

LPG Neighborhood Watch Committee Meeting Minutes

6/8/21 3-4pm

LPG Clubhouse – Card Room

Present: Sally York, Peggy Marccone, Art and Gloria Nelson, Paula Union, Susan and Lawrence Novick

Absent: Nancy Simpson, Deb Lang

The 5/11/21 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

The Las Palmas and Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch Information Session is scheduled for Thursday June 10 from 1-3pm in the LPG Ballroom. George Griffin and Dawn Blake will present an overview of the program and answer questions, and Larry Smith and Bill Shumate will videotape the session, to be edited for posting on the LPGRA website after the event. The Information Session outline was completed with Ellen Tryon and George Griffin, and 100 copies of forms made (Street Captain Duties, Your Street Captain, Resident Record, Caretaker Checklist, Communication Tree) have been made courtesy of Thesman management at LPG. Dawn Blake will provide some Mesa Police Neighborhood Watch Guide and Block Captain Guide booklets at the event. Copies of all handouts (pdf format) will be posted on the www.LPGRA.org/neighborhoodWatch web page after the event.

Las Palmas NWP update: Las Palmas has divided their 540-unit community into 27 sections of up to 20 homes, and they have recruited 27 street captains. They will be conducting a Street Captain training for their community on 6/21/21, and will share their training outline with us after the training, after it is revised with input from the Street Captains.

LPG Street Captains update: the LPG map is divided into 67 sections so far; this is not completed yet. The goal is to create small enough sections that will make it manageable to be a Street Captain. An Excel sign up list is also being created listing all units by street and section. The Committee will need to agree on a plan to sign up street captains in the next month or two; this will be discussed more with Las Palmas and at the Committee meeting next month, after the Information Session.

Next steps for Caretaker Checklist and Communication Tree: the LPGRA Board approved the Neighborhood Watch Caretaker Checklist for caretakers and snowbird residents, and reviewed it with Management 5/13. The checklist will be shared with residents and caretakers at the Information Session on 6/10, and then posted on the www.LPGRA.org/neighborhoodWatch web page after this event. The Caretaker Communication Tree will also be created after 6/10, and we will need a volunteer to help coordinate this. This has been very helpful at Las Palmas; we have also learned that if an incident occurs at a home under the care of a caretaker, that Management only calls the homeowner named on the title as the legal owner, and does not call the assigned caretaker, or notify all the caretakers to check the homes they are watching too, if that is indicated. A list of vacant (snowbird) homes was shared with Las Palmas Neighborhood Watch Coordinators by the LP Management, and this will be requested from LPG Management as well, and a list of Caretakers will also be requested from LPG Management to help create the Caretaker Communication Tree.

Community awareness: Fliers are posted in the Mail Room for volunteers and for the 6/10/21 Information Session; the LPGRA website now has an NWP web page for meeting minutes, forms, web links, and forms at www.LPGRA.org/neighborhoodWatch; an article was submitted jointly with LP for the June 21 monthly Thesman newspaper with 6/10 Information Session information; an email update is being sent to volunteers after this meeting, and the event flier has also been posted on the LPG Friends and Family Facebook page.

Current LPG safety and security issues have been raised regarding non-residents' use of the Guadalupe (and North) gates. It has been recommended by the Las Palmas NW Coordinator that residents block the gate (after it closes, by stopping your vehicle) to prevent tagalong cars without stickers from entering. The Thesman Lease Agreement states on page 4 of the Thesman Communities Rules and Regulations appendix, #16 Security:

1) "All residents must have a Las Palmas decal placed in the lower left corner of the windshield of their car(s). Cars that do not have a decal will be stopped.

2) Visitors must obtain a Visitor Pass for their car from community management and display it in the front window while they are in the community...

3) A Resident Homeowner who thinks they have observed unauthorized person(s) in the community should notify Community Management immediately. Any violation of park rules should be reported immediately to Community Management”.

Some residents are known to refuse to put the LPG decal on their car windshield(s). Use your discernment in making the decision to stop your vehicle after the gate closes. There are “no trespassing” signs posted at both the North and Guadalupe gates which is the only warning needed to prevent trespassers from entering the community without resident authorization.

Any safety and security concerns and/or requests can be submitted to the NW Committee, and they will be anonymously forwarded to the LPGRA Board for review/discussion with LPG Management to protect resident confidentiality, if confidentiality is requested.