



THE OXFORD POLICE

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2017

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I hope everyone once again had a great holiday season, hard to believe that another year has flown by. As always mentioned in the Winter Newsletter, please be mindful of the Town of Oxford's Winter Parking Ban. This is in effect from December 1st, 2016 through April 1st of 2017. The ban takes effect when there is an accumulation of three (3) or more inches of snow, day or night. Fifteen minute parking is allowed for postal and package delivery, per the Board of Selectmen. On street parking is prohibited during these months from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

In September, members of the Police Department held their First Annual Golf Tournament at Pine Ridge Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament are to be utilized to assist the department in purchasing safety equipment, and some of the proceeds have actually just been used to assist the police department in purchasing safety vests for our officers. Operation Santa was once again held at the Community Center on the 4th of December, with over 140 children attending. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the great work done by the volunteers, their tireless efforts to make this a festive occasion is certainly appreciated. On December 10th, the Oxford Police Department participated for the third consecutive year in the Goods for Guns Buyback Program. Lieutenant Saad once again coordinated the effort on behalf of the police department, with the program collecting 17 unwanted firearms this year. Residents turning in the firearms were once again provided with Market Basket gift cards in differing denominations, depending on the type of firearm turned in to the police department. Several new communities participated this year in the program, and it continues to be a growing success.

In November, veteran Officer Randy McCarthy transferred to the Town of Auburn Police Department. Officer McCarthy was a member of our department for close to fifteen years, I would like to once again thank him for his service to our community. Also, in November, the Board of Selectmen conditionally appointed four Permanent-Intermittent Officers (part-time) to the police department. On December 22nd, all four officers successfully met their conditions and were officially appointed on this date. The four officers are: Kevin Mercier, Heather Picking, Matthew Gray and Johanna Burke. All of these officers will begin training soon with the department's field training officers, before they are released to patrol duties. The appointment of these individual's is necessary as the result of the anticipated retirement of several officers within the next few years.

If you have any questions regarding the above subjects or any other matters, please feel free to email me at mhassett@town.oxford.ma.us or call me at 508-987-0156.

Thank You,

Chief Michael Hassett

FYI

-Requests for any reports (Accidents, Arrests, and Incidents) can be obtained by contacting Oxford Police Records Clerk Debra Light. Mrs. Light can be reached at 508-987-0156 or by email: dlight@town.oxford.ma.us.

-LTC (License to Carry) and FID (Firearms Identification Card) applications are available at the Dispatch window. Any questions can be directed to Lieutenant Anthony Saad at 508-987-0156 or by email: asaad@town.oxford.ma.us.

-OPD can be accessed on line at www.oxfordpolice.info or through the Town of Oxford Webpage: www.town.oxford.ma.us.

-Oxford Safe Return. This is a new program to assist our Elderly Citizens who may be at risk. For more information call 508-987-0156 or email: Officer Robert Picard at rpicard@town.oxford.ma.us.

CRIME BUSTERS

The Oxford Police Department wishes to encourage anyone with any knowledge of a crime, be it past, present, or future, to contact the Oxford Police or any of its Officers. All calls will be returned and anonymity will be maintained whenever possible. Call 508-987-0156 or email Sergeant William Marcelonis at:

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