2021 LPG Neighborhood Watch Program (LPG NWP)

2021 Neighborhood Watch Program Goals:

- 1. Increase resident/caretaker communication and awareness regarding suspicious activities and crimes in community, surrounding area, and in similar 55+ communities.
- 2. Increase strategies (e.g. education, tools, home safety measures, communication) to reduce crime within community as needed.
- 3. Increase safety of residents.
- 4. Reduce crimes against residents and property.

Activities to Increase Community Safety and Reduce Suspicious Activities/Crimes:

- 1. Residents/caretakers operate as the "eyes and ears" of the police (observation).
- Residents/caretakers report suspicious behavior (crime not in progress) to the police non-emergency phone number 480-644-2211, option 2 or online or text, and crimes in progress to 911, and LPGNWP Coordinator. Online reporting: Report a Non-Emergency Crime Online | City of Mesa (mesaaz.gov)
 Submit a Tip by text message: Submit a Tip | City of Mesa (mesaaz.gov)
- 3. Residents and caretakers interact and work together to address and resolve crime and safety related problems, in collaboration with Mesa Police, LPG Residents' Association and LPG Management.

Structure:

- LPG NWP Committee reports to LPGRA Board monthly
 - o Recent suspicious/criminal activity, resident safety concerns/issues
 - o Local police call data for area from Dawn Blake -Mesa Police new reporting system in place
 - Resident education needs
 - o Recommendations for Board and residents, LPG management requests, etc.
- LPG NWP Coordinator/Committee members to liaison with Mesa Police and other Thesman Communities with NWP's (Las Palmas and Palmas Del Sol)
- Implement Street Leaders for our 44 streets with email/phone trees
- Implement Caretaker email/phone tree- to increase vacant home safety and communication

Communication:

1. Ongoing/as needed:

Dedicated email- <u>LPGNWP@gmail.com</u> Email/Phone trees- Street Leaders, Caretakers Facebook – LPG, LPG Open Forum pages

2. Monthly:

Thesman *Lifestyles* newspaper LPGRA monthly meeting- monthly report for meeting minutes

3. Quarterly:

Quarterly LPGRA community newsletter (Shirley Crane, Editor)

4. Annually:

GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) community safety meeting with Mesa Police—when pandemic allows G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) | City of Mesa (mesaaz.gov)

Next Steps:

- Review plan with LPGRA Board for approval-completed 2/11/21
- Form LPG NWP Committee with interested LPG residents (crime prevention, law enforcement, caretakers, others with strong interest)
- Recruit Street Leader volunteers
- Street Leader role and responsibilities:
 - 1. Create email/phone tree from LPG Directory for your street.
 - 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 residents, 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)
- Create Caretaker Email/Phone Tree