

Crime and Safety Committee Meeting September 14, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. via Skype.

Attendees: Rebecca Hendrix, Mark Hendrix, Scott Kersjes, Rich Pimentel, Charles & Gerry Funk, Donna Cooper, Marcus Lane, Larry & Sherry Benot, Lt. Robbie Seal, Warren County Sherriff Office

C&S Chair Report:

- If anyone would like to join the C&S Committee, please email Rebecca Hendrix (zippygetters@att.net) with your name, address and phone number.
- C&S Committee Mtgs will be held either bi-monthly (every other month) or quarterly. An emergency mtg can be held too if necessary. This will be determined at a later date.

Old Business:

- Double Parking in Niblick Square – Past complaints with cars double parking along curb and blocking cars into their space. Rebecca Hendrix spoke with Fire Marshall and he suggests that when cars are double parked, to take pictures of them. Sheriff's Office does not have jurisdiction to give double parking citations because it is private property. This is a safety issue potentially impeding Fire and Rescue response. Present the photos to the management company/C&S Committee.
- Homeowner Rich Pimentel commented a problem with parking along the roadway in the gravel shoulder area on Albatross Court. Rich asked if there is a HOA rule to not park on the gravel shoulder? Cars are parked on both sides of gravel shoulder, sticking out in street, parked there for a long period of time & cars are parked too close to the stop sign. Scott Kersjes, Board Member President commented that there are no curbs and gutters on streets and currently no policy in our HOA By-laws that address parking along the streets on the gravel shoulder. Rebecca Hendrix suggested to Rich to take photos of the cars along the road to document the problem. It is not safe and can prevent Fire and Rescue from getting down the narrow road. Note: County ordinance states that vehicles must be parked 20 ft. from a stop sign.
- Speeding in Development: Several homeowners have commented that residents need to slow down and drive the posted 25 mph speed limit throughout entire development. There are many children playing in the streets (since there are no sidewalks, etc). Scott Kersjes mentioned that there is currently 1 speed limit sign at the entrance of our development (hidden by a tree). Now that Shadow Drive is turned over to VDOT (State), more signs need to go up throughout the development. Scott Kersjes said he would check with the County Zoning Office to get that done. Lt. Seal said we can get on the list to get Speed Trailer set up to show homeowners their current speed and to slow them down.

Note: Lt. Seal said that Reckless Driving and DUI can be enforced on all private AND public roads. All roads in development are privately owned by DR Horton except Shadows Drive which is VDOT now.

- Homeowner Question: Who has the right away with Golf Carts crossing Shadows Drive? There is currently stop signs & Cross Walk for Golfers crossing Shadows Drive. Committee Chair will look into this.

New Business:

- Add BRS to County Ordinance Dog Leash Law List – Current concern is roaming dogs without leash outside homeowner's property line. Our HOA needs to be put on list so HOA can get Animal Control to enforce the law and remove dog from the premise as necessary. Committee Chair will work with local law enforcement/animal control to get BRS added to list
- Golf Course Safety Issue: Walkers, Joggers, Children trespassing onto Golf Course: The golf course is private property and no one is allowed to walk on the paths at all times. Rich Pimentel asked if he was able to walk on the paths after dark, once golfers were no longer on the course. Board President believes that Golf Course management is okay with residents walking on golf course paths when there are zero golfers on the course. It was stressed again that it is private property and to be respectful at all times with the property.
- Teddy Bear Drive: Rebecca Hendrix suggested to hold a HOA community event in the future to collect new Teddy Bears/Stuffed Animals to give to the WC Sheriff Office. The Deputies would distribute to children who have been traumatized from a car accident or crisis.

Warren County Sherriff's Office Lt. Robbie Seal Presentation:

Lt. Seal is the Warren County Sheriff's Office Community Resource Officer

- Next Door.com
This program is very much like a Neighborhood Watch Program but facilitated with a social media-based tool. It is a partnership with the community. It's a social network targeted at designated neighborhoods...keeping eyes and ears on your neighbors.
It's a communication tool for the Sheriff Dept & Homeowners to engage and share information currently happening in your neighborhood such as crime incidents, etc. It is also used as communication among neighbors more than just crime watch.
- RING.Com
Ring.com is a video/camera-based security system (i.e., doorbell camera) that can monitor your door and property. It can be inter-connected with multiple devices through an online app. Information can be shared with others to include law enforcement as an aid in investigating crimes, i.e., parcel theft, property/car damage or entering property. Lt. Seal said he is currently looking into this new program.
- Community Advisory Council:
Warren County is currently looking for volunteers in the community to serve on this Council. You must be Age 18+ and clear a background check. Currently 27 people were interested and there were 15 applicants. Sheriff Butler established this to enhance communication and improve relationships between the community and law enforcement. This Advisory Council is open to all residents. Next meeting is October 2020. Additional information will be provided in the next HOA newsletter asking for volunteers for this important Council.

C & S Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. Next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Rebecca Hendrix
Chair, BRS HOA Crime and Safety Committee
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