

HILLIARD DIVISION OF POLICE BLOCKWATCH NEWSLETTER



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HOLIDAY GIFTS

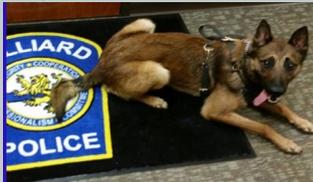
The Hilliard Division of Police wants to remind everyone as we approach the holidays to be careful when purchasing online and having items shipped to your residence.

When you purchase items, only do so on sites that are secured. Look at the URL for the website at the top in the search browser. The “s” at the end of “https” stands for secure and is using an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) connection. Your information will be encrypted before being sent to a server.

Criminals during the holiday season look for packages left by the door as an easy target for them. When you order something and have it shipped to your home, watch the tracking from the shipper so you know when it may arrive. If it is to arrive on a day you may not be home, arrange for a neighbor to pick up the package for you, or see if your employer would allow you to ship to your place of employment.

HILLIARD POLICE MAKES AN ADDITION TO THE K-9 UNIT

The Hilliard Division of Police is pleased to announce our new K-9 Team. Officer LaRosa and his partner Kane are now patrolling the streets of Hilliard together.



CHECK OUT THE HILLIARD POLICE BLOTTER

If you haven’t checked out our Facebook page yet, please take a look. We post information about things going on in our city and our police agency. Every Monday we post on our Facebook page the “Police Blotter”. You can see information about incidents we took reports on during the week, along with arrests that our officers made. Facebook is a great way to find out why the police were on your street or about the car you saw police had stopped along the road.

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ARE YOU A
MEMBER OF
NIXLE OR
MAILCHIMP?



Nixle and Mailchimp are two ways for the Hilliard Division of Police to communicate important information to the residents of Hilliard.

This email notification system allows our police agency to send messages about any of the following issues:

- Traffic situations that may affect your commute
- Crime Alerts about issues in your neighborhood
- Scams that have been reported recently to our agency
- Missing Persons

These are just a few of the items that can be sent to your email.

To sign up or to get more information, visit our website:

<http://www.hilliardohio.gov/police.aspx>

Click "Alerts & News" to sign up.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is a fun-filled time for children, but there are many dangers associated with the holiday unrelated to ghouls, goblins and witches. Parents need to take the necessary precautions to make sure their children remain safe while still having fun. Select a safe costume and provide children with important instructions before trick-or-treating. Motorists also need to stay especially alert due to the high number of child pedestrians out in communities.

Trick or Treat for Hilliard and Norwich Township is Thursday, October 30, 6 to 8 pm.

SAFETY FOR THE AUTUMN SEASON

The National Safety Council recommends these safety tips for this fall season:

Flu Prevention

Autumn is the start of flu season, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated against the flu. Learn more on flu prevention from flu.gov and download this fact sheet debunking common myths about the flu vaccine.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends every year on the first Sunday of November, as clocks are set back one hour nationwide (except in Hawaii and most of Arizona).

This year, set your clock back on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 2:00 a.m.

While Daylight Saving Time is meant to extend daylight hours and conserve energy, it also serves as a great reminder to check the batteries in your home's smoke detectors. Batteries in smoke detectors should be replaced yearly, and there should be smoke detectors on every floor of your home.

Yard Work

Every autumn leaves inevitably will fall, leaving your yard cluttered and in need of clean-up. Consider the following safety tips from the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons to prevent injuries while performing yard work:

- Use a rake that is comfortable for your height and strength. Wear gloves or use rakes with padded handles to prevent blisters.
- Wet leaves can be slippery; wear shoes or boots with slip-resistant soles.
- Do not overfill leaf bags, especially if the leaves are wet. To avoid back injury, you should be able to carry bags comfortably.
- Never throw leaves over your shoulder or to the side. The twisting motion required to do so places undue stress on your back.

If you have any questions about curbside leaf collection in Hilliard, go to the city website for more information:

<http://hilliardohio.gov/live/city-services/curbside-leaf-collection>