

LEILANI ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (NW)

Minutes of March 31, 2015 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Greg Armstrong, NW Coordinator

Attending: Greg A., Lynn VB., Richard S., Mark H., Russ S., Roberta VG., Charlie S., Jay T., Robert M., Lucy M., Adeline H., Mike S., Vaunda S., Phil D., Stella C., Alice L., Andrew T., Mike A., Norma Jean B., and Community Police Officers Kamalii and Waipa.

Community Policy Officer Davy Kamalii presented the Leilani Estates and Puna crime statistics for February 25 – March 30, 2015. There were two burglaries in Leilani Estates during this period. A burglary in progress on Oneloa Street (02/25) was reported to police and the responsible parties were apprehended. A burglary on Malama Street (02/28) was reported and the suspects were later identified and arrested. No other crimes were reported in Leilani Estates during this period.

Officer Kamalii reviewed a presentation on Stolen Vehicles (Unauthorized Control of Propelled Vehicles – a Class C felony). Honda Accord is the most often stolen vehicle, followed by Chevy Silverado, Ford F150, Toyota Camry, Dodge Ram, Dodge Caravan, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Toyota Corolla and Nissan Altima. 40-50% of vehicle thefts are due to driver error/carelessness. July and August are the two months with the highest number of auto thefts. Only about 50% of stolen vehicles are recovered.

In 2014, Puna had 123 stolen vehicles reported, Hilo had 181 and Kona had 237. Of Puna's 123 stolen vehicles reported, only 11 of those resulted in convictions.

Recommendations to minimize the chances of your vehicle being stolen are to roll up windows and lock the car, even when it's at your home, and never leave your car keys in the ignition. About half of vehicle thefts occur during the night. The average value of stolen vehicles is just over \$6,000 (typically not high-end or new cars).

Mark Hauanio exhibited a map of LE that showed which streets have active NW block captains. At one time, there were 75 NW volunteers and 30 block captains. We now have just 9 block captains. Mark discussed what block captains do and asked anyone interested in being a block captain to let him know. One person attending volunteered.

Greg noted that Donna D. and Vaunda are heading up efforts to recruit additional NW volunteers. Lynn created an informational brochure for NW that will be distributed at the Saturday garage sales, available at the LE office, for block captains' use, etc.

Greg also stated that Donna, Greg and Alice are handling the coordination of loose dog reporting and tracking.

Greg informed the group that the NW information was going to be put on the LE website (www.leilaniestates.org) so that all the info is in one place. Vaunda and Pake will keep the information up to date.

This coming Saturday's (April 4) garage sale is from 7 – 11 am. Donated baked goods will be available for purchase.

Greg reported that the sale of baked goods last month netted \$111 and the previous month \$71. The current balance of NW funds is \$454.92.

On Tuesday, April 14, NW will host a dinner and bingo event at the LE office at 6 pm. The cost is \$10 for dinner and two bingo cards and \$1 for drink tickets. The dinner will include sloppy joe's (meat or vegetarian), salad, chips and dessert. Volunteers who prepare food for the event will be reimbursed by submitting receipts. There will be prizes for bingo and the funds raised will be used for other social events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.