

## Carlisle Welcomes New Code Enforcement Officer

The newest edition to the Carlisle staff is Jim Wahlrab who will be taking over the code enforcement duties after the recent retirement of Greg Wallace, the former Director of Planning and Zoning. Jim recently has come out of retirement to work part-time for the Village. Previously, Jim was an entrepreneur in two small businesses, served on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties, and has been a volunteer for our county's Child Advocacy Program. Jim stated that he is excited to begin working with the citizens and businesses of Carlisle and will concentrate on educational and compliance programs of Carlisle local ordinances.



Jim Wahlrab, Code Enforcement Officer

Any questions regarding property maintenance or code enforcement issues should be addressed directly to Jim at (937) 746-7809 or [jwahlrab@carlisleoh.org](mailto:jwahlrab@carlisleoh.org). Permit issuance and questions should be addressed to Amy Brown, Clerk of Council/Manager's Secretary, at (937) 746-0555 ext. 210 or [abrown@carlisleoh.org](mailto:abrown@carlisleoh.org).

## Trailers and Boats and Campers - Oh My! A Guide to Storing Your Boats, RVs, Trailers and Campers

Can my boat/trailer/RV/camper be kept on my property? This is probably the most common question that the Property Code Enforcement Department is asked during the summer. In general, the answer is "yes" as long as you follow the rules.

- **Inside Garage Storage:** Boats/trailers/RVs/campers can be stored on your property in a **completely enclosed garage** (either attached or detached from the home).
- **Outside Garage Storage:** Outside garage storage is possible depending upon where you store it and on what type of surface it is kept on.
  - **Front of Home:** The short answer is "no". You cannot store your boat/trailer/RV/camper anywhere in the front of the home—even on a paved driveway.
  - **Side of Home:** Boats/trailers/RVs/campers may be stored on the side of your home *if* it is stored on a solid surface—such as asphalt or concrete. They are **not** allowed to be placed on grass and/or gravel in the side yard. *Keep in mind that the rules regarding side yards are a bit different for homes that are on the corner of two intersecting streets. Residents in corner homes are encouraged to talk with the Property Code Enforcement Officer for the rules pertaining to their unique lots.*
  - **Back of Home:** Boats/trailers/RVs/campers can be placed in the back yard on a paved surface (asphalt/concrete) **or** gravel pad. They are **not** allowed to be placed on just grass.
- All boats/trailers/RVs/campers must be kept in good repair and carry a current year's license or registration in order to be stored outside. Otherwise, they may only be stored in an enclosed garage.

The above is just a quick overview of the basic rules for storing boats/trailers/RVs/campers. There are permissible exceptions to the above guidelines for periodic maintenance and repair of the equipment as well as general loading and unloading of supplies. Contact the Department at (937) 746-7809 for further details about these exceptions and whether or not they apply to your specific situation.

# Scams Victimize Carlisle Residents

As your Police Chief, I wanted to take a few minutes of your time and pass along some information on recent scams that have victimized some of our residents as well as offer tips on how to avoid becoming a victim yourself.

Two elderly residents have reported contracting with a tree service to cut down and remove some trees and stumps from their properties. Both victims paid for the services in full before the work was completed. Once paid, the tree service company never returned to finish the work.

Another resident was victimized by a false on-line company. This internet company offered to sell the victim a dog. The victim wired (through Western Union) cash to pay for the dog—which they never received.

Lastly, we had a local business victimized by a recent phone scam where the caller claims to be Duke Energy and requests immediate payment by wire to avoid turn off of power. Duke has a warning of this scam on their computer web page.

And, just yesterday, I received a phone call on my cell phone from the “IRS” that stated that I needed to make immediate payment or be sued. According to the IRS website, this is an on-going scam from thieves intent on stealing the person’s money and/or identity. The IRS website states that the agency will never call to demand immediate payment, require you to use a specific payment method for taxes such as a prepaid debit card, or ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Each of us needs to be careful with whom and how we do our business.

- Never pay in full until the work is completed to your satisfaction. If you have concerns or are afraid to confront the contractor, call the police and an officer will come out and help you.
- Never pay cash for anything “on-line.” Reputable companies all take credit or debit cards. There is a warning on the bottom of the Western Union wire receipt that says that this is a cash transaction. Never send any money to anyone that you do not know.
- There are hundreds of different types of phone scams. These criminals, often out of the country, attempt to scare you into sending them money or cash gift cards. No reputable business, by phone or internet, takes gift cards or cash for payments.

If you ever have a question of the legitimacy of a call or business, you can call your police department and an officer will come out and help you. If you have been the victim of a fraud or scam, call the police department to report the crime.

If you need a police officer and it is an emergency—call 911

If you need a police officer to respond to a call or you need to talk to an officer—call 937-425-2525.

If you need a police record or report or need to speak to the Chief call—746-0117

Have a safe summer and always be extra careful with your hard earned money.

- Mike Bruck, Chief of Police

## HOW TO SPOT A UTILITY SCAM

### Don't become a victim.

In one of the most common scams, a caller may:



**Pretend** to be from Duke Energy. (It may even say “Duke Energy” on your caller ID.)

**Threaten** to turn off power to your home or business within an hour.



**Demand immediate payment** – often by prepaid debit card.

### Suspect a scammer? Here's what to do.

- 1 Hang up.
- 2 Call the police.
- 3 Call us at the phone number on your bill.

**DO NOT** pay over the phone or call any number given to you by the scammer.



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