

## **Northport Village Corporation: 2020 Year-to-Date Police Activity Report**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a marked effect on police department priorities in 2020. Much of our focus has shifted to enforcing Village rules that were put in place to protect residents and visitors' health and safety. This has resulted in an increase in foot patrols in the parks and on the wharf. In a few instances specifically, the police department has prioritized the significant safety concerns involving teenagers attempting to skirt around the rules by using the outer boat float as a swimming platform, which presented safety hazards with area boating activity, among other things.

As the summer has progressed and additional lifeguards and a dock supervisor were added, we have noticed a significant reduction in unauthorized use of the wharf. People using the wharf for fishing is still an issue and, at least on one occasion, one individual refused to leave and unfortunately had to be warned for criminal trespass.

### **Traffic**

We have seen a significant reduction in motor vehicle traffic and this is a direct result of COVID-19. That said, we have noticed a reduction in speeding vehicles on George Street and believe this is directly related to the permanent speed signs that were installed this year.

We have stopped 23 vehicles and issued a total of four citations. Two of those were for speeding 15+ above the speed limit and two for registration issues.

### **Complaints**

We responded to one report of an underage drinking party where the homeowner was warned. We also responded to one domestic disturbance and the parties were warned to not have further contact for the evening.

Additionally, the police department assisted EMS with two severe medical calls – one heart attack and one unresponsive person.

Complaints by category are as follows:

- 2 Assault
- 1 Threatening
- 2 parking
- 3 911 disconnect
- 3 Medical
- 1 Underage Drinking
- 1 Suspicious
- 1 Background Check
- 24 Miscellaneous

### **Total Complaints: 39**

The numbers do not reflect the numerous complaints that are handled by the department that are minor in nature. These include many juvenile issues, public drinking warnings, warnings to leave the wharf, and so on. All of these are integral to our continued commitment to insure the safety and wellbeing of residents, property owners, and visitors.

*Respectfully submitted by Michael Boucher, Chief of Police, Northport Village Corporation*