

HOPCA General Membership Meeting Minutes from 11/5/19 Meeting

President Michael Jennings called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Delegate Mark Chang (District 32), Anne Arundel Police Captain Ryan Frashure (Northern District), and Anne Arundel County PACT Unit Corporal Ryan Saunders were present, along with several members of the association.

Questions and concerns related to public safety were addressed by the Police Officers on hand.

- Concerns related to speeding and failure to stop at the stop sign on Norfolk Road.
- Members state that the school bus driver routinely blocks the intersection of Saunders and Norfolk to ensure the safety of school children.
- Corporal Saunders stated that he would request a Post Car to be in the area on a temporary basis, in an attempt to gain the attention of drivers / public awareness of the issue.
- Members stated that the most dangerous time is approximately 7:30am – 8:00am.

The Treasurer's Report was read aloud.

- \$14,692.24 – Bank of America
- 5,014.58 – Sun Trust
- 6,100.00 – Wells Fargo Scholarship Account

Corporal Saunders formally introduced himself and provided an overview of the goals and objectives of the PACT (Police and Community Together) Unit. He explained that PACT officers are active within the communities, listens to concerns and works on ways to resolve the issues. He provided those in attendance with information on the "Ring" app (available for Apple and Android devices) and explained that the app (not the cameras) are endorsed by AAPD, as a "virtual neighborhood watch". Members are assigned an anonymous name (i.e. Neighbor 34) and are allowed to provide comments on happenings within their communities, as a way to alert others to possible problems. The Ring app works regardless if you have their cameras, a competitor's camera, or no camera system at all. AAPD uses information posted on the app to help determine upticks in crime in a particular neighborhood and, at times, will contact Ring to request those that may have video of a particular event or certain time frame. Ring then contacts the owner to relay the request. Ring will crop images to minimize specific details of an owner's location (i.e. think pink flamingos) when possible.

Concerns related to motorbikes/cycles was brought up. Captain Frashure explained that the police department will not chase a motor bike but officers rely on community information to help in addressing the problem. For example, someone may notify the police of the problem and someone may notice where the bike is typically kept. In those cases, an officer can address the problem at the home address. The Captain went on to explain that many motorcycles (specifically closer to the Baltimore City limits) have been reported stolen. When asked what responsibility a dealer has to ensure that the bikes are used in appropriate locations, the Captain responded "none."

Saunders Park has seen a large number of people enjoying the area. Parents and children have been utilizing the playground, summer flowers have been removed and a new basketball hoop is in the process of being installed.

HOPCA trimmed a tree on the church property.

There have been many changes at the Harundale Plaza recently. Most recently, the departure of Home Goods and Burlington. Both have moved to other nearby locations. There is chatter that a new grocery store "Lidl" is expected to move into the plaza. While not a familiar name in this area, it is

supposed to be similar to the Aldi grocery chain. Rumors state that they may open within the next four months.

There are still conversations related to the brick wall, working with the shopping center but no progress yet.

The Rodent Program is ongoing.

Possible speed humps in the community require a county traffic study. HOPCA can request the preferred streets that would be considered. The installation of speed humps would require the community to pay the bill.

Santa will make his annual trek through the neighborhood on Saturday – December 14th. The rain date is Sunday – December 15th. The “Santa Tracker” was well received and many positive comments were made during the meeting.

HOA fees will increase by \$5 next year. HOPCA will include information regarding online payments via Zell.

Future meetings may be changed to Wednesday evenings, in an attempt to gain more participation. Nothing will be decided until the Board discusses the possible change with the church.

The need for cameras and lights to be installed in both parks was brought to the attention of the members. This is due to security concerns.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 5, 2020. If the proposed day change is accepted by the church, the meeting will be held on February 6, 2020.

A member was concerned with a letter he received regarding a complaint about a minor-aged individual riding an ATV. He felt the letter was threatening and inaccurate. He asked why this concern wasn't addressed personally by knocking on his door. He clarified that the child was his grandson, riding a 3HP go-kart with adult supervision. He wanted to know if this letter is a permanent part of his file and the answer was no, simply a way of sharing the fact that a complaint was made. The HOA has a duty to respond to each complaint.

Captain Frashure reported that there was an attempted robbery at the 7-11 on B&A Boulevard at Amberly. He provided a flyer and asked that it be posted on the HOPCA website. Be aware of your surroundings! Be sure to lock vehicle doors to an effort to minimize thefts from vehicles. Don't hide Christmas gifts in the trunk of your vehicle.

HOPCA Deeds and Agreements can be found at HOPCA.org.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.