

# Gables Residents' Association (GRA)

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2016

## Welcome/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Gables Residents' Association (GRA) was called to order at 3:00pm on December 20, 2015 by President Janel Jones. She observed a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Secretary's Report

Minutes of December 20, 2015 meeting were distributed to members in attendance. (Mr. Mike Fornino moved to accept and Ms. Sharon Davis seconded)

## Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Nancy Lynch reported there is currently \$382.20 and 35 members.

## Old Business

- GRA membership cards available. Annual dues are \$10 per household. Mrs. Nancy Lynch will accept dues after meeting.

## New Business

- No new volunteers for block captains.
- January birthdays acknowledged and are as follows: Mr. Mario Guzman-January 7<sup>th</sup>; Ms. Sharon Davis-January 7<sup>th</sup>; Vice Pres. Ermon Jones-January 16<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Lloyd Pearson-January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- There were not any committee reports given by: Preserve and Maintain, Newsletter, Neighborhood Watch, Fun/Activities or By Laws.
- Pres. Janel Jones attended The Neptune Township Committee meeting. She reports the motion for stop sign placement on the corner of Stamford/Chadwell and the corner of Stamford/Mayfair/Chadwell was passed. The committee will vote January 25<sup>th</sup>. Pres. Janel Jones will attend as a representative for the Gables Resident's Association. Many thanks to Sgt. Zarro for getting the process started in such a timely manner.
- Ms. Sharon Davis thanks Sgt. Zarro for being here for us! There was an incident immediately following our last GRA meeting where her neighbor saw a stranger jump the fence in their backyard and she called Sgt. Zarro who was off duty but helped by having squad cars sent to the address immediately. The person was a missing person from the hospital that the police had been looking for. He was apprehended. Ms. Davis was most grateful. This event was an excellent demonstration of the importance to the saying, "See something, say something".

- We welcomed Sgt. Michael Zarro of Neptune Township Police Dept. for updates on ongoing concerns.
  - Sgt. Zarro continues to follow up with the erection of the new street light on Surrey Lane. He will be escalating the issue up to a Supervisor at JCPL.
  - The dog problem on the tennis courts has been resolved.
  - Temporary speeding humps have been placed.
  - The speeding sign that sits near the entrance to the Gables on Wakefield has been taken to charge. It will be back shortly.
  - Ms. Mary Farley complains about a car parked on Wakefield Rd. that doesn't move and blocks the driveway to 505 Wakefield Rd. She provides the license plate of the car. Sgt. Zarro will speak with the owner and ask them to move the car but cannot tow the vehicle to summons the driver.
  - Mr. Fornino complains about plow trucks needing adjustment so not to disturb the speed humps.
  - Sgt. Zarro asks that residents do not hesitate to reach out to him by phone or email with questions or concerns.
- Mr. James Markey, area manager for JCPL for 20 years is welcomed.
  - Mr. Markey spoke to the GRA about the storm restoration process. Handouts were provided. He explained that safety is always the priority and JCPL shares a unified approach with police, municipalities and hospitals.
  - Mr. Fornino asks about grids and why some houses do not have power while other on the same street may.
  - Mr. Bacon asks what generator is recommended. Mr. Markey says they do not make recommendations for personal equipment.
  - Ms. Davis asks if it is the responsibility of the homeowner to call JCPL for tree trimming near power lines. Mr. Markey replies tree trimming is done on a four year cycle to keep tree limbs 12-15 feet away from power lines. Everyone is on a schedule and it is done every four years but a homeowner can call at any time.
  - Mr. Markey is thanked for his time and information!
- Ms. Sharon Davis states, "Thank you Pres. Janel Jones for all the great things you are doing with the GRA!"
- Sgt. Zarro has brought Kyle Bascom with him to the meeting to explain the Neptune Township apps, how to use them and what to look for.
  - Mr. Bascom has worked for the IT department for Neptune Township Police Department (NTPD) for about a year and a half. His focus is technology and public information.

- NTPD app shows the news and up to date announcements via twitter which can be viewed within the app. A twitter account is not needed. Big incidents will trigger a notice via a push notification to the user's phone. Pot holes and street lights can be reported using the app, along with tips. Officers can also be commended via the app.
- The OEM (Office of Emergency Management) app can also be downloaded and reports weather conditions, accident clean-up alerts and concerns, FEMA checklist for storm preparedness, reverse 911 alerts, evacuation routes and tri-state storm watch.
- These apps provide the most up to date information and all residents are encouraged to download and browse them.
- Mr. Kyle Bascom is thanked for his time and information!
- Mrs. Bea O'Neill suggests reading the minutes from the prior meeting before approving them at every meeting. Pres. Janel Jones suggests everyone come a few minutes early to meetings to read them so not to take time away from the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Lian Powelette motioned to close meeting. Mrs. Bea O'Neill seconded motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm by President Janel Jones. The next GRA meeting will be at 3:00pm on February 21, 2016.

Minutes submitted by: LaVonne Colasuonno, Secretary

Approved by: Janel Jones, President

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