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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By: Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

Hope all are doing will with the new restrictions due to the Coronavirus. This is a good time to remember to check on any elderly or at risk neighbors who may need help with food or medicine deliveries. We had hoped to work with the Chamber of Commerce on the Yarmouth Neighborhood Cleanup Day, which like many things has been cancelled. We will work with them if it is rescheduled. In the meantime, we can all do our part to not pollute and to clean up our neighborhoods when out for a walk. Our next Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting is scheduled for May 13, we will evaluate the status of this as we get closer to that date, look for updates on our web site. Please follow the state and federal guidelines and stay safe. Our thoughts and prayers are for our first responders and other essential public and private employees who can't work from home and provide us services in these difficult times.

LISA HALES - WY35

Not many women have followed a career track that includes repairing bicycles, owning and operating two hairstyling salons including the Harvard Business School, and being a successful real estate broker in the Greater Boston area.

She has lived overseas and held leadership positions in the expatriate community, is a motivational speaker, has worked as a Real Estate Productivity coach and is now a certified Neurostrategic Transformational coach/trainer. She is also certified in Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP), Timeline Therapy, and Hypnotherapy helping people to let go of their negative emotions and limited beliefs and become the best they can be.

She has been married for over 25 years to her husband Kris, has 2 adult children and enjoys vacationing and time with her family.

Her mission is to help change peoples' lives by unlocking their minds through transformational coaching and training and transform the planet.

YPD Annual Award Ceremony

Source: YPD Facebook

On Friday March 6th the Yarmouth Police Department held the 45th annual award ceremony. Each year officers and staff members are nominated for awards for outstanding service and achievement during the year. We are proud to announce that Detective Michael Zontini was awarded the 2019 Officer of the Year and Dispatcher Jaime Sundby was awarded the 2019 Dispatcher of the Year. Congratulations to all of the officers and staff members who were recognized during the event.
2019 Yarmouth Police Department Awards

Officer of the Year: Detective Michael Zontini

Dispatcher of the Year: Jaime Sundby

Top Performers: Officer Ryan Murphy, Officer Erik Journet, Officer Liam Breen

Superior Investigation Award: Detective Eric Nuss

Unit Commendation: 12-8 shift, Communications

Honorable Investigation Award: Officer Mary Gibney and Sergeant Andrew Coville

Excellent Service Award: PAC Officer Connor Burnham

Honorable Investigation Award: Detective Scott Lundegren and Officer Matt Mangano

Exceptional Service Award- Community Policing: Officer Eric Rondina, Officer Alex Xiarhos and Officer Michael Cheung

Exceptional Service Award: Lieutenant Andrew O'Malley and Officer Michael Wells

Letter of Commendation: Dispatcher Sean Ryan

Community Policing Award: Dispatcher Kerrie Pentland, Dispatcher Maria Curtis, Dispatcher Jaime Sundby, Dispatcher Paul Leidenfrost

Community Policing- Shop with a Cop: Officer Sean Brewer, Officer Nick Pasquarosa, Sergeant Diana Wells, Dispatcher Maria Curtis

Community Policing- Secret Santa: Lieutenant Kal Boghdan, Officer Erica Wenberg, Officer Eric Rondina, Officer Mary Gibney

Longevity: Chief Frederickson 40 years, Lieutenant Bryant 25 years, Officer Cruz 10 years and Officer Burnham 5 years

YPD Community Update

Source: Kevin Lennon, YPD Deputy Chief of Police

In a continued effort to keep our citizens and first responders safe from the Covid 19 - Coronavirus, we are asking people to use increased discretion when seeking Police services.

The Yarmouth Police Department will always respond immediately to 911 emergencies and calls for service.

Until further notice, we are asking citizens to avoid coming into the lobby of the Police Department unless in the case of an emergency.

If you have a situation that can be resolved over the phone by speaking with a Police Officer, please call our business line at 508 775 0445 ex 2100. Please continue to use 911 for all emergencies and medical calls.

We will be temporarily allowing our Officers to take reports over the phone for any issue or incident that we feel would not require a visit to your home.

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding. These precautions are in effect to limit close personal contact and the spread of the virus.

Help in keeping our community safe during these challenging times by following these recommended guidelines:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.
- Use disinfectant spray or wipes regularly on doorknobs, laptops, phones and all frequently touched items at home and in your workspace.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and discard.

The Juggler

A circus performer was pulled over by a police officer for speeding. As the officer was writing the ticket, she noticed several machetes in the car. "What are those for?" she asked suspiciously.

"I'm a juggler," the man replied. "I use those in my act."

"Well, show me then," the officer demanded.

So the man got out the machetes and started juggling them – first three, then more, finally seven at one time, overhand, underhand, behind the back, putting on a dazzling show and amazing the officer.

Another car passed by. The driver did a double take, and said, "My God. I've got to give up drinking! Look at the test they're giving now."

CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

SOURCE: FTC

Scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the Coronavirus.

What the FTC is Doing

The FTC and FDA have jointly issued warning letters to seven sellers of unapproved and misbranded products, claiming they can treat or prevent the Coronavirus. The companies' products include teas, essential oils, and colloidal silver.

The FTC says the companies have no evidence to back up their claims — as required by law. The FDA says there are no approved vaccines, drugs or investigational products currently available to treat or prevent the virus. Read more about the warning letters.

Avoid Coronavirus Scams

Here are some tips to help you keep the scammers at bay:

- Don't click on links from sources you don't know. They could download viruses onto your computer or device.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying that have information about the virus. For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations. There currently are no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) — online or in stores.
- Do your homework when it comes to donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it.

At this time Yarmouth Community Clean Up Day scheduled for April 18, 2020 has been cancelled. This event may or may not be rescheduled for a future date.

IRS Impostor Scam

By: AARP

The IRS imposter scam is still going strong. "It's our number one reported fraud right now," says Amy Nofziger with AARP Foundation and Fraud Watch Network, "and I think it'll get more sophisticated." Here's how it works: Someone claiming to be from the IRS either phones or leaves a voice message saying you owe back taxes and threatening that, unless funds are wired immediately, legal action will be taken or you'll be arrested. (Or they may say you have a refund waiting but need to verify personal info before sending.)

"They're very convincing," says Nofziger, "and they often use aggressive language." And let's be honest, beyond the intimidation factor, who doesn't feel guilty about fudging something on a 1040 at some point? Plus, scammers are getting more devious: Sometimes "IRS" shows up on caller ID, the con artists supply their "badge numbers" and they know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Your Plan

Do not return a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS. The real IRS opens communications with a taxpayer only via the U.S. Postal Service. If you're ever in doubt about an IRS matter, call the agency directly at 800-829-1040. Sometimes for kicks Nofziger actually calls the IRS impostors back. "They usually pick up on the first ring," she says. "The IRS doesn't usually have the staffing capacity to pick up on the first ring, but the scammers do."

Money Mule Scam

Source: Lisa Weintraub Schifferle, Attorney, FTC, Division of Consumer & Business Education

Scammers may try to use you to move stolen money. If you help them, you could be what law enforcement calls a money mule. Money mule scams happen several ways. The story often involves scams related to online dating, work-at-home jobs, or prizes. Scammers send money to you, sometimes by check, then ask you to send (some of) it to someone else. They often want you to use gift cards or wire transfers. Of course, they don't tell you the money is stolen and they're lying about the reason to send it. And there never was a relationship, job, or prize. Only a scam.

What happens next? If you deposit the scammer's check, it may clear but then later turn out to be a fake check. The bank will want you to repay it. If you give the scammer your account information, they may misuse it. You could even get into legal trouble for helping a scammer move stolen money.

How can you avoid money mule scams?

- Don't accept a job that asks you to transfer money.
- Never send money to collect a prize.
- Don't send money back to an online love interest who's sent you money.

Criminals are good at making up reasons to help them move money. Don't do it. The money may be from other people they scammed. You may be helping criminals hurt people just like you.

If you think you might be involved in a money mule or money transfer scam, stop transferring money. Notify your bank, the wire transfer service, or any gift card companies involved. Then, report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
NCW Meeting	YPD	April 8, 2020	10:00 AM
Semi-Annual NCW Meeting	Yarmouth Senior Center	May 13, 2020	7:00 PM
Yarmouth Town Elections	Remember to Vote!	May 19, 2020	

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