

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Minutes September 30, 2009

The monthly meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Noyes at 7:02 pm.

Members present were: Bob Noyes, Linda and Art Befort, Paul Figel, Chuck Pomatto, Joyce Tepely, Phil Hughes, Bill Marx, Randy Griffin, Ilda Manriquez, Margaret and Mike Conlin, and Jean Ryan.

Guests present were: Rodney Patterson, Dallas City Code Compliance, Officer Dion Burnside and Sgt. Chris Jaquez, Dallas City Police Department, David Davis, Dallas City Police volunteer, and Carol Gutzler, Park Forest Crime Watch and Dallas City Police Volunteer. Also present was Roland Pedevilla who will be taking the VIP training and joining us as a new member.

Officer Burnside (214-670-6470) gave the crime statistics for last month in our area. We had one aggravated assault on Creekdale. Two men had a dispute over money. One man was shot in the stomach but recovered. No charges were filed.

Two homes were broken into. Entry was gained by breaking a rear window of a house in the 10100 block of Hedgeway. Property was taken but blood was found at the scene and is being traced. The second house was on the 10300 block of Rosser in which a door was kicked in. A neighbor saw someone suspicious leaving the house and called 911.

Two cars were broken into, one in the 10400 block of Gooding in which a wrapped gift was taken and the other in the 10300 block of Crestover in which a \$2,000 set of golf clubs was taken. Both of these incidences were done late at night and the cars were parked in the owners' driveways. Officer Burnside once again cautioned us never to leave anything of value in plain site in a car. Also, do not leave a garage door opener in one's car. A burglar can use it to gain entry into one's garage and home.

A car was stolen from the parking lot of Cary Middle School, but the owner found it on S. Better the next day.

A woman's wallet was stolen from her purse at the Truancy County Court at the Government Center on Marsh Ln.

Anyone interested in receiving crime statistics can sign up on two sites:
www.nwdallascrimewatch.org and www.nixle.com

Joyce Tepely reported that the minutes from the last meeting were posted on the neighborhood website. They were approved.

Linda Befort reported that we have a balance of \$6237.89 in the crime watch treasury after paying Czarina Domingo \$68.75 for her work on our website and receiving \$5.00 in

dues. We also have \$49,276.65 in the ENP treasury which represents 162 members or 16% of 1033 homeowners.

Paul Figel reported no problems with the patrol equipment and passed around the list of possible Crime Watch sign locations for final approval. He gave the application for ordering the signs to Phil Hughes, Crime Watch Chairperson. Phil will follow-up on getting the application approved by the appropriate police officer and send in.

Phil reported on an email that Ross Coulter sent to the website for posting about the work being done at Joe's Creek near Marsh Lane and Merrell. The city is shoring up the bank of the creek to keep it from eroding. Also Mr. Walt Kelly who lives near the creek takes periodic water samples from the creek since he works for the city water department and put in the irrigation system for our little park at the SW corner. He reports that the water quality of Joe's Creek is very good. He has seen catfish about 13" long in it.

Chuck Pomatto thanked the following people for patrolling last month: Bob Noyes, Paul Figel, Randy Griffin, Bill Marx, Margaret and Mike Conlin, Linda and Art Befort, Joyce Tepley, and Phil Hughes. He also updated the history of our patrolling since we began. It is in the patrol book at the fire station.

Bill Marx introduced Roland Pedevilla who will be taking the VIP training this Saturday with his wife Sharon. They will be the newest members of our patrol team. Bill was pleased to report that we will have 6 new people going for the training.

Bill also introduced David Davis, police volunteer, who will be conducting the training. Mr. Davis said that the training now encompasses all 3 modules for the 3 volunteer programs in the Dallas City Police Department: VIP, COPS, and CHIPS. COPS, the general volunteer program helping the police wherever needed and VIP will be in the morning session, and CHIPS, training for ticketing handicapped parking violations will be offered in the afternoon. They will also have a strong follow-up program to get people immediately involved after the training and offer support to the various neighborhoods where needed.

Rodney Patterson of Code Compliance Northwest Community (972-333-2725 or Rodney.patterson@dallascityhall.com) handed out the service report from last months code violations. There were several violations involving litter, high weeds, and water leaks all related to residences on Royal Ln. Everyone was resolved. These were the only code violations in our area.

Bob introduced Carol Gutzler, police volunteer, who brought grey T-shirts with Police Volunteer embroidered on them and rain proof black windbreakers also with embroidered volunteer ID. These were for sale to any trained member of all the volunteer programs. The T-shirts cost \$15.00 and the windbreaker costs \$20.00. For more information about these items call 214-352-4166.

Bob also reported that we will have to pay for the use of the recreation center room from now on. It will cost \$22.00 an hour, plus a \$15.00 per year membership fee for every member of our organization. He will talk to the director of the center to try and waive the membership fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley
Secretary