

PALM BEACH NATIONAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Area Rep Meeting

Tuesday September 25, 2012

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Palm Beach National Club Restaurant

MEETING SUMMARY

Vice President Steve Krupa called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PBSO Detectives Ronald Scalise, Keith Martini, and Ray Griffith were introduced. They provided an update on the Sheriff's Department activities involving recent burglaries in the area.

Detective Scalise –

- **When to call the police – any time you see a suspicious person or vehicle, CALL the Sheriff's Department immediately. If you don't have the non-emergency number handy (688-3400), then dial 911.**
- PBSO has increased patrols in our area
- Halfway house on Pinehurst – There are loopholes in zoning - halfway houses with six or fewer people do not need specific zoning.
- Canal problem, LWDD suggestion to put a chain to stop vehicles from accessing canal bank. Barb Susco has the paperwork for that permit.
- Solicitors – you can call PBSO to check them out. But if they look suspicious, call 911 immediately.
- Deputies are really working on these cases. All they need is one good tip to bring it all together.
- Pattern - yes, but similar to basically all home burglaries
- Camera systems, alarms, dogs, all are helpful at preventing break-ins.
- Ray's comments – We are all affected by this. I have been a resident here for 12 years. There is no stupid call. So Call! (...don't call me, call 699-3400 or 911)

Detective Keith Martini, Crime Prevention Unit

- They are putting a lot of resources to this, including extra patrols, marked cars, unmarked cars, patrols on bicycles and on horses, patrolling the canals. But there are things that we can do to prevent it as well, including keeping hedges trimmed lower, dogs, alarms, and especially getting involved and communicating.
- **The PBSO Non-Emergency number is 688-3400.**
- Suggestion was made to have signs indicating crime watch / video surveillance. We already have these, but they are very old, rusty and not noticeable. Lindsey Stavropoulis volunteered to look into getting them replaced. Signs are provided by PBSO's Neighborhood Watch Program. Pamphlets were provided to the group.

- When reporting a suspicious activity, please try to report as much identifying information as possible, such as:
 - Tag Number
 - Photos
 - Date & time you saw them
 - Any physical description i.e. race, height, hair, visible tattoos, clothing, whatever else you can think of.

Detective Scalise said the best way to contact him personally is by email. His email address is SCALISER@PBSO.ORG. He re-emphasized that you should call PBSO immediately either at **688-3400 or 911** if you see something you need to report right away.

The detectives left copies of these PBSO pamphlets:

- Motor Vehicle Theft and Vehicle Burglary Prevention
- Residential Burglary Information
- Neighborhood Watch Information

(The pamphlets also available as PDFs from the PBSO website).

Following the PBSO update, the meeting resumed with the regular agenda items. Dates were set for the fall and winter activities as follows:

- **October 13, 2012** – Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale
- **October 27, 2012** (Saturday afternoon) Halloween on Hoylake
- **November 10, 2012** – Fall Food Drive
- **November 4*, 2012 (Sunday afternoon)** Annual Barbeque – Okeeheelee Park. Free to members of the Civic Association. Guests of members: \$5 Time and Pavilion TBA. (*Date change. Was set for Nov 11, but no pavilion available.)
- **December 8, 2012** (Saturday) Santa visits Palm Beach National on the Fire Engine – Leaves PBN Restaurant Parking lot @ 8:15 am.
- **December 8, 2012** (Saturday) Breakfast with Santa – PBN Restaurant (to be confirmed)
- **December 15, 2012** (Saturday) – Toy Drive
- **December 2012** – Holiday Decorating Contest Judging. Winners get free membership for next year. Date TBA.
- **January 22, 2013** (Tuesday) Next Civic Association Meeting – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Volunteers are needed for many of these activities.

Lots of Help is needed for the Halloween Event (Please contact Mary Kay Willson at mk@mkminc.com or 649-3595).

To help with the Barbeque, contact VP Dave Huggins at hugginsdb@bellsouth.net or 358-9688.

The Area reps left with membership packets to deliver to more than 400 households. A few new volunteers showed up to assist by being area reps or helpers. Thank you!

Please support your neighborhood by returning your membership application with your \$30 dues (per household) as soon as possible. If you have already paid, thank you!

This is not the official minutes of the meeting. Just a recap of the major points. The minutes will be posted on the Website when available. Please check the website for updates. www.pbncanet.com The website also has links to PBNCA on Facebook and Twitter. Please feel free to use those services for keeping in touch. Anyone willing to help update content or put together a brief fall newsletter, please contact me at mkrupa@pbncanet.com

Thanks, Mandy Krupa