs that the Department provides for young people in the Town of Yarmouth.

This special program gives young individuals between the ages of 8 and 13 the opportunity to train with Police Officers for one week during the summer, leading to positive relationships between the Police Department and the children of Yarmouth.

Participants will attend the Junior Police Academy at Yarmouth Police Department Headquarters, during the week of Monday July 24 to Friday July 28 with a separate morning and afternoon session according to age group.

Children ages 8, 9, and 10 attend from 9AM to 11AM

Children ages 11, 12, and 13 attend from 1PM to 3PM

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Yarmouth Police Officers conduct classes that include:

Headquarters Tour

Lectures

Demonstrations in the Areas of Law

Drug Abuse Prevention

K-9 Demonstration

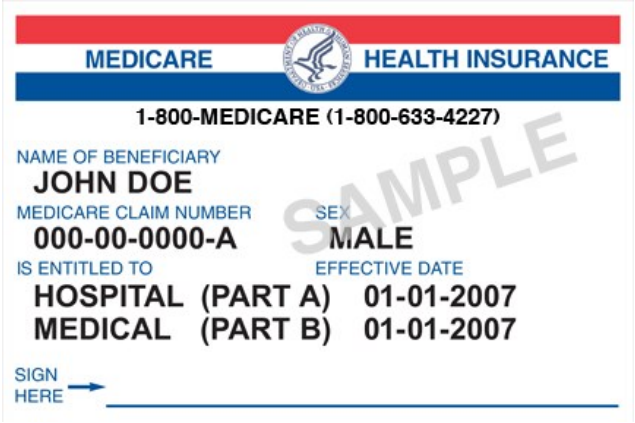
The Junior Police Academy will enhance responsible citizenship and provide positive interaction with Police Officers and educates young people about the challenges and responsibility of the profession of American Law Enforcement.

Yarmouth residents will be given first priority. To sign up for this free class, please call Administrative Assistant Nicole Bohane ASAP at Yarmouth Police Department Headquarters at 508.775.0445 extension 2115 or email her at nbohane@yarmouth.ma.us

This release was prepared and distributed by the Command Staff of the Yarmouth Police Department. For further information please call the Office of the Chief of Police at 508-775-0445 extension 2115 or email us at info@yarmouthpolice.com

New Medicare Cards Are on the Way

Source: Andrew Johnson
Consumer Education Specialist, FTC



Changes are coming to your Medicare card. By April 2019, your card will be replaced with one that no longer shows your Social Security number. Instead, your card will have a new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) that will be used for billing and for checking your eligibility and claim status. And it will all happen automatically – you won't have to pay anyone or give anyone information, no matter what someone might tell you.

Having your Social Security number removed from your Medicare card helps fight medical identity theft and protect your medical and financial information. But even with these changes, scammers will still look for ways to take what doesn't belong to them.

Here are some ways to avoid Medicare scams:

- Is someone calling, claiming to be from Medicare, and asking for your Social Security number or ban information? Hang up. That's a scam. First, Medicare won't call you. Second, Medicare will never ask for your Social Security number or bank information.
- Is someone asking you to pay for your new card? That's a scam. Your new Medicare card is free.
- Is someone threatening to cancel your benefits if you don't give up information or money? Also, a scam. New Medicare cards will be mailed out to you automatically. There won't be any changes to your benefits.

For more on the new changes to your Medicare card, visit Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. And report scams to the FTC.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION

Source: YPD Command Staff

In general, no one is allowed to knock on your door and ask you to purchase something unless they have first come to Yarmouth Police Department Headquarters and had their criminal record checked, paid a fee, agree to follow the rules, and obtained a Permit/Identification that they must carry with them at all times. We are one of only a handful of communities that have this law that is designed o keep everyone safer. Please call us immediately if anyone is violating this law and/or if you have any questions or concerns. (508 775 0445)

Door-to-Door Solicitation

Many residents are concerned at having strangers approaching their homes uninvited. Many seek assurance that the solicitors are known to town officials and are properly licensed. Senior citizens and retirees are particularly vulnerable to crime, particularly fraud, identity theft, and larceny.

