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Did you know?

As Spring approaches, the Village reminds all pet owners to be conscientious about cleaning up after your pets while you are out and about for those Springtime walks.

Village Ordinance 90.09 addresses this issue and provides for fines of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the 2nd offense, and \$200 for a 3rd offense.

All Village Ordinances may be read, searched, or printed from our Village Web site at www.winthropharbor.com. For questions, please call Village Hall at 847-872-3846.

**Village Hall will
be closed on**

**Friday
April 10, 2009**

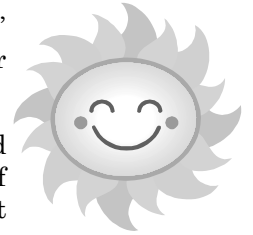
**In observance of
Good Friday**

Spring means FUN in Winthrop Harbor!

It is that time of year when many of us feel that "Spring Fever" coming on, with the weather beginning to improve, and out door activities on the horizon.

There's no better place to be than Winthrop Harbor in Spring and Summer, and the Village encourages you to take full advantage of the many sports activities and family recreation opportunities that are in store for you!

Spring and Summer in Winthrop Harbor include much to do for young and old alike, from our beautiful Lake Michigan shore & beaches, to the numerous fun activities and organized events. Read every issue of our *Harbor Shores* newsletter, and visit the **on-line community calendar** to be included in all the fun!



Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch with Bunny

The Winthrop Harbor Recreation Dept. invites everyone to the annual **Lunch with Bunny** at the Schlader Recreation Center on Saturday, **April 11th**. The Easter Bunny will be hiding over 4,000 eggs for the Lion's Club **Easter Egg Hunt** at 9 a.m., (see page 4), followed by the luncheon from Noon to 2pm inside the Recreation Center.



Admission for the lunch is \$2.00 for all, and photos with the Easter Bunny will be available for a fee of \$3.50. We'll have entertainment for all the kids inside the gym, so don't miss this fun time! All children who are 9 and under will be entered to win a door prize. Come out to the park and enjoy Easter with us!

2009 Winthrop Harbor Pageant

Girls, be part of the 2009 Winthrop Harbor Pageant by vying for the titles of Miss, Junior, Pre-Teen and Little Miss Winthrop Harbor! Pageant winners enjoy a year of fun, sisterhood, mentoring and community service. Applications are available at Village Hall, the Schlader Recreation Center, and on-line at www.winthropharbor.com. Deadline for applications is **April 15th**, and the Pageant will be held on **May 16th** at 3pm at North Prairie Junior High School.

Village Adopts New Name for Newsletter

Congratulations to Winthrop Harbor resident **Mary Ellen Anderson**, who submitted the suggestion of **HARBOR SHORES** as the new name for our village newsletter. There were many excellent suggestions submitted, and in the last newsletter issue

(See CONGRATULATIONS, page 5)



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Jana J. Lee, Village Clerk

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- IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS -

Village Hall 847-872-3846

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- VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS HOURS -

Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fire Department Seeks Applicants

The Winthrop Harbor Fire Department is accepting applications for paid-on-call and paid-on-premise positions. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age, must reside locally, and must be motivated to help their community. Experience is a plus, but not required. For details on the application process, contact Fire Chief Wollert at 847-872-5957 or by sending an email to nwollert@whpd.org.

Seniors Eligible for Discounted Water

Winthrop Harbor residents age 65 or older qualify for a 10% discount on their water rates. Applications are available at Village Hall, and we encourage all of our seniors to take advantage of these savings. Please call 847-872-3846, ext. 247 for further information, or visit Village Hall during business hours.

Voter Registration Assistance

Residents needing to register to vote may do so at Village Hall. Please bring two forms of identification, one with your current address. Note that voter registration closes March 10th for the April 7th election.

