

Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association
Quarterly General Assembly Meeting
07/30/2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Crime Report

Officer Jenny Miller gave an update on crime committed in the neighborhood over the last quarter. There were a couple of burglaries to vacant homes, a few crime break-ins, and a car was stolen. According to Office Miller, the cars were unlocked and valuables were in plain sight. She reminded the assembly to always lock vehicles and remove any valuables.

The notorious tenant of the yellow house neighboring the Publix on LaVista has been evicted. The previous tenant had a strong reputation for dealing illegal drugs and criminal behavior.

Follow up on the string of violent crimes along Briarcliff in March of this year: Two arrests were made for the attacks and the stabbing of the jogger. The alleged attackers were roommates and are still in custody.

Office Miller stressed to the assembly several times to never hesitate to call 911 whenever any suspicious occurs. A non emergency contact number to reach police is 770-724-7600. If you see a crime in progress definitely call 911. Office Miller's email address is JAMiller@co.dekalb.ga.us. **Crime Track** can be found by accessing the DeKalb County Police Department website at www.dekalbpolice.com. There is a link at the bottom of the homepage.

Recap of Recent Meetings

Kate Martin read the minutes from the last General Assembly meeting held on April 16, the last WHNA Board meeting held on June 25, and the Zonolite Park Envisioning meeting.

LLCC Update

Henry Batten updated assembly on current Lindbergh LaVista Corridor Coalition happenings. LLCC has just been granted 5013C tax exempt status. Any donations granted to LLCC are now tax deductible! WHNA Board member Amy Chism has joined the LLCC board and will represent Woodland Hills' interests. Henry provided updates on the development of the Confluency Park and Zonolite Park. More information regarding these initiatives can be found at www.lindberghlavista.org.

On September 10th the LLCC will host a meeting and formal presentation of the results of the Blueprints Study. The meeting will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

There will also be a Georgia Department of Transportation representative at the meeting discussing the GA 400 ramp changes.

Membership Drive Recap

The WHNA Board efforts to raise membership using postcards, emails, door to door canvassing resulted in a turn out of 60 people at the very wet BBQ in May. We will make the BBQ an annual event. Amy Chism did a great job breaking down the details of the neighborhood residency. Through the boards efforts membership grew from 10 households to 70 out of 460 homes.

Neighborhood Watch

Kate Martin discussed the board's current focus on growing and strengthening our neighborhood watch. We would like to extend the neighborhood watch to be more of the foundation of the neighborhood association. We have divided the neighborhood into 50 blocks of 8-10 homes. Each block would have an "area representative" responsible for maintaining contact with the other homes in the area. The area rep would provide an essential point of contact between the block and the WHNA board, and would help us to keep in better touch with the residents of our 460 homes. In addition to being a point of contact, area reps would also serve on as welcoming committee whenever anyone moves into their block or area along with representatives from the WHNA Board. Area Reps would serve as a "travel contact". When a neighbor is traveling or going out of town they can notify their area rep and the area rep will keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

Volunteer Meeting

We will hold a volunteer "meet and greet" for those residents who have already volunteered their time. The meet and greet will be in late August at Loco's. We will discuss what opportunities are available for volunteers, enjoy some food and drink, and socialize.

What's next

The board met in June and voted on what we should do next.

- 1 – Area Reps/getting to know residences
- 2- Movie night in the fall – possibly held in the front lawn at Briarvista Elementary School.
- 3- Neighborhood Entrance Signs – at Shepherds, BriarVista Terr and Briarcliff.

Board Elections

Board Elections will be held in the fall of October 2008.

Meeting was concluded at 8:40 PM.