

Safety Awareness Day in Wainfleet

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Wainfleet is a very safe community but that doesn't mean its residents shouldn't be reminded of safety measures once in a while.

The Port Colborne/Wainfleet Community Policing committee will be hosting its first Safety Awareness Day and Bicycle Rodeo at the Wainfleet Arena next Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Safety Day is the second the committee has hosted in the past two weeks. The first Safety Awareness Day, which took place May 29, was very successful, said Ron Kramer, co-chair of Wainfleet's event with Fire Chief Chris Cole.

"We're trying to encompass all facets of safety," Kramer said. "It's not just about bicycles. There will be information about farm safety and boat safety. All of which affects Wainfleet greatly."

Kramer said the day will include information displays from groups such as Niagara Regional Police, Red Cross, Safe Communities Port Colborne, Niagara EMS, as well as the Wainfleet Fire Department, which will show off its newest fire truck outside the arena.

Fire safety is something people in the township are well aware of, Kramer said, referring to an incident last week in which a Wainfleet family prevented a potential chimney fire from spreading.

Kramer said bicycle safety will be a big focus during safety day, where officials will teach youth about the rules and regulations of cycling. Members of community policing will make sure youth's helmets are checked for proper security, bicycle seats will be adjusted to ensure proper height and brakes will be checked thoroughly.

Kramer said he hopes the township will have many more safety days in the future.

"It's much needed," he said.

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