

Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch Program Committee (NWP)

Meeting Minutes

3/10/21 11am-1pm

LPG Clubhouse Card Room

Present: Sally York (Coordinator), Art and Gloria Nelson, Margie Morrow, Angie Brenner, Paula Union, Deb Lang.

Absent: Nancy Simpson, Walt Smiles

Sally announced that she has met with the LPGRA Board and she and Walt Smiles have met with the LPG Management (Christie Canan, Todd Lutz) regarding restarting the LPG NWP. The LPG NWP has been given the full support of the Board and Management. Sally has also talked with Dawn Blake, Mesa Police Dept. Crime Prevention Officer, and NWP Coordinators at Las Palmas and Palmas Del Sol.

1. Following introductions, LPG safety and security issues that NWP can address were discussed, and it was agreed to list these issues as follows (not in any specific order at this time):

- Property crimes – e.g., recent Mail Room mail theft incidents, attempted home break-ins and break-ins in the past year, especially during summer when snowbirds are not here;
- Community communication about safety and security issues,
- Resident education about individual and community safety, security and crime prevention as needed/indicated,
- Community gate enforcement –visitors entering without specific resident pre-approval, enforcement of visitor entry with advance notification to Main Gate, tag-along cars entering North and South Gates behind residents.

2. The NWP goals were discussed and defined as follows, in no specific order:

- Increase communication for and with residents regarding individual and community safety and security,
- Increase resident involvement with the NWP to improve safety and security,
- Identify specific NWP needs for groups such as homebound residents and snowbirds,
- Provide resident safety and security education and resources as indicated and needed,
- Identify other possible strategies that the NWP can use to address community safety.

3. The committee approved the NW Program Structure as follows:

The LPG NWP Committee will meet monthly, and submit a written report to the LPG Residents' Association Board on a monthly basis, and as needed. The LPGRA Board will liaison with LPG Management monthly regarding safety and security issues.

4. Approximately 10-12 residents have volunteered thus far to be NWP Street Leaders. The goal is to have a volunteer street leader for each of 44 streets (or sections of streets) in LPG. The LPG NWP Street Leader role and responsibilities was approved as follows:

1. Create email/phone tree from LPG Directory for your street to be able to alert neighbors and the LPGNWP email of any suspicious or criminal activity.
2. Know your neighbors.

3. Do an initial after dark walk on your street to identify status of street lighting, homes' lighting (dusk to dawn vs. motion sensor lighting), snowbird/vacant homes, unsecured bicycles, etc.
 4. Greet new neighbors/residents on assigned street, orient them to NWP.
 5. Notify Mesa Police, then email at LPGNWP@gmail.com, to report any suspicious activity and crimes in progress.
 6. Encourage all neighbors to add Mesa Police non-emergency phone number to their phone contacts: 480-644-2211 (option 2). Non-emergency crimes can also be texted to CRIMES 274-637 using key word MesaPD and reported online at [Report a Non-Emergency Crime Online | City of Mesa \(mesaaz.gov\)](https://mesaaz.gov/Report-a-Non-Emergency-Crime-Online)
5. A NWP Volunteer Night Patrol was briefly discussed, as a few residents have expressed interest in this. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss in more detail.
 6. More NWP Committee Members will be encouraged.
 7. Community awareness of the NWP will begin with the submission of an announcement to the monthly Thesman newspaper, beginning with the April 2021 issue. Submission deadlines are the 10th of each month. The following announcement was discussed, edited, and approved as follows for submission today:

2021 Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch Program (LPG NWP)
***Get More Connected for Community Safety with the LPG Resident-Initiated and Led
 Neighborhood Watch Program***

Community Residents and Volunteers Needed:

- Get connected as a concerned resident
- Volunteer Street Leaders desired for each of 44 streets (as listed in LPG Directory) or street sections to connect and inform neighbors via email/phone trees
- LPG Neighborhood Watch Program Committee – Interested residents and representatives for Caretakers and Street Leaders to meet monthly, and report to the LPG Residents' Association Board.

Please email LPGNWP@gmail.com if you are interested in the LPG Neighborhood Watch Program and would like more information.

8. The Committee will compile a list of safety and security tips and resources for residents, and specifically for snowbirds as well. This should include the USPS Mobile app for daily mail delivery tracking, and www.spotcrime.com, and NextDoor app for local surrounding area suspicious activity and crime updates.
9. The Committee approved creating a Caregiver List for an email/phone tree, and a Caregiver will be asked to join the NWP Committee.

10. The LPG Lease Agreement will be reviewed to identify Management and Resident rights and responsibilities regarding safety and security, so that safety and security issues can be discussed and recommendations made that are consistent with our lease agreement.
11. Invite George Griffin, Las Palmas NWP Coordinator, to the next NWP Committee meeting to review the LP NWP and answer questions.
12. Next Steps, to be further discussed at the next meeting:
 - A. Discuss possible Volunteer Night Patrols.
 - B. Publicizing the NWP, to include
 - An article for the April 2021 Thesman newspaper
 - Facebook- LPG and LPG Open Forum announcements
 - Email blasts by LPG Management (which LPG Management has agreed to provide as requested)
 - Fliers for Mail Room
 - The LPG Cox TV Channel
 - Sign usage- the "Neighborhood Watch- We Are Watching You-We Immediately Report All Suspicious Activities to the Police Department" sign was approved.
 - Email use
 - Contact groups (e.g., Card Groups, Veterans' Group, etc.)
 - Police or other invited guests at LPGRA Board Meetings to provide community information and education.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th, from 3-5pm in the LPG Clubhouse, in the Card Room.