Each door-to-door salesperson must apply individually to the Yarmouth Police Department and submit a completed application which requires the following:

> Government-issued photo identification, date of birth, permanent residential address, home telephone number, current cell phone number, sales organization information, sales supervisor identity, make, model, color and registration number of any vehicles and other verifying information.

The Yarmouth Police Department shall conduct a criminal records check of each applicant for a town door-to-door sales permit. Residents may submit their property for inclusion on the list without charge. Upon approval of a door-to-door sales permit, each salesperson shall be provided with a copy of the No Solicitation List.

Door-to-Door Sales Regulations

No salesperson shall enter within the perimeter of any residential property included on the No Solicitation List

No salesperson shall solicit sales from a person situated within a residential property included on the No Solicitation List from a street, sidewalk or other adjacent property.

Each salesperson shall carry the Town of Yarmouth sales permit at all times.

No salesperson or supervisor shall use any vehicle to transport persons or materials unless the vehicle is identified in the permit application and the exterior of the vehicle is marked with the name of the sales organization and the words “door-to-door sales.”

Door-to-door sales shall be conducted during the hours of 9:00am - 7:00 pm.

For further information please call the Office of the Chief of Police at 508 775 0445 extension 2115 or email us at info@yarmouthpolice.com

TOWN OF YARMOUTH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

WHERE: Simpkins School grounds site of seaside festival, South Yarmouth
You can enter from Old Main Street or the Bridgewater University entrance on Route 28
WHEN: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 5pm – 7:30pm

Come for a fun free night out with police SWAT and K9 demonstrations, Police, Fire Department and Natural Resources equipment, along with safety vendors!

Free food (while supplies last) and fun activities for kids including free face painting!

Yarmouth Junior Police Academy graduation will take place during this great event!

Come and meet Yarmouth's Dog Walkers Mascot, Kira!

Donations will go to help support the Yarmouth Police Department. This event is sponsored by the Yarmouth Police Department and the Yarmouth Police Foundation.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

809 Area Code Scam

Source: AT&T

This long distance phone scam causes consumers to inadvertently incur high charges on their phone bills. Consumers usually receive a message telling them to call a phone number with an 809, 284, 649, or 876 area code in order to collect a prize, find out information about a sick relative, etc. The caller assumes the number is a typical three-digit U.S. area code; however, the caller is actually connected to a phone number outside the United States, often in Canada or the Caribbean, and charged international call rates. Unfortunately, consumers don't find out that they have been charged higher international call rates until they receive their bill.

AT&T recommends the following tips to help avoid the 809 area code scam:

- Return calls to familiar numbers only. As a general rule, return calls from numbers that contain familiar or recognizable area codes. You may call your directory assistance or long distance operator to check the area code location.
- Carefully read your telephone bill. Make sure that you only receive charges from your provider of choice. Ensure you thoroughly understand charges listed on your phone bill, have chosen to do business with all of the listed providers billing for those charges and have authorized additional fees invoiced. If your local service provider has changed, you will receive a final bill from the former provider and a notice of service disconnection.

If you believe that you have been scammed:

- Contact the carrier with whom the charge originated, whose name and toll-free telephone number should be printed on the same bill page as the charge in question. Often, the problem can be resolved with a single phone call.
- If the carrier with whom the charge originated does not agree to resolve the problem, contact AT&T. AT&T will work with you and the carrier to help remove fraudulent charges from the phone bill.

Additional information:

Federal Communications Commission

CTIA

Snopes

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Fallen Warrior Motorcycle Ride	Opening Ceremonies: Barnstable County Sheriff's Complex Ride Ends: DY High School	07/23/2017	9:00 AM Approx. 12:00 PM
Junior Police Academy	Yarmouth Police Station	07/24 - 07/28/2017	Ages 8-10 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM Ages 11-13 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM
National Night Out	Simpkins	08/01/2017	5:00 - 7:30 PM
NCW Meeting	Yarmouth Police Station	08/09/2017	10:00 AM

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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.