

Minutes from April 18, 2024 Crime Watch Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Webmaster. The January 2024 minutes were accepted with no corrections or additions.

SHERIFF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER: LT Joli Tumbleston from the Dorchester Sheriff's Department was welcomed to the meeting. She opened by letting us know that Greenhurst has been mostly crime free in the past 3 months.

- Some suspicious activity has been noted by residents. When you see these things contact the non-emergency number to report. If you feel it's dangerous or needs immediate attention, contact 911.
- Reports of vehicles following Amazon, UPS and other delivery trucks have been noted. If noticed call the sheriff's department to report.
- Bailey Drive: two vehicles were stolen. They were Hyundai or KIAs. She stated thieves are using USB technology to target those models.
- Beatrice Lane: an object was stolen and several persons who were in the area were interviewed. This case is still open.
- A discussion of the new OPEN CARRY LAW was discussed. This means the weapon IS IN VIEW AT ALL TIMES and applies ONLY TO HAND GUNS. For more details go to SLED online where the full information is available. A permit is still REQUIRED FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS. LT Tumbleston strongly emphasized to NEVER leave a firearm in your car or truck.
- Several guests brought up the issue of missing or absent speed limit signs. Some streets have blind curves and speeding vehicles have been observed in those areas.

TREASURER & WEBMASTER:

- Our treasurer was unavailable however the webmaster stated we are solvent until the end of 2024. After that time, we will need to vote on whether to move to a different, less expensive website or keep our original .ORG and raise funding for another year. The current website is getting hits but no new members have become part of Crimewatch because of the website.

PRESIDENT:

- She welcomed several new attendees to the meeting. She has been transcribing and typing the minutes for the secretary but we will need to find someone else to do this. Her health is not allowing her to continue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A discussion was held about the recent clearing and activity at the old Bombadil Center land. It is not clear what will be built there.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 'gate' between Greenhurst and Carrington Chase has been shut and has a cable with padlock ensuring it stays closed. It is ONLY ABLE TO BE USED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES who have the combination to the padlock. They have tested and it takes on average 7 seconds for the gate to be opened for access. It is no longer automatic as all power has been cut.
- A video of a non-authorized person breaking the gate has been given to David Chinnis, County Councilman. It was indicated the person will be prosecuted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING JULY 18, 2024 at 7pm.