

Be on the lookout for rubber ducks in Depew

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Rubber ducks have been lost in the Depew parks, and community members will be lucky ducks if they find them in August.

In conjunction with national Family Fun Month in August, the Depew Police Department will be participating in the Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt. Several rubber ducks will be hidden throughout Depew's two main parks for families to find.

“The Depew Police Department and several local agencies have found a way to engage the community, with safety being our utmost priority,” Depew Police Chief Jerome Miller said. “For the entire month of August, we invite everyone to come out to our local parks and participate in a rubber duck community scavenger hunt.”

Social distancing guidelines will be in place, therefore everything will be handled over social media. A flyer will be posted on the department's Facebook page with a QR code for residents to scan and access event information, which can also be found on the Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt Facebook page.

Many other local agencies are participating in the Rubber Duck Community Scavenger Hunt, including the Cheektowaga Police Department. In Depew, the ducks will be hidden in Fireman's Park, at 90 Gould Ave., and Veteran's Park, at 582 Terrace Blvd.

In another matter, Miller also said they are currently looking at Gov. Andrew Cuomo's executive orders on police reform and continuing to formulate a plan to implement the new requirements.

The Depew Police Department is currently looking at body cameras, dash cameras and the costs to implement the programs. Miller said the large cost is storing the data from the cameras.

Miller added they are looking at outreach programs and are evaluating the use of force policies for the department.

“It's important for the police department and community to continue our relationship and partnerships, and continue to communicate,” Miller said. “Our only mission here is to keep the community safe, and we can't do it without continuing to develop the relationship with our residents. Thank you to all the residents for helping keeping the community safe.”