Village Meetings Open to the Public

Mayor Joe Leech, Jr., the Board of Trustees and Village staff encourage residents to attend the Village Board and committee meetings, held monthly at Village Hall or the Schlader Memorial Recreation Center. We value the input that our residents provide, and are committed to addressing all questions and concerns in a constructive, positive manner. Please consider joining us at any of the meetings listed in the table below:

<u>Board / Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Village Board of Trustees	Mar. 3 & 17 / Apr. 7 & 21	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	Mar. 10 / Apr. 14	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	Mar. 11 / Apr. 8	6:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	Mar. 9 / Apr. 13	7:00 p.m.	Schlader Building

Village Board of Trustees meetings are televised on Comcast Public Access Channel 19 on Wednesdays (1 p.m.), Thursdays (12:00 p.m) and Saturdays (9:00 a.m.). For the full schedule, please visit www.accesschannel.com.

Recreation Programs

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL 2009 — The end of March marks the end of Baseball/Softball registration. March 20th will be the final day to register for this year's season. T-ball starts at age 5 for boys and girls, and 18 is the oldest age for boys and girls. All players, except T-Ball, need to come out for evaluations at the Schlader Building; **March 21st** for baseball and **March 22nd** for softball. After evaluation weekend, teams will be formed and practices will begin in early April.



Games are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of May 11th. All games will be played during the week, and every team will play two games each week. The night for games and practices will depend on the coach of each team. Practices will be held at least once each week, if not twice, before games begin. Once the games begin, there will be no regular practice, only games. If your child does not receive a phone call from a coach by April 10th, call the Recreation Dept. at 847-746-3505. If anyone would like more information on coaching, umpiring or general league questions, please call the Rec. Department.

TEEN DANCE — Teen Dances at the Schlader Recreation Center are scheduled for Fridays, **March 13th** and **April 3rd**, from 7-10 pm. (*note that the April dance is on the 1st Friday to avoid Easter weekend*). Students attending 5th-8th grades at Winthrop Harbor schools may attend, as well as students who live in Winthrop Harbor but attend alternative schools. All students must show their North Prairie school ID, or students attending alternative schools, including home schooled, or 5th graders attending Westfield, must obtain a photo dance ID from the Recreation Dept. The first ID issued is at no charge to the child, however any additional ID's needed will cost \$5. Admission is only \$2, and pizza & soda will be available for sale. Please note that the normal school dress code is strictly enforced, and once you've entered the dance you may only leave when it's over at 10pm, unless a parent comes to the door to pick you up earlier. The dances are organized by the Recreation Dept. and we're always looking for help with chaperones. If you would like to help, please call 847-746-3505.



ACTIVITY NIGHT FOR 3rd & 4th GRADERS — On Friday **March 20th**, from 7-9 pm, the Schlader Building will open to 3rd & 4th grade students who live in the Village of Winthrop Harbor. (*Note that the next activity night will be May 1st, which will be the last one for this school year.*) Activities scheduled for the evening will include music, various games (board games/card

games), open gym, and refreshments to purchase. Admission will be \$2 at the door, and no one who enters the building will be allowed to leave before 9pm, unless that child's parent comes to the door to pick them up. We ask that all parents please come inside to walk out with your children when it's time to pick them up. This is a Recreation Board sponsored event. We welcome any parent who would like to stay and chaperone. Call Recreation with questions at 847-746-3505.

WALK'N WALK'N — Monday through Friday, come indoors at the Schlader Recreation Center from 8-10am to walk & talk while you stay warm and dry.

From 10-11am, adults are welcome to bring their little ones and let the kids play in the center of the gym while the adults walk laps. The Rec. Dept. has a few items for kids to play with, and toys/bikes brought from home are welcomed as well. Note the gym will be closed April 3rd and 10th. This program continues through the end of May.

OPEN PLAY — The Schlader Recreation Center is open for Open-Play Volleyball on Mondays, beginning **March 23rd**. Open-Play Basketball, on Tuesdays, is open now and both Volleyball and Basketball nights will continue through the end of April. Times are 7-9pm and fees are \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents. For high-school age or older!

