

## LPG Neighborhood Watch Program Committee Meeting Minutes

4/13/21 3-4:30pm

LPG Clubhouse – Card Room

Present- Sally York, Walt Smiles, Paula Union, Deb Lang, Tom Carr

Absent- Art and Gloria Nelson, Nancy Simpson, Margie Morris, Angela Brenner

The 3/30/21 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

The Las Palmas Caretakers' Checklist form reviewed with Tom Carr, who is an active caretaker here at LPG. He agrees with those present that this checklist will be helpful for residents and caretakers. He also stated that it is very important and helpful for residents to be 'nosy' and know and question any activity, vehicles or persons that seem to be out of the ordinary on their street.

Tom agreed with all present that a Caretaker phone/email tree would be very helpful, as he stated that although the homeowners leave a completed Leave of Absence form with the main office naming their caretaker, the office only calls the homeowner, and not the Caretaker if any issue or concern arises. A Caretaker phone/email tree would be an efficient way to notify all Caretakers if a property incident occurs, so that they can check all of their assigned homes.

Tom felt the Caretakers' Checklist form is thorough, but needs a section added for vehicles/bicycles left in home while homeowners are gone. He stated that the location of a set of vehicle keys should be left with Caretakers, and a set with homeowners, and no keys should be left in open areas of home, as this has caused the theft of vehicles in the past.

Sally reviewed the LPG 2018-2020 Mesa Police Incident Call Data – 2500 block of S. Ellsworth as found on the Mesa Police website at [Police Incidents by Year, Month and Type | City of Mesa Data Portal \(mesaaz.gov\)](https://mesaaz.gov/police/incidents-by-year-month-and-type/). Overall the Mesa crime rate is now at its lowest in the past decade, and the number of LPG incidents are the same or lower in number than the residential communities surrounding us. In the past three years, the number of annual LPG police incident phone calls have decreased by 75% or more, but in 2020 over 60% of the phone calls were due to theft, burglary or robbery, and almost 80% of these incidents occurred between June-October when mostly full-time residents are here. NWP community awareness and education to help increase suspicious activity calls to the police may help reduce police incident calls in the future.

Members present also discussed the need for review and enforcement of guest/visitor procedures at the Main Gate, as per the email to residents from the Manager approximately a year ago. Main Gate staff night patrols were also discussed, and it has been noted that night patrols are actively occurring at this time. A request for Mesa Police night patrols can be discussed with Dawn Blake, Mesa Police Crime Prevention Specialist in the near future.

Sally met with Ellen Tryon from the Las Palmas NWP and reviewed LP NWP forms with her for use in both communities. The NWP and Street Leader forms will be edited for use by both Thesman communities, and will be ready for review at the May 11, 2021 meeting. Next steps for Street Leaders/Greeters will be discussed and finalized at the May meeting. A Street Leader/Greeter Training

with YouTube streaming will be scheduled with George Griffin in June so that it can be made available on the LPG and LP Resident Association web sites.

An article with LP for monthly Thesman newspaper – May 2021 edition has been submitted. NWP Fliers were put out at Mail Room on 4/12/21 with Neighborhood Watch Program sign. An article for LPG Observer newsletter is due 5/1/21; this will include reasons to join, program components, web links. The LPGRA has agreed to feature an NWP web page on their website for meeting minutes, forms, web links, etc.

George Griffin and/or Ellen Tryon will be invited to attend 5/6/21 LPGRA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.