

Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch
Monthly Meeting Minutes
3-4:00pm 11/9/2021
LPG Clubhouse – Card Room

Present: Sally Nostrand, Mike Jarecki, Debbie Spratt, Donna Mueller, Peggy Marcone, Sherri Infante, Joe Johnson, Art Hidde, Marlene Rocklin, Dee Hammann, Gayle Connell

The October 12, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

LPG Street Captain Update: Neighborhood Watch (NW) currently has 24 Street Captains, 21 sections, 243 Units (29% of community). The LPG NW map was reviewed, with sections that have Street Captains highlighted in green. Sections can be adjusted as needed as NW progresses. So far word of mouth and meeting announcements (monthly LPGRA and Newcomers meeting) have been the most effective strategies to recruit more Street Captains. Street Captains and residents have reported appreciating the connections this program is making between residents. The goals of the program from the Mesa Police Dept. perspective are to help neighbors actively connect and communicate, be aware of activities on their street, and communicate with police as needed.

Caretaker Communication Tree: the LPGRA Board discussed the request for a list of home caretakers with LPG Management. The request (the purpose of which was to simply be able to notify caretakers quickly to check their homes if needed due to any occurrence that could affect more than one home, as done at Las Palmas) was declined by LPG Management. Therefore, NW will focus on other methods to notify residents if/when needed. It was also discussed that some part-time homeowners do not use caretakers at all during their absence of thirty or more days, despite this being a requirement that rules and regulations (see Vacant Homes section).

Community Awareness: LPG Open Forum Facebook private group will be used for NW announcements, in addition to the LPG NW email list, and email blasts if needed thru LPGRA and/or Thesman management. The administrator for the LPG Open Forum Facebook private group also wants to give Sally moderator status, which will keep announcements at the top of the page as long as needed, and will allow Sally to be able to manage comments as needed. Sally submitted an article for the December Thesman newspaper, and for the November LPG Observer (quarterly email newsletter by residents) with LPG 2018-2021 police service call data. Sally made NW announcements were at the November LPGRA meeting and October New Resident meeting; the November meeting 11/10 will be also attended.

Scheduling an LPG GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event in early 2022: It was discussed and decided that the LPG NW should proceed with exploring the scheduling of a 2022 GAIN event in before April. Several residents attended the Las Palmas GAIN event on Saturday 11/6. The LP GAIN event featured remarks from a Mesa City Councilman and several Mesa Police officers, a potluck dessert buffet, raffle, and live music, with at least 200 or more residents in attendance. The LPG GAIN event would be very similar. The Activities Dept. would provide furniture setup on the patio, and AV equipment for musicians, but would not cover any financial expenses. Those present suggested a snack and dessert potluck, with a budget for bottles of water, paper plates and napkins and possibly music. Apparently two musicians just moved into the community who might be willing to provide the live music; one member present knows them and will ask them about this. Sherri Infante volunteered to help with planning this event, and Sally will call Dawn Blake to learn more about scheduling this and report back next month, and will obtain possible dates from Activities.

Safety and Security Updates: The 2021 Spot Crime summary was reviewed:

3/7/2021	12:46am	Suspicious activity
3/7/2021	8:40am	Burglary- residential
4/29/2021	8:09pm	Suspicious activity

5/5/2021	6:04pm	Burglary alarm
5/7/2021	6:31am	Theft - fraud
5/16/2021	6:36pm	Burglary-residential
5/19/2021	9:08am	Subjects disturbing
6/3/2021	1:45pm	Theft - fraud
6/27/2021	7:25pm	Other
7/7/2021	4:14pm	Theft-fraud
7/13/2021	1:27am	Burglary alarm
8/2/2021	10:24pm	Burglary alarm
8/6/2021	2:41am	Suspicious activity
8/12/2021	10:08pm	Subjects disturbing
8/30/2021	11:30am	Theft - fraud
9/12/2021	12:47am	Suspicious activity
9/27/2021	9:32am	Burglary alarm
10/9/2021	7:56pm	Assault - domestic violence
10/17/2021	5:07am	Suspicious activity
10/21/2021	1:19pm	Burglary alarm

Front Gate visitor screening update: the LPGRA Board discussed this with LPG Management, and Management will enforce this with Front Gate staff. As was also reported at the LPGRA meeting on 11/6/21, LPG is exploring possibly transitioning to a vehicle windshield transponder system in 2022 which will replace the current gate fobs. Both of these management actions would improve visitor screening. Visitors tailgating at the side gates was discussed; it is safest to not directly confront these visitors, as it is safer to report their vehicle description and license plate number to the Front Gate.

The open grate behind the basketball court was reported to LPG Management by Sally after the last meeting, and within 48 hours the grate was secured to the wall with new brackets. Members present today are still concerned about openings on the sides of two other wall grates and request that this be reviewed with management again to see if they can be covered.

LPG rules and regulations have been distributed with leases in the past (Las Palmas Grand Statements of Policy, Las Palmas Grand Architectural Standards and Controls, and Las Palmas Grand Pet Agreement attachments on lease agreement). The Statements of Policy will be called Rules and Regulations in the new leases; draft copies are available at the front desk upon request.

New issue to be addressed by LPGRA Board with LPG Management: securing the sides of two grates on west wall.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.