SKATE PARK — The Winthrop Harbor Skate Park is tentatively scheduled to open for the season on **March 30th**, weather permitting. We will continue the Photo ID system this year.



All participants under 18 will be required to complete a registration form and have it signed by a parent. Cost for the season is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. This one-time fee will ensure use of the skate park until the season ends on Nov. 2, 2009. On Mondays, **March 16th & 23rd**, the Schlader Recreation Center will open from 4:30-6:30pm to accept registration forms and fees, and to have the photo ID's made for those who wish to get a jump on the process.

VILLAGE PARK CLEAN-UP — We need your help! This year's clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, **April 25th** at 9am. The Recreation Dept. is asking our residents, organizations and service groups to help with our annual Spring Cleaning of our Village Park. Simply bring yourselves and a little energy, as we try to get the park ready for a summer filled with activities. All garbage bags, gloves and refreshments will be provided. We have had a great turnout in the past and hope to continue the tradition this year. For more information or to

Benton Township Programs

Benton Township offers a variety of services to citizens of all ages. For more information, please call Jan Suthard, Benton Township Supervisor, at 847-746-2100. The Township office is located at 40020 N. Greenbay Road in Beach Park (corner of 29th St. and Greenbay Rd.)

SENIOR RESOURCE DAY: On Wednesday, **April 29th**, from 8:30 a.m. until Noon, Seniors can enjoy over 30 exhibitors, door prizes, donuts, coffee and lunch (all provided) at the Zion Park District Leisure Center.

SENIOR CIRCLE: Seniors 50+ pick up an application to join for activities, events, & trips. Sponsored by Vista Health System.

SENIOR FREE FRIDE PROGRAM: Seniors age 65+ are eligible for free transit on fixed routes operated by CTA, Metra & Pace. Call for appt. and bring driver's license or photo ID to appointment.

DIAL-A-RIDE BUS SERVICE: Service hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. Service takes you anywhere in Benton, Newport and Zion Townships, plus villages of Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor, Wadsworth and Gurnee. Cost only \$1.60 one-way for adults, 80 cents for children age 7-11. To schedule a ride, call 800-201-6446 one day in advance. (You can call up to one week in advance for scheduled medical appointments.)

CAREER TRAINING and development assessments are available through Benton Workforce Development Training Center. If you seek training or re-training, call 847-731-9143.

G.E.D. CLASSES are available through CLC at Pearce Campus East. Call 847-731-9143 for details.

FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES: neither age nor income a requirement. Pick-up an application at the Township office.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARDS for those without prescription insurance available. Income/age not a factor. Cards are Free.

HELP OTHERS: At the Township office you can drop off non-perishable **food & health/beauty products** for distribution to local food pantries. Drop off used **eye glasses** and used **cell phones** for refurbishing and distribution to those in need of these items.

EARLY VOTING FOR APRIL 7th ELECTION: Early voting **begins March 16th** and **ends April 2nd**. Winthrop Harbor residents may vote early at the Township office (see address above). Early voting hours are Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm; Saturday 9am-2pm.

FREE Illinois State maps & Rules of The Road booklets are always available at the township office.

AARP Chapter 871

The Winthrop Harbor AARP Chapter meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday each month at the Community Center on 7th Street.

The **March 17th** meeting will be to meet and hear from the candidates running for Winthrop Harbor Mayor. Public is invited!

At our **April 21st** meeting, a master gardener will be making a presentation called Color Your Garden with Annuals and Perennials.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at each meeting and members of the public interested in the candidates are also welcome to attend.

Please call Jerry Larson at 847-746-6567 or email him at jerryplarson@sbcglobal.net for further information.

Winthrop Harbor Lions Club

The Lions have several events occurring in March and April. First, we will hold our 23rd annual **Steak & Egg Breakfast** on Sunday, **March 22nd**. This is our second year at Stone Creek Grill. We will be serving from 7 am to 11:30 am. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.50 for children 10 and under. Tickets are available at the door and from Lions members. Please join us for good food and a good time!

We will have a **rummage sale** on **April 3rd** from noon to 5 pm and on **April 4th** from 8 am to 5 pm. The sale will be held at the Schlader building. Come and check out the bargains. If you would like to donate items, you may bring them to the Schlader building the morning of April 3rd. For additional information you can reach Lion Hayden Evans at 847-872-5969.

This year's **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at 38 Acre Park on **April 11th**. Children ages 1-8 are invited to search for 4,000 eggs. We will also give away 4 bicycles and other goodies donated by local businesses. The Easter Bunny says the eggs will be ready at 9 am.

Please come for an evening of **Lions Bingo** on Wednesdays at the Schlader building. The doors open at 4:30 pm. Bingo begins at 7 pm. Refreshments are available.

The Lions really appreciate the support we receive from the folks who attend our functions. It is with your help that we, in turn, are able to help those in need.

American Legion Post 1943

The American Legion Samuel Schiera Post 1943 meet-

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ings are held at the Schlader Building on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Veterans of the U.S. military are welcome to attend. If you are a veteran and are looking to serve your fellow veterans and your community, we are looking for you!

One of the ways our post supports our military is by sending gift boxes. We recently sent a number of boxes to the troops in Iraq containing such items as candy and other treats, pocket calendars and various other items. If anyone, either private or business, would like to contribute such items as candy, pencils, pocket calendars, notebooks, etc., please contact our post at P.O. Box 334, Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096. We will acknowledge all gifts. Our troops greatly appreciate and need such items, please help.

5k Benefit Run/Walk

The Community Resources for Education & Wellness (CREW), and Coalition for Healthy Communities are sponsoring the *Zion-Benton Mama's Run/Walk 3rd Annual Event!* (5k flat and fast) Help support substance abuse prevention and treatment with this annual 5k run/walk. T-shirts and goodie bags are guaranteed to the first 100 entrants who pre-register.

The event will be held on Saturday, **May 9th**, beginning at 9am. Check-in time is 7:45 - 8:45 am. Pre-registration runs through **April 24th**.

Fees are \$20 for adults or \$5 for students. After April 24th the fees are \$25 for adults or \$10 for students. Refreshments will be available to all runners at the finish. The run starts and ends at the Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Avenue in Zion.

Entry forms are available on-line at www.zbchc.com, www.zbisme.com or www.crewinc.org. For additional info, call CREW at 847-872-2830.

Recycle your old refrigerator or air conditioner

If you've got an older, working second refrigerator or freezer keeping your soft drinks or ice cream cold - it's probably costing your more money than you think.

ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators use at least 20% less energy than required by current federal standards and 40% less energy than the conventional models sold in 2001. So that old fridge could be costing you more than \$150 per year!

With ComEd's Smart Ideas for Your Home Program you can get a \$25 cash incentive to turn in your working second refrigerator or freezer for FREE and recycle it in an environmentally responsible way. You can learn more

about turning in your working second refrigerator or freezer by visiting www.ComEd.com or calling 888-806-2273. The program also applies to working window air conditioners.

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the top five suggestions were published. Residents then voted on their favorite name, with *Harbor Shores* garnering the most votes submitted.

Congratulations, Mary Ellen Anderson, on selecting our new newsletter name! The Mayor will read an official Proclamation, renaming the newsletter and congratulating the winner, at the March 17, 2009 Village Board meeting.

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sign up, please call us at 847-746-3505.

DANCE INSPIRED FITNESS TRAINING—Winthrop Harbor Recreation Department is offering **Zumba®** fitness training at the Community Center. Zumba is a heart pumping, calorie burning, body sculpting fitness party. You'll dance the time away to Latin international rhythms such as Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Reggaeton and more! The 50-minute classes, open to both women and men, are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:20pm, beginning **March 10th** and continuing 8 weeks through April 29th.

