



Town of Manlius Police Department SAFETY BULLETIN

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Bicycle Safety

With the warm spring weather Central New York has been experiencing, there is an increasing number of bicyclists on the roadways. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians share the equal responsibility of being aware and using safety precautions when utilizing the shared roadway. The following are a few rules to help bicyclists stay safe:

1. Always wear a properly fitted helmet
2. Have your bicycle adjusted to fit you
3. Always ride with the flow of traffic
4. Follow all traffic laws
5. Make eye contact with motorists prior to crossing intersections and side streets
6. Be aware of motorists backing out of driveways
7. Stay out of motorist' blind spots
8. Do not pass on the right
9. Wear bright or reflective clothing, even during daylight hours
10. Look behind you prior to swerving to avoid obstacles
11. Have your bicycle inspected every spring before riding it

Be sure to discuss bicycle safety rules with your children. By staying alert and following the rules of the road you can ensure a safe and fun summer.

White Ribbon Campaign

The White Ribbon Campaign began in Canada in 1991 following a tragic event where a man murdered 14 women. This event prompted a group of concerned men to launch a campaign to bring awareness to violence against women. These men encouraged other men to pin on a white ribbon as a personal acknowledgement to the important role men play in the efforts of ending violence against women. The Vera House brought the White Ribbon Campaign to Central New York in 1995.

The 22nd annual White Ribbon Campaign will take place during the entire month of March. Thousands of Central New Yorkers will be wearing a white ribbon or white wristband to raise awareness about



domestic and sexual violence.

The Town of Manlius Police Department has authorized their officers to participate in this campaign by allowing the officers to wear a white ribbon pinned on their uniform or a white bracelet between March 4th through March 18th.

For more information on this campaign and the calendar of events, visit:

www.verahouse.org

Children caught wearing a helmet while riding their bicycles will be issued an ice cream ticket!



Apps that hide Apps?

Be aware that technology is making it easier for teens to hide information from their parents. By using a variety of different apps, teens have the ability to hide apps and photographs they do not want their parents to view. Apps such as "AppLock" or "Private Photo Vault" are accessed by clicking on the app icon on the home screen and typing in a password. These type of apps are less discrete and exist to provide a second layer of security to access its contents. Other apps may not be so easy to detect. "Smart Hide Calculator" appears on the home screen just like a calculator icon. Upon opening the icon, parents see that it is a fully functional calculator. However; when the four digit password is entered and the "=" pressed, you are presented with the hidden interface where apps, photographs and videos can be hidden out of sight.

There are many varieties of these free apps available for both Android and iPhone users. It is recommended that parents constantly check their child's download history to view the types of apps they are accessing. A "Google" search can provide useful information about the app and how its used. Parental controls can also be set on cell phones so that children have limited ability to download apps without the parent's permission. For more information on how to set the parental controls on your child's cell phone visit your carrier's website or local store.



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