

WWMA Monthly Meeting

January 21, 2010

Attendees: Bill Anderson, Joe & Kathy Halada, Michelle Dotson, Scott Johnson, Walt Cheatham, and Councilman Tackett

Councilman Dave Tackett:

Burglaries: Councilman Tackett was at the meeting briefly and was able to answer several of our questions. He informed us that Senior Corporal Downe (Phone #395-8061) was our liaison for the New Castle County police if we needed to talk to them regarding ongoing issues in our community. Also, he informed us of recent burglaries (not in our neighborhood) that the burglar cut a whole through the top of the garage and releases the emergency release handle so that they can then just lift the garage door. A second type of burglary is thieves are breaking into cars and stealing garage door openers and then looking at the registration to find the address. Therefore, it is probably a good idea to keep the door from the garage in to your house locked as well as not leaving your garage door opener in plain sight in your car.

Dog Licenses: Councilman Tackett also reminded everyone to make sure that they have a license for their dog. To obtain a dog license you can go online to www.nccde.org/doglicenses.

License & Car Registration Renewals: He also reminded everyone that they are no longer sending notification of renewals for Drivers Licenses and Car Registration by mail. So, please check on these dates.

Renters: He notified us that all renters must be registered through the New Castle County website NCCDE.org.

Matching Money for Projects: Councilman Tackett notified us that there is no Urban Forestry Money this year to help us with our upcoming landscaping projects.

NCC Assessment Billing Program: There is a new billing program that New Castle County is offering to local communities that will collect the Annual Dues and then turn the funds over to the community. The cost is \$6.00 per household and this includes postage and printing. It is too late to do this for 2010, but will be considered for 2011 dues collection.

Outstanding Annual Dues: There are still some homeowners that have not paid previous year's dues even though they have already been submitted for collections. Therefore, WWMA is in the process of obtaining a lawyer to bring these homeowners to court and place a lean on their property for any unpaid dues. The homeowner will also owe any attorney fees incurred in this process.

2010 Dues: The 2010 annual dues invoices will be sent out by the end of January and due by March 31st.

Community Signs: The No Solicitation and the No Fishing, Swimming, etc Signs have recently been put up and look good. We are going to add additional signs around the pond (2 to 3 to make sure all areas around the pond are covered) and in the Tot Lot (we have a Welcome sign for an entrance – location yet to be determined: we are also ordering a smaller sign that will state "Play at Your Own Risk/Children must be Accompanied by an Adult").

WWMA purchased a holder for newsletters. It will be placed at the front of the neighborhood so that those neighbors who have not provided an email address to WWMA will be able to pick up a hard copy.

Paint on the Entrance Pavement: It has come to our attention that Senator Deluca has approved the repaving of our entrance and possibly on Rachel Court. This project is expected to be done some time in the fall.

Project Committee Meeting Status: The information from the project committee meeting will be reviewed at the next Monthly Meeting.

Sidewalk Maintenance: Councilman Tackett and the County have confirmed that sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the owner of the property. WWMA maintains the sidewalks and grass that border the common grounds. It is the homeowners' responsibility and liability to maintain sidewalks and grass that border their homes. We suggest homeowners take a look at their sidewalks to make sure they are in good shape (not warped or elevated due to tree roots) because any liability issues lie with the homeowner.

The next WWMA meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30PM at 138 Arielle Dr. Please come and share your thoughts about how to improve our community or about upcoming events.