



Neighborhood Watch Resident Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017 – 6:00 pm

The mission of Neighborhood Watch is to provide information and assistance which encourages neighborhood involvement to be effective watchful neighbors with the goal of reducing crime.

Facilitator: Lisett Lebron

Guest(s): PAPD – Sergeant Joy, Sergeant Zaleski, Officer Melendez

Note Taker: Alibell Marquez

Translator: Valerin Ubri

Attendees: (See Attendance Sheet)

Topics to be Discussed

Meeting notes from last meeting	2017 Recycling Guidelines & Garbage
Nixle Sign-Up Instructions	Schedule
Crossing Guards	Public Library Brochure
City Directory	Business Directory
Office of Social Services/Housing	Property Maintenance & Improvement
Office of Aging	Guide

Meeting Notes

Introduction on what PARTNER – GNC is to the community

- Why did we receive the money we did from Wells Fargo?

NWRM will help to organize and create “topics” for our Meetings

Block Party was very successful for creating the connection to have Neighborhood Watch Meetings

Resident Commentary:

- Jose – “Neighborhood Watch is good thing for safety. Some people are breaking into cars. As a senior, we are looking at the window.”
- Gloria – “There are people who are walking and they are not a part of this community. SO why are they here? This is very suspicious activity.”
 - Gloria found a person knocking on her door saying “I live here”. She called the police. The person was from New Brunswick. She is very distressed. The sensor light program can be used for this – look into this for her.
- Sergeant Zaleski – “Even though you (residents) live on different neighborhoods, you do not know your neighborhood better than you. We (Police) do not live in your neighborhood, we patrol your community.”



- As homeowners, it is very important to know this.

After this meeting, we want to create another Block Party in Sherman. So we need your help to put together this block party.

- Statistics mentioned in regards to Gateway.
- We are taking the services already in Perth Amboy and concentrating them into neighborhoods.
- Lisett is to help organize the Neighborhood Watch so the residents are able to create their own meeting.

Nixle Presentation by Sergeant Zaleski & Sergeant Joy

Letting your neighbors know about Nixle will enhance our lives within the city. It is also important to share this with people we may not be familiar with.

- 80% rent and make way below their wage

Sergeant Joy asks you to embrace the change of utilizing the Nixle system. The only way we can succeed is by coming together and using this system.

- Code Blue is a great notification about inclement weather. This can be received as an email or text.

Crossing Guards Presentation by Officer Carlos Melendez

Background on Officer Melendez: 23 years in the force. He is also a motorcycle officer as well. He coordinates and organizes crossing guards in our town. With having to ensure that both pedestrians and vehicles are moving smoothly, this, at times, can be a bit chaotic.

Some stats about our Perth Amboy Crossing Guards:

- 43 crossing guards in total
 - There a pedestrian law
 - Yellow Line – 25 feet
 - What happens if a car parks close to the line? An accident!
- Crossing Guards have the right by the law to stop if they put their sign up. That is a horrible ticket.
- When the children enter or leave school – they are protected.
 - People who violate the law, must receive a ticket.
 - As adults we must also obey the law.
 - Jaywalking is also an ordinance.
 - The Crossing Guards must also be respected.

As residents, we are the eyes and ears of the community.

Resident Commentary:

- “A lot of people cause accidents because they are in a hurry. One day as I was crossing the street by Sheridan, I was almost run over. What am I supposed to do about that?”



Answer:

- 15 MPH by Sheridan
- All residential area are 25 MPH
- By Schools, it is 15 MPH
- “When some residents from Hansen are leaving the parking lot, there will be a truck parked there, blocking the ability for them to see the traffic. What are we supposed to do about that?”

Answer:

- If they are parked legally, there is nothing we can do. However, if they are on yellow, simply call the Police.
- “What has happened about the lighting in the streets? It is too dark!”

Answer:

- If light is out, PAPD has to fill out a form for PSNG.
- “Who has the right in terms of person walking across the street or car. Some people don’t have the patience to stop as well and will drive around the car in front.”

Answer:

- If there is someone on the cross walk, the car must have at last 30 feet to stop.
- “In Woodbridge, there is signage that says pedestrian cross walking ahead. What does this do?” Eugenia

Answer:

- This is a reminder to the person driving.

City Ordinances by Sergeant Joy

Noise complaints are tough.

From a police department prospective, most times it is a neighbor who doesn’t like another neighbor. So they turn around and call them.

Or it is someone who opens the door of the bar, so then the person’s house hears the music. By the time the police arrive, the sound is gone.

- It doesn’t matter the time, no one gets a break on music.

Police officers understand residents’ concern.

There is no difference between outside or inside music.

For Property Maintenance and Garbage – Code Enforcement deals with this.

How do we encourage the tenants that rent to take part in the cleanliness of the area? By placing and writing it in the lease.

Possible event, Shredder Idea for paper – Ms. Curry brought it up.

Skimmer – device placed on atm. Looks like the machine and reads your card. If the machine moves, please do not use it.



Next Neighborhood Watch Resident Meeting – March 2, 2017 at 6 pm

Topics to be discussed:

Street Lights

Our next Neighborhood Watch Block Party!!

Julie Marte on Fraud Watch Program

Billy Kurzenberger about the Green Team