

Fairfield Farms Crime Watch
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2008
9:00 to 11:00
Camden Harvest Years Senior Citizen Center

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting was called to order by Roger Hollopeter. Only a small percentage of the 140 families/homes in Fairfield Farms were present/represented but it was decided to proceed with organizational efforts and create an initial structure to be further developed in the future.

Roger introduced Cpl Minear (697-4454) of the Delaware State Police who instructed those in attendance about the roles and responsibilities of individuals involved with crime watch associations. It was suggested that we ask our neighbors to pick up our mail and newspapers while we are away. Locking our cars left in drive ways, not parking on the street if possible, and closing our garage doors will also deter individuals from committing crimes of opportunity.

Elections were the next order of business. It was decided that we would have interim officers elected from the then present group and look at more formal proceedings in the future to ensure the voices of the residents are heard. Results of the election:

President – Gail Buckler, Representative to the National Sheriff's Association
Vice President – Roger Helopeter, Liaison to State Police
Treasurer/Secretary – Bob Mathers

Next order of business was appointment of block captains:

Wildwood Road – Brian Folk – Patterson and Sharlena
Woodsdale Avenue– Merita Marshall
Beloit Avenue – Bill Colvin
Oakcrest Drive – Roger Hollopeter
Dalwin Drive – Pat Meluney
Beaumont Drive – Mike Merson
South Fairfield Drive (East end) – Chris Moore
South Fairfield Drive (West end) - Erick Warner
West Fairfield Drive – Erick Warner
North Fairfield Drive (West end to Oakcrest Drive) – Jim Austin
North Fairfield Drive (East end – Oakcrest Drive to Old Mill Road) – George Hanhsuser
Old Mill Road (between South Fairfield and North Fairfield) – George Hanhauser

Each Block Captain will take time in the next few weeks to introduce themselves to the home owners in their respective areas of responsibility in an effort to spread the word about the crime watch efforts and help build a sense of community. We won't be pushy

but just let everyone know what steps they can take to help our community increase safety and security for the neighborhood as a whole and what individual efforts they can take to protect themselves and their property.

The approach to be used in each Block Captain's area of responsibility for helping each other monitor unusual behavior and making our presence known to outsiders will be determined by the homeowners in that respective area. It is hoped that the variety of approaches and the randomness of our efforts will provide the coverage needed by the neighborhood as a whole.

The secretary will put together a package to be distributed via e-mail as well as hard copy by the block captains. It was felt by those in attendance that this would help ensure the success of our efforts. The package will include:

- An excel spread sheet with the history of criminal acts in the neighborhood to include date and time of incident, address of incident, what was taken, and how entry was gained.
- A publication listing the responsibilities of the block captains
- List of all homeowner addresses and associated phone numbers by block captain area of responsibility (since this information is in the public domain it was not felt to be a violation of privacy)
- Any other material felt to be of interest in our crime watch activities. Bob Mathers will meet with Gail Buckler and Roger Hollopeter to assemble information they previously obtained from the Delaware State Police county- wide crime watch group that meets once each month at the Kent County Emergency Preparedness Center across the street from Winner Ford.

It was felt that two members of the Fairfield Farms Crime Watch should attend the monthly meetings of the Delaware State Police county- wide crime watch group at the Emergency Preparedness Center to obtain information that will assist us in our efforts. It need not be the same two people each month. Sharing these types of responsibilities will keep us from working any undue burden on any one person.

Shortly after the county-wide meeting the block captains will meet at one of our homes to be given the information from the state police and report on any unusual activities in the neighborhood. This information will be brought to the attention of either the police or our elected representatives.

Communication – Any unusual activity should be called into the police immediately by anyone observing the activity. Try to get license plate numbers, descriptions of vehicles, and individuals that will help the police track down individuals acting contrary to the common good. Letting the block captain know about the call will help the neighborhood stay on top of developing trends and ascertain the scope/magnitude of deviant behavior to help us direct our efforts in meeting potential problems head on before it escalates and works a hardship on any one of us.

A drawing was held to help raise money to defer expenses already incurred by several of our neighbors. Chris Moore won the drawing but graciously donated the winnings to the association. The treasurer will account to the \$50.00 collected in the drawing along with the expenses in a separate document to be included with the package to be distributed to all members of the neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS: (Items brought up at the front yard meeting at Gail Buckler's house a few weeks ago)

Street Lights – Our representative Colin Bonini has taken on the project to assess the options available for erecting streetlights and will update us at a later date. In the interim it was suggested that we each keep our outside lights on at night or purchase motion detector lights.

Speeding - Our representative Colin Bonini has taken on the project to assess the options available for addressing this problem and will update us at a later date.

Nonfunctioning Water Drains – Roger Helopeter reported that this issue has been elevated to DELDOT and he will report back later on the results of this effort.

Families with teenagers and children are especially welcome to participate since they are in-the-know when it comes to activities in the schools that we, as a neighborhood, should be aware of in the neighborhood.

