

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes

Date | time 2/9/2021 7:00 PM | Location Zoom

Meeting called by	NWDs Coordinator	Attendees Leadership Members, Private Group Members
Type of meeting	Monthly	Please read Agenda
Facilitator	Lisa M	Please bring Questions, Ideas and Concerns
Note taker	Dawna D	
Timekeeper	Dawna D	

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter
✓ Introductions: New members, New Leadership Team: New members and leadership were introduced to the group Block Captain Teams, Coordinators, Admin Coordinator and Planning/Events Coordinator	[Presenter]
✓ Guest Speaker: Julie O' Shaughnessey – NWCAA Representative from the NW Clean Air Agency addressed the members on foundations efforts in the area to minimize dangerous levels of smoke particulates during high burn events. Highest levels of contamination were found in Oct 2020 during a cold spell where smoke was not able to disperse. Causes can be cold still air, surrounding mountains and high population in wooded area. Levels of particulates can fluctuate based on moisture and quality of the wood being burnt. Suggested contacting the office if community has questions of concerns. Agency offers free heat pumps for low-income residents to allow safe heating methods and reduce smoke. They also provide use of moisture meters for wood and flue temperature gauges affecting particulates.	Julie
✓ Current Updates:	[Presenter]
□ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Member Packets: Dawna is currently filling the administrator role and is putting together a helpful "New Member" electronic packet that can be shared with new members, community residents and block captain and patrol teams. This information would be used to provide safety tip, emergency contacts, etc.	Dawna Drum

- Planning/Events Committee: Tabitha is our new Planning and Events Coordinator. She is working on event planning for 2021 for our community. Members polled said Garbage Clean Up was a high priority. Tabitha is currently recruiting helpful volunteers that want to work on projects to improve the community. She can be reached through our email: nwmaplefalls@gmail.com or volunteers can sign up on our website at: <https://neighborhoodwatchdogs.godaddysites.com>

Tabitha

- Patrols, Challenges, Coverage

Block Captains
- Current Roles, what is working, frequency: Block Captains discussed current schedules, goals and challenges they face while patrolling. Areas currently covering include Paradise and Peaceful Valley. Teams have been given proper safety tips, suggested safety gear and recommended focus areas

[Presenter]

- Maps: Maps are being constructed for the area with more detail and easy use options. To be used to identify member locations, Block Captain coverage areas, etc. These will be helpful tools for our leadership teams. Thank you to our local Law Enforcement officers for providing wonderfully detailed maps! We are still in need of Peaceful Valley Maps.

NWD Coordinator

- Community Concerns:** During this time members discussed recent issues. Open discussion from all members included.

Issue #1: Loose Dogs. Discussed local regulations in the County on loose dogs. Law Enforcement Officer stressed that all dogs must always be contained with a fence or a leash. Recent encounter of neighbors and dogs resulting in a dog walker spraying pepper spray and kicking an elderly man, should have been reported to authorities. It was stressed that physical assault on anyone is against the law and should have been reported immediately. One of our members contacted the elderly man that same day and was able to check on him. Another member suggested contacting Animal Control and asking about a program or supplies that may be made available to residents who have animals that don't have fencing or chains for their dogs to safely be let out. NWDs staff will contact Animal Control and inquire on this for the community.

Issue #2: Trespassers on empty or private property – Concerns were shared about vacant properties that are being illegally used by trespassers as short cuts, garbage dumping, squatting, drug drops or stealing. It was suggested that these

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properties be identified, and the legal owners be contacted by Law Enforcement. Declarations for rentals can be used to help with unlawful use or evictions and drug activity. Any rental home that is being used for drug trafficking or other illegal activity should be reported to the legal owner immediately and Law Enforcement should be made aware. Many times, owners are not informed of activity. NWDs coordinators suggested sending a letter to legal owners encouraging cleanups, fencing and action to be taken on these properties. Law Enforcement confirmed that evictions are legally binding now and the new mandates only apply to renters who have been adversely affected by Covid-19. It doesn't apply to renters who are committing illegal crimes in the homes or destroying a home owned by someone else.

- ✓ **Word from Authorities:** Law Enforcement, Fire Dist.: Ryan, Jayson, David
Deputy Loreen shared crime stats for Jan: 2019,2020,2021 with the group. Comparisons were shown for everyone to see where some crime has increased and others have decreased. This information can be made available to the public on the Watch Dogs website.
- ✓ Next Clean Up Date Tentatively Scheduled Feb 27th 9AM
- ✓ Next Meeting Date: March 9, 2010 7PM

Other Information
