

Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch  
Monthly Meeting Agenda  
3-4:00pm 12/14/2021  
LPG Clubhouse - Ballroom

Present: Sally Nostrand, Marie McKee, Mike Jarecki, Catherine Skinner, Joe Johnson, Gayle Connell, Dan Shanahan, Susan Novick, Fred Hammann, Dee Hammann, Chris Fleming, Sherri Infante, Linda Lisicki, Steve Lisicki.

Review and approval of 11/9 meeting minutes: the minutes will be emailed out tomorrow to those attending for review and approval, as the AV connection in the ballroom failed and the electronic file could not be reviewed on the ballroom screen.

LPG Street Captain Update: as of today, Neighborhood Watch has 25 Street Captains, 24 sections, 260 Units (30% of community). Two new Street Captains were added this past month. Direct personal contact continues to be the most effective recruitment method.

Community Awareness: Sally submitted an article for the January Thesman newspaper, and announcements made at December LPGRA meeting, November New Resident meeting, and November Annual Community meeting.

Schedule LPG GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event in 2022 update: Sally spoke with Dawn Blake, who stated that this event is only held 1 day a year; in 2022 it will be on Saturday November 5. Dawn will email Sally the Mesa Police event registration in September or October with more information. Sally will forward this information to the NW volunteers as soon as she receives it. Thus far the plan is to hold the event on the Clubhouse Patio from 3-5pm. Nancy in Activities has penciled this in on the Activities calendar. The Activities Dept. would provide outdoor seating and table setup and audio equipment if any music is available; Nancy recommends sign-up/registration so that residents commit to the event which improves attendance. An appetizer/dessert potluck has been discussed, with live music still to be determined (or use recorded music thru the audio system). Guests are to be determined with Dawn Blake when we register for this event.

Safety and Security Updates: Spot Crime summary with police service calls from the past month:

**2021 Spot Crime Police Incidents - 2550 Block of S. Ellsworth\***

Date	Time	Police Service Call
11/9/2021	6:22pm	Assault - domestic violence
11/21/2021	5:56am	Burglary alarm
11/25/2021	10:25am	Suspicious activity
12/6/2021	4:45am	Suspicious activity
12/8/2021	11:11am	Theft - fraud

\*Note: no details are known about any of the police service calls listed.

One west wall grate with open side openings: the side openings that are large enough for animals and young adults/teens have been brought to the attention of Management and a response has not been shared with Neighborhood Watch yet.

There have been six false burglary alarms at LPG since March. Burglary Alarm Permit applications are available online at [www.mesaazpolice.gov](http://www.mesaazpolice.gov) (search "alarm permit application"). The application can be completed online or printed out and mailed to or dropped off at the Superstition Police Station next door to LPG. For questions call the Mesa Police Alarm Enforcement Unit at 480-644-2699. The cost is \$10/year. For false alarm response calls, there is a \$50 assessment possible per alarm, and each successive alarm increases assessment by \$50. Those present at the meeting shared that in

other parts of the county, no assessment is usually charged for the first false alarm. Residents are responsible for managing their alarm permits.

New issues to be addressed by LPGRA Board with LPG Management: Concerns about the Guadalupe gate were discussed. Two Christmas wreaths were stolen from the exterior of the gate in the past week; it is not known if this theft was reported to the Mesa Police, or if any images of the theft were captured on the gate security cameras. Improved nighttime lighting and improved signage on the exterior of the gate were suggested. Currently there is a no trespassing sign and a "deliveries must use main gate" sign. A sign stating "all visitors must use Main Gate on Ellsworth Rd" is recommended as residents continue to observe non-residents trying to get in thru this gate, and the issue of confrontations and blocking the gate after entering are frequent concerns. Encouraging residents to notify the Main Gate of expected visitors has not been consistently encouraged at LPG. The lease states we are to notify the Main Gate of unauthorized visitors. The suggestions for improved lighting and visitor signage were requested to be forwarded to the LPGRA Board.

New business: Street Captains brainstormed ideas to increase neighbor communication, which is the goal of Neighborhood Watch. Suggestions included distributing Christmas cards to their neighbors in their NW section, using the patio or their own patios/driveways for planned get-togethers, identifying streets without Street Captains and making contact with residents there, and attending street get togethers for streets that do not have street captains. Neighborhood Watch does not have its own funds or a budget, but we are able to submit financial requests to LPGRA as needed.

Street Captains expressed concerns about how to help elderly neighbors who live alone who need assistance. If a need is identified, Street Captains can explore resources to provide but are not responsible for meeting neighbors' personal needs. If genuine safety concerns are identified, these can be discussed with the resident, and if necessary, the office can be notified. The Maricopa Area Agency on Aging is another important resource for connecting residents with senior services and resources. The website is [Looking For Help | Area Agency On Aging - Region One | Maricopa County \(aaaphx.org\)](#). Resources for independent living are provided at [Senior Adult Independent Living | SAIL | Maricopa County \(aaaphx.org\)](#). The Area Agency on Aging 24 hour Senior Help Line phone number is 602-264-4357.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.