Yellow sheets were given out to block captains to be given out when they find a home without their lights on, or the garage doors open at night. It is not intended that a block captain should routinely go on an individual's property to check doors.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I want to thank you for electing me as the Fairfield Farms Crime Watch president and pleased to have Roger Hollopeter as VP and Bob Mathers as our Secretary/Treasurer. I know that we will all have to work together with our block captains to make this neighborhood safe once again. I personally want to thank everyone that continues to leave their front light on, makes sure their garage doors are closed, and keeps their eyes open. With your help we did not have any major problems on Halloween weekend. I would like to request that walkers and joggers please wear your vest while you are out in the neighborhood. I know each of you will contact your block captain with information about any suspicious behavior.

Gail

Fairfield Farms Crime Watch ^{Quarterly} News!

November 2008



Fairfield Farms has a New Crime Watch

Fairfield Farms has held two crime watch meetings this Fall. October 19th, the First Crime Watch meeting was called in Gail Buckler's yard to discuss concerns that neighbors about street lights, speeders, crime and insufficient water drainage.

Colin Bonini also attended this meeting. He stated that he would assess the options that we had available to us regarding these matters and would update us at a later date. In the interim it was suggested that we keep our Outside lights on throughout the night and possibly purchase motion detector lights and form a Neighborhood Crime Watch. Several of the neighbors rallied together and a Crime Watch was formed in time for the Halloween Weekend. With everyone's help there were no major problems reported that weekend.

The second meeting was held Nov. 15th at Camden Harvest Years Senior Center. Cpl.

Manear from DE State Police informed those attended about the roles and responsibilities of individuals involved with the Crime Watch. He suggested that we get to know our neighbors and ask them to pick up our mail & newspapers when away, lock our car doors in the driveway, not park in the street if possible, and closing our garage doors will deter individuals from criminal opportunities.

It was decided to proceed with organizational efforts even though a small percentage people from Fairfield Farms attended this meeting. Elections were the next order of business.

It was voted and decided that...

- President-** Gail Buckler,
Representative to the National Sheriff's Association
- Vice President-** Roger Hollopeter,
Liaison to The State Police
- Treasure-** Bill Colvin
- Secretary-** Bob Mathers
- Block Captains:**

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Erick Warner

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Rd.) George Hanhsuser

Old Mill Rd. (Between

S. & N. Fairfield Dr.) -

George Hanhauser

Within the next couple of weeks each block capt. will introduce themselves to the home owners in their area and spread the word about the Crime Watch efforts and help build a sense of community.

Block Captains should not be pushy, but let everyone know what steps can be taken to help our community increase safety and security as a whole and what steps individual can take to protect themselves and their property.

Block Captain's area of responsibility is by helping each other monitor unusual behavior and making our presence known to outsiders which will be determined by the homeowners in that respective area. It is hoped that the variety of approaches and the randomness of our efforts will provide the coverage needed by the neighborhood as a whole. The secretary will put together a package to be distributed via e-mail as well as hard copy to the block captains. It was felt by those in attendance that this would help ensure the success of our efforts. The package will include:

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- A drawing was held on 11-15-08 to help raise money to defer expenses. Chris Moore won the drawing but graciously donated the winnings to the association. The treasurer will account for the \$50.00 collected in the drawing along with the expenses in a separate document.

- Any other material felt to be of interest in our crime watch activities. Bob Mathers will meet with Gail Buckler and Roger Hollopeter to assemble information they previously obtained from the Delaware State Police County- Wide Crime Watch Group (D.S.P.C.W.G.) that meets once a month at the Kent County Emergency Preparedness Center across the street from Winner Ford.

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Fairfield Farms Crime Watch URGENT News!

**Proposed Street Lights District No. 008
Moores Lake, Fairfield Farms,
Candlewick Dr. and South Shore Dr.**



February 11, 2009

Neighbors & Friends of Fairfield Farms we have an urgent message to get out! As you know we have formed a crime watch so that we can learn how to protect our property. One of the first things we heard, Do you have lights on your street? NO. So we have contacted Sen. C. Bonini and Rep. D. Blakey and they have allocated money for street lights in our neighborhoods. The majority of Fairfield Farms property owners have stated they they do want the lights for the neighborhood. We have not been able to successfully poll Candlewick Dr. and S. Shore Dr. to see if they would like lights on their streets as well. We have the opportunity to include Candlewick Dr. and S. Shore Dr. with this money that has been allocated to us.

It is imperative that we all join together on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Nellie H. Stokes Elem. School to meet with engineering of the City of Dover and Kent Co. to go over the details of the lights and the signing of the petition. We will need 65% of all the property owners for this to pass. Please show your support and join us at this meeting.

