

Minutes from October 20, 2022 Crime Watch Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes were accepted as written.

- **Sheriff's Report: LT Andy Martin** reported on calls since our last meeting in June.
 - The record from 6/16-10/16 shows: Brailsford 6; Braly 1; Dootsie Ct 2; Roberta 1; Larson 3; Susan 6; Teddy 2; Terry 9; Wendy Way 3; Blackwell 2; Judith 4; Bailey 3; Miley 1; Miles Jamison Rd 10.
 - He noted that this number is about average: 54% were not criminal calls; only 5.4% were criminal calls.
 - He strongly encourages LOCK UP YOUR CARS.
 - A guest noted he still sees a person on Bailey Dr. driving a golf cart very fast. LT Martin advised him to try to take a picture of the license plate. All 4 wheelers and golf carts MUST HAVE LICENSE AND INSURANCE.
- **Animal Control Officer Report: Chris Garbaciak** responded to a guest's question about barking dogs, possums, Canadian geese.
 - He said if there was frequent barking, keep a log and present it to Code Enforcement. Information is online for Dorchester County.
 - Possums: call Keepers of the Wild at 843.636.1659. They will pickup injured or young possums. Canadian Geese are FEDERAL PROTECTED.
- **Code Enforcement Officer: Jim Thomas** responded to question about furniture left on the street and abandoned cars.
 - Household items (sofas, chairs, etc.) can only be left out for 10 days. Call code enforcement 943.832.0013 to report.
 - Abandoned cars or cars that appear to be non-operable you need to report ASAP. It takes about 90 days to follow-up on those that have no tags/no insurance.

Treasurer report: Our current funds are \$450.

President report: She has been monitoring Greenhurst Nextdoor for problems and questions.

Secretary report: As of 10/23 she believes she has found a neighbor who will put up the signs for the meeting since they are no longer able to do it.

Webmaster report: Our meetings will now be held quarterly. This will put them on the 3rd Thursday of January, April, July and October. The website is still active and minutes will be posted there. Will also put the meeting on Nextdoor.com in hopes we will get new participants.

Old Business: Mr. David Chinnis, our County Councilman, was present to address questions about moving the gate located on Bailey between Greenhurst and Carrington Chase. He stated the GATE WILL BE MOVED to the Greenhurst side of the ditch in approximately 3 months. Time is needed to move the electric grid for power. During this time the gate will REMAIN OPEN. After the move it will revert to opening only for emergency vehicles. There was open discussion of problems with traffic through the gate, i.e., cars speeding and causing bottlenecks on Miles Jamison at peak times. Mr. Chinnis also discussed problems with FERAL CATS and told us not to feed them. If Animal Control has to trap and remove, they may likely be euthanized. He addressed the 1% ROAD TAX ISSUE. THIS IS NOT AN ADDITIONAL TAX. The old one expires and without the new tax there will not be funds to build or repair roads. The NEW FIRE STATION is under construction on Miles Jamison Road just past the round-about. PINE TRACE PARK is being built and will soon be open daily. It will have gates and Park Rangers, kayak rentals, picnic shelters, etc. much like the Ashley River Park. Admission will be \$2.00 per day or the yearly admission card.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 19, 2023 at 7pm.