

## MINUTES FROM MARCH 16, 2017 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by our Webmaster at 7:06 PM. Due to new location we waited for new members to find the right building. We had as guests: Carol Thompson, Community Services Manager for Dorchester County. Community Services includes the Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Mosquito Control and Environment. Also with us from Wake Up was Mr. Kevin Downs, Mr. Louis Winoski, and Ms. Julie Lawrence.

LT. Barnhill gave his report stating that there were only a few problems in the last month in Greenhurst Subdivision, beginning on 3/1 on Braly Dr. with a report of a \$4000 burglary. No suspect apprehended at this time. The Saturation Team was working in Greenhurst on 3/15. There was a report of debris at 110 Bailey.

We were reminded to call the non-emergency number for cases like this.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$460 at this time.

The President reported that her husband, our former president was having a lot of health problems.

Webmaster: Increased hits on our website lately. Next month (4/15) we renew our Domain .

Secretary: St. Pat's. Day decorations will be down in a few days and something appropriate for Easter will go up. She noted that the grass had been nicely mowed but the old flower stalks needed to be trimmed off.

The three attendees from the organization WAKE UP spoke about many aspects of the heroin and opioid problem, citing the lack of attention older persons may have about potentially addictive medications in our medicine chests, and the problem of over prescribing these medications. They gave us information on how to dispose of these meds safely.

APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> will be TAKE BACK DAY where you can turn in unused or expired medications. Check [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) for these locations. Local WalGreens may also have bags to dispose of these meds safely. DO NOT FLUSH THEM as it pollutes the water. The medicines most often abused are Hydrocodone, Diluden, Oxycontin, Lortabs, Fentanyl, and Vicodin. About 80% of new heroin users begin by misusing prescription opioids. Many young people are trying heroin but since it is stronger than it used to be they often die from one dose. This problem is considered an EPIDEMIC and it exists nationwide, not just in big cities.

We wish to THANK DOT for getting Bailey Ave paved and for cleaning out ditches in our subdivision.

Old business: no new pig sightings.

Nothing new on the Carrington Chase situation, except the homes are starting to go up and some days it is noisy.

Next meeting APRIL 20, 2017