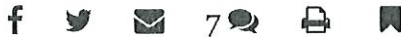


Police break up massive Mystic party at short term rental property



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Mystic — Stonington Police called on several neighboring police departments on Friday to help them break up a massive party advertised online as “Project X: The party you’ve only dreamed about.”

Stonington Police Deputy Chief Todd Olson said the party took place at 4 School Place, a home on a small dead end road off School Street being used as a short-term rental. Police became aware of the party through advertisements brought to their attention.

The party came just 10 days after residents and property owners voted 694-342 to reject a proposed short-term rental ordinance. The ordinance would have required owners to register their short-term rental property with the town, conform to local safety regulations, and provide information for renters on local noise and property use restrictions.

Police visited the home prior to the party to find no one around, but started fielding 911 calls shortly after 8 p.m. due to the sheer number of people and vehicles clogging the roads in the neighborhood, and in some cases blocking driveways, Olson said.

He said there were concerns about the ability for emergency vehicles to navigate the roads.

The owner of the home, when contacted by police, indicated there were rules in place barring parties at the home.

Olson said Stonington police called on support from state police, Groton Town Police, Ledyard and Westerly police to manage the people and traffic. Police reported more than 100 people showed up at the party.

There were no indications of alcohol being present and no arrests were made but Olson said it was a lengthy process to disperse the crowd.

“The responding officers did a great job handling the situation and maintaining order,” Olson said.

Public records show 4 School Place is owned by Keter Point Partners 2 LLC, with a mailing address in Port Washington, N.Y., according to the Stonington assessor’s office.

Editor’s note: This story has been updated. The owner of 4 School Place was incorrect in a previous version of this report.

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