Sincerely,

Gail Buckler

President of Fairfield Farms Crime Watch

Gail Cell Phone 632-8298
Gail Home 697-7729
Herb Konowitz 745-1315

PETITION FOR STREET LIGHT DISTRICT FORMATION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, property owners in the following area:

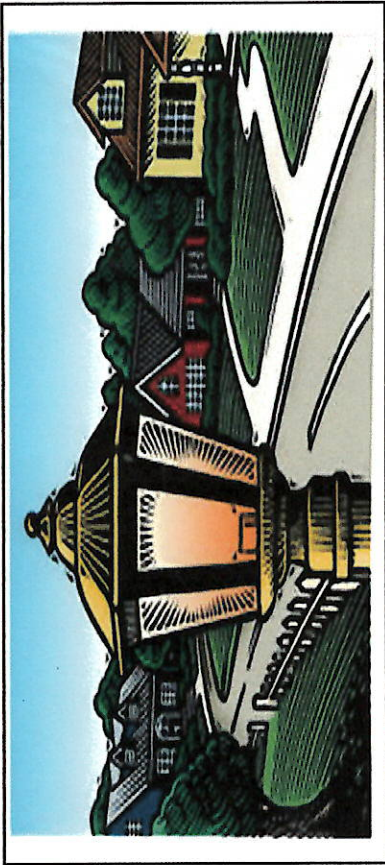
(Name of Subdivision or Describe boundaries of area):

FAIRFIELD FARMS

hereby petition the Kent County Levy Court to create a Street Light District for the above described area and request that electric street lights be installed in the area.

The cost of installation, maintenance and operation of the lights to be borne pro-rata by all the residential real estate in the area equally and will be added to the County real estate tax bill of the property owners.

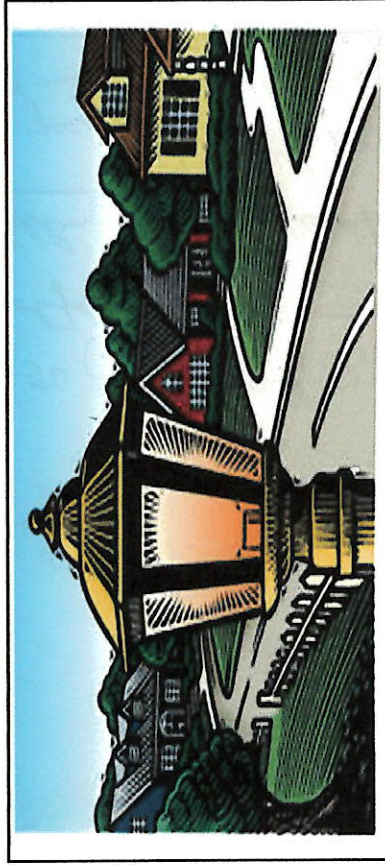
SEE ATTACHED PETITION FORM(S) FOR OWNER SIGNATURES



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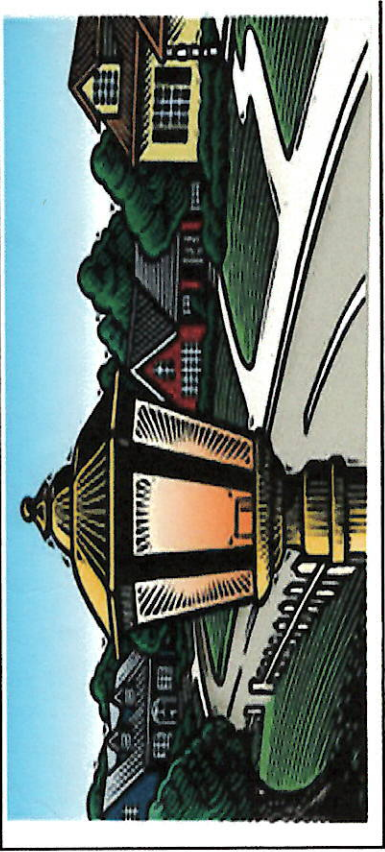
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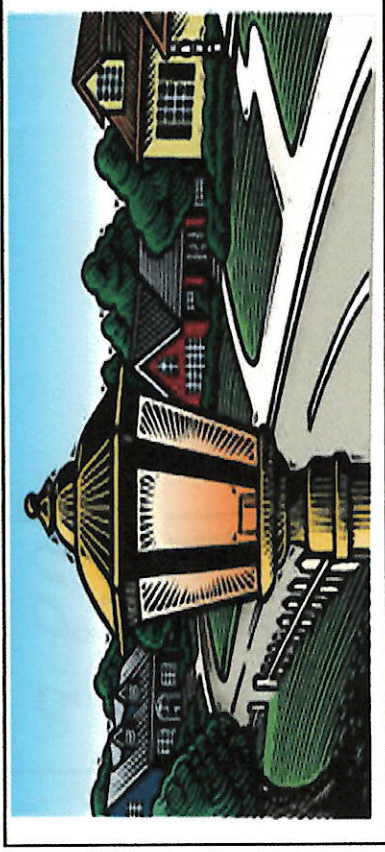
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