

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Membership Meeting

October 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

- Fassnight, Seminole Holland and Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Associations met in a joint meeting at South Haven Baptist Church for a Taco Bar and to hear information about the upcoming elections.
- Ken Brooks, GPNA President, welcomed attendees and introduced the following officers and guests:
 - Fassnight officers:
 - President Nathan Cook (not in attendance)
 - Seminole Holland officers:
 - President-Bruce Adib-Yazdi
 - Vice President- Cody Hicks
 - Secretary – William Cooper
 - Treasurer- Amy Shelburn-Zarins
 - Greater Parkcrest Officers
 - President- Ken Brooks
 - Secretary – Debbie Butts
 - Treasurer- Joe Stokes
 - Programs – Bill Butts
 - Special Guests:
 - David Pennington, Fire Chief, City of Springfield Fire Department
 - Addressed the upcoming sales tax issue for vote in November, which would enact a city sales tax at the rate of three-quarters of one percent (3/4-cent), one-quarter for the purpose of funding public safety initiatives.
 - Brandon Jenson, Springfield City Council
 - Also addressed the sales tax issue to fund public safety initiatives and answered questions from attendees regarding areas of concern in the Springfield area, such as speeding and red-light violations.
 - Ronnie Bell, program manager of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) of Springfield Greene County Office.
 - Educated the members regarding the purpose and responsibilities of the CERT program and encouraged attendees to become involved by participating in training offered by the organization.
- Announcements from Neighborhood Associations:
 - Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood
 - Past Events:
 - On August 15, GPNA, along with The Way Church, sponsored a Neighborhood Block Party. Hundreds of neighbors attended the event and enjoyed the free food, games and entertainment.

- On October 4, GPNA participated in the Mann Fall Festival by hosting a fall photo booth. Over one hundred families visited the photo booth for their family photos and the children received candy treat bags.
- Future Events:
 - Bass Pro Cheering Challenge—Bass Pro Marathon on November 3. Members were encouraged to participate in this event. More information to follow on GPNA Facebook.
 - Next Association general membership meeting is planned for Thursday, January 16, 2025.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Butts, Secretary

October 17, 2025