Fees for the 8-week session are \$32 for once-weekly attendance (\$40 for non-residents), and \$60 for twice-weekly attendance (\$68 for non-residents). Or come when you can with the drop-in rate of only \$6 per class (\$8 for non-residents).

Zumba breaks away from a typical 32-count aerobics class as you naturally transition with the music changes. Yes, even people with two left feet can join the party!

Classes are instructed by *Meshelle Williams*, a personal fitness trainer with over six years in the training, health and wellness field.

For more information, visit www.zumba.com or contact Meshelle at 262-515-8346 or eachoneteach-some@yahoo.com. Additional sessions are being planned, including one free introductory class at the beginning of the next session. Watch our newsletter and Web site for details!

**Recreation Program Details and Schedules
Available On-Line at
www.WinthropHarbor.com**

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8	9 Recreation Com.	10 Planning-Zoning Voter Registration Closes	11 E.D.C.	12	13 TEEN DANCE 7-10pm-SB	14
15	16 Early Voting Begins	17 Village Board AARP 1pm-CC	18	19	20 Activity Night 3rd-4th graders 7-9pm-SB	21 Baseball/Softball Evaluations
22 Lions Steak & Egg Breakfast Baseball/Softball Evaluations	23 Open Play V-Ball 7pm-SB	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Open Play V-Ball 7pm-SB SKATE PARK OPENS	31	 For the latest information, visit your Community Calendar at www.WinthropHarbor.com			

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19	20	21 Village Board AARP 1pm-CC	22	23	24	25 VILLAGE PARK CLEAN-UP
26	27	28	29 Senior Resource Day	30	Think Spring!	

HARBOR BUSINESS BUZZ

EDC News

A message from EDC Chairman, Jimmie Harris, to our Mayor and Trustees and to the members of the Economic Development Commission -

Ours is the work of planning for the future and trying to make things better. It is important that every community does this work, but not everyone does. We are fortunate in Winthrop harbor that our elected officials have an interest in making things better and that they execute their responsibilities with this in mind. This has certainly been the case when it comes to planning for economic growth. Without the support of our Mayor and Trustees none of the recent advancements in our efforts could have been possible.

The same can be said of the volunteer members of the Economic Development Commission. They give their time and experience to working toward our goal of bringing improved economic prosperity to our wonderful community.

There is a lot yet to be done and we know we can't get there without continued support and hard work from everyone involved. Thank you for all that you have done and we look forward to continuing to kick the tires and light the tires to get on down the road.

If you have questions about any of the Village's Economic Development plans, please contact Pat DiPersio at 847-872-3846, Ext. 255, or send an e-mail message to dpipersio@winthropharbor.com

Highlight on Business

TB Motorsports, 729 Sheridan Road, Suite 102 is an official IRA Sprint Racing Series souvenir vendor. Specializing in Sprint Car die cast models and racing t-shirts. Owner Tom Tennyson hopes you will stop in and say hello. Business hours are Tue-Fri 2:00-6:30 pm and Saturday 11am—5pm.

Time Out Sports Pub, 1706 7th Street. We are pleased to welcome owners Chris Athanasiadis and Ermer Jashari to the village. A great place to meet friends and watch the game!

Mur's Auto Mart, 919 Sheridan Rd and Thomas Cars & Trucks, 211 Sheridan Rd. Looking for a good pre-owned car or truck? Look no further than right here in the Harbor! Check out both of these well inventoried lots for great deals on their wide array of transportation options.

Please patronize all of our local businesses. For a complete list of community businesses, visit www.winthropharbor.com to view or print our ***Business Directory.***

Chamber of Commerce News

Hello from the 2009 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and President Bob Grulke. We are here to work with the businesses in the community and those doing business within the area to meet the needs of our residents.

Networking meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 – 9:00 AM in the lobby of NorStates Bank. For more information visit the Chamber Web site at www.cocwh.com.



ZION-BENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Need reliable information fast?

Access the Library's collection of online databases 24/7 from any computer connected to the Internet by visiting www.zblibrary.org. Click on the link to E-Resources to get started. Remember that you must have a valid Zion-Benton Public Library card to access the Library's databases.

Once logged-in, you'll find a wealth of resources for information, including regional, national and international news (searchable back to 1985), over 25,000 family history books and other valuable resources for genealogy, and a Learning Express Library with interactive test preparation guides for the ACT, ASVAB, civil service, SAT and U.S. citizenship exams, among many others.

Information and updates on Library programs are on the library Web site, www.zblibrary.org. Or call 847-872-4680 for more information.



The Zion-Benton Public Library Card is your key to knowledge... through books, videos, tapes, on-line access and so much more... get yours today!



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS & TIPS

Police Department Plans Bicycle Safety Course

The Winthrop Harbor Police Department is planning a **Bicycle Safety Course** for children, to be held in conjunction with **National Bike Month** in May. Participants will learn safe riding skills, plus how to check bikes for safe tire inflation, brake function, and more. Information on how to properly fit and wear helmets will also be included, as well as rules and laws pertaining to riding bicycles on our roadways. This will be a fun and educational event...watch for details at the Police Department's Web site; www.whpd.org.



For those who ride their bicycles on the road, it's good to be reminded of the rules of the road. Bicyclists are legal vehicles on the road and have all the rights and responsibilities of motorists. They should observe traffic signs and laws, signal turns, ride with the traffic and ride in a straight line. Bicyclists fare best when they act and are treated like motorists. That's because road safety for everyone depends on all vehicles, cars and bikes, behaving predictably, obeying traffic laws and sharing the road.

Typical traffic no-no's for bicyclists are: riding against the traffic, failure to observe red lights and stop signs, blocking traffic by not riding single file with other cyclists, failure to use hand signals when turning or slowing, no headlights, taillights or reflectors for night riding and riding with earphones.

Typical motorists' mistakes are: failure to pass bicyclists safely by giving them at least three feet of space, passing a bicyclist then making an immediate right turn in front of the bicyclist, failure to yield when making a left turn in front of an oncoming bicyclist, opening a car door into a bicyclist's path, failure to scan for bicyclists at intersections and crosswalks, parking in bike lanes and speeding.

Curfew Ordinance Reminder

As Spring approaches, the Police Department would like to remind parents that the Village has a curfew Ordinance. All children and teenagers under the age of 18 must be in by 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, or by Midnight on Friday and Saturday. A parent or legal guardian must accompany persons under 18 years of age who are out after curfew hours. Please note that brothers or sisters do not qualify as "legal guardian". Additionally, Illinois law states that drivers under the age of 18 may not operate a motor vehicle after curfew hours.

New Business-Check Notices

Business owners, managers and employees... have you returned to your business recently to find a little yellow notice slipped under your door? The Police Department recently began leaving these notes after conducting business checks on nights and weekends. The notes simply indicate that the building was checked, and whether or not anything was found to be amiss.

The Police Department has always conducted these checks for local businesses, however we are now leaving a note behind to better communicate our findings. When the patrol officers do find a business door open or unlocked during closed hours, we attempt to contact the key-holder (owner or his/her designee) to come to the site before we enter to check the premises.

Often times we are unable to reach a key-holder. Please make sure that the Police Department has current contact information for key-holder(s) for your business. Simply call the non-emergency number, 847-872-2131, to provide us with this information. Thank you!

Community Service Programs

The Police Department provides many community service programs, including Vacation House Watch, Elderly Call-In, Child Safety-Seat, and many more. Visit our Web site at www.whpd.org for details!

Beware of Prize Scams

Residents are urged to beware of phone, mail and e-mail messages that claim the winning of large cash prizes. Any message or phone call that requires you to send money in before receiving a prize, is typically a scam. If in doubt, please call the Police Department before giving your personal information or sending money to any person or entity.



HAPPY EASTER!

