

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the August 27th, 2009 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at Aryn Roth's home. Present at the meeting were Aryn Roth, Ann Nixon, Nina Kim, Lorrie Kueffer and Ann Schleihs. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

DUMPSTER DAY - A Success!

- Dumpster Day was again a success. The dumpsters were filled to the brim.
- Thanks to Aryn for arranging the delivery of the dumpsters. Also, thanks to Bob and Richard for helping the entire shift and to Lorrie for helping in the morning.

FALL PICNIC - Saturday, October 3rd

- The board is very interested in having Spin Pizza cater the event. Pizza and salads would be great for adults and kids. Ann N. will ask owner and neighbor, Gail Lozoff.
- It was suggested to have compostable plates, cups and utensils. Or people could bring their own and receive a discount. Going green if possible was a strong consideration by the board.
- Heads up on responsibilities. More discussion at the next meeting.

MAIN CORE POLICE ROLL CALL

- Aryn attended an evening shift for the Main Core Police Roll Call. She learned about general updates for the shift and issues of interest. The best help to police is when neighbors call 911 and provide detailed info about suspicious activity.
- If shift officers are on other emergency calls, they should give the caller an idea of wait time.
- When convicted criminals are released, often they return to doing similar crimes in the same neighborhoods. Fortunately, the police are aware of the criminal's mode of operation and identity so it can be somewhat easier to re-arrest if a similar rash of crime happens.
- Once again the importance of outdoor lighting and alarm systems were mentioned.
- The police roll call is at 9:30 pm on the night of the picnic, but the board felt it might be too late in the night. It was suggested to invite the police officers to the annual meeting next year.

SECURITY TIP - Include in Newsletter

- Message from Master Patrol Officer James Schriever, Central Patrol Division

"Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: it's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way

there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

P.S. I am sending this to everyone I know because I think it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him...he can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem."

WESTWOOD PARK UPDATE

- Zero progress.

HOMEOWNER ISSUES

- If homeowners are negligent on upkeep, contact HAKC and a letter can be sent.
- A fire hydrant in the neighborhood has been leaking for some time. A recent repair has left it leaking even more. It was suggested to call the action line, 311, or report the problem online.

NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly board meeting will be mid-September. Future date TBA.