

Estates at Dove Run HOA Board Meeting

Minutes for June 10, 2009 7:00 PM

Directors present:

- Richard Green, Calvin Lindsey, Vered Verandak, and Tim Wygant.
- Also present was Dave Fisher, representing the Neighborhood Watch

Agenda:

- Neighborhood Watch: Dave Fisher presented the board with an overview of the Neighborhood Watch program and its interface with the Middletown Police Department (MPD). A copy of an informational document Dave provided is included at the end of these minutes.
 - Middletown Neighborhood Watch programs do not perform citizen patrols throughout the participating neighborhoods.
 - The programs are informal, yet structured. Neighbors observe unusual occurrences, such as suspicious vehicles, loitering, vandalism, etc. and are asked to call the MPD directly. For emergencies, "911" is used, but for non-emergencies, citizens are asked to use the department direct line, 376-9950. The primary intent of the programs is to keep complaints anonymous while keeping the MPD directly involved. MPD is very concerned about turning citizens into victims.
 - From April 1 through June 6, 2009, MPD received a total of approximately 5200 calls – 80 which were from Dove Run, and 58 which were ultimately classified as formal complaints.
 - Dave informed the board that Middletown has an enforceable curfew: 9:30 PM for persons under 18, and 1:00 AM for other persons. Citizens are asked to report violations of the curfew ordinance. Additionally, Middletown has an enforceable noise ordinance: No noise past 9 PM.
 - When asked about how anonymous complaints may be used, Dave explained that all complaints are investigated and that complaints deemed valid are kept on file. These files can later be used as a basis for launching a more-formal investigation which may, in extreme cases, result in criminal charges.
 - Dave informed the board of the Delaware Nuisance Abatement Team, which reports to the State Attorney General's Office. This team may be authorized in certain cases to impound property from persons found guilty of three misdemeanors or a single felony. Their purpose is to protect neighborhoods from repeat offenders.
 - Dave reported that Christine Brenner of MPD and the town's Neighborhood Watch program has seen a dramatic increase in