

The Dunes Beat

The West Hampton Dunes Police Constabulary Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

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Summer Kick-Off Party

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Come one, come all! The WHDPCHA Annual Summer Kick-Off Party is to be held on Friday, June 4th, 7pm at John Scott's Surf Shack. The cost is \$50 per person and includes unlimited food and bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance through any association member or through our website. Purchase your tickets as soon as possible as we anticipate selling out. This year we have tee shirts available for \$20. They are available now if you want to wear one at the event or they can be purchased that night as well. Thank you all for your continued support and we hope to see you there! All the details are available on our website at www.whdpca.org.

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New Way to Reach US!

The department has a new contact telephone number. Residents may call (631) 404-8304 to reach the duty officer with a general question or to report a NON-EMERGENCY. The duty voice pager is no longer in service. If the duty officer is on a call or a traffic stop you can leave a message on the voice mail and he will call you back as soon as possible. Please remember to call 911 to report any emergency. By calling 911 the emergency dispatcher can notify us of you location (even if you can't speak) and send us the necessary resources (fire department, ambulance, etc.) to best assist you. Help us help you. Please report any suspicious activity, local law violations and other concerns so we can continue to maintain the excellent quality of life for all the citizens of West Hampton Dunes.

Smoke/Fire Alarms



Smoke, fire and carbon monoxide detectors/sensors should be replaced every five years (roughly) or in accordance with the manufacturers recommendation. The fire department has responded to a few alarms lately and noticed extremely outdated alarm sensors. They not only become less effective but are also more likely to false-activate. We want everyone to sleep well at night knowing they are properly protected. If your alarm sensors are making noise its for a reason. Removing them defeats their purpose and in the event of a fire your insurance company could dispute your claim. Contact your alarm company or check the expiration date which is usually located on the bottom of the units and replace them accordingly. In many cases the battery is the problem. They are all interconnected so if one sensor has a low battery they all make noise. Its simply easier to replace them all and it may save someones life.

Barrier Beach Cocktail Party

Saturday May 15th is the Barrier Beach Preservation Associations annual gathering. This event is open to all residents of the Village of West Hampton Dunes. Be sure to join them at the BBPA House located at 906 Dune Road (House adjacent to Police Constabulary Headquarters) at 6 PM on Saturday.



Lets All Cut Back

The Village of West Hampton Dunes has quickly grown in size and population. Landscaping has grown as well. Those residents who have plants, shrubs, etc. near the edge of the road need to examine their individual conditions carefully. Many village signs are currently obstructed by landscaping. After all the progress we've made with the roads we really need motorists to see our signs! Some of the side roads are becoming difficult to navigate and its difficult to see pedestrians and bicyclists where the road bends. Trimming back in these areas would be especially beneficial to us all. If you have any questions regarding this please let us know. Safety is our number one concern.



Household Garbage

Household garbage/waste seems to be one of the most commonly reported village local law violations. As most of you know the village does not provide carting services. The removal of household garbage is the responsibility of each individual homeowner. Residents can choose any of the local carting companies in the area. Garbage must be left along the side or under the house. No items for disposal are permitted to be left at the edge of the driveway. This waste must be placed in closed leak-proof containers. Most, if not all of these companies are aware of our local laws and will work with you accordingly. Plastic bags left on the ground encourage local wildlife to explore the contents and create an unsightly mess. If you are renting or have guests unfamiliar with these laws please inform them. All too often the officer assigned to the morning shift on Mondays finds himself chasing debris as it scatters throughout the area. Lets have a clean and safe summer season.

Renting?



Plan on renting this year? Let us help you to have a safe, quiet and harmonious summer season. Inform your new renters of our village local laws and provide them with our contact information as well. We are more than happy to answer any questions and possibly prevent a violation. Noise, parking and garbage have become the largest problems when it comes to renters. Renters as well as homeowners are entitled to enjoy the summer but not at the expense and inconvenience of others. We can work with you and accommodate your needs while adhering to all our village local laws. All of these laws are available on the village website located at www.whdunes.org.

Fridge Magnets

Enclosed with this newsletter is a refrigerators magnet containing all the contact information for the Police Constabulary. Please post them conspicuously so you and your guests are aware of all the appropriate contact information. In the event of an emergency always dial 911. Feel free to utilize any of the non-emergency numbers with a general question or concern. If you need an additional magnet let us know and we'll be happy to provide you with an additional one.



Suggestions

- Contact your alarm company and make sure they have the proper contact information for the Police Constabulary to ensure a speedy response time.
- Place your house number in a clearly visible location so it can be easily read from the roadway.
- If you think your contact information is outdated or if haven't provided it to us please do so as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency or problem we need to have the correct information to reach you.
- Notify the department if you are going to be away for a prolonged period of time.
- Check out our website at www.whdpca.org to see this and previous newsletter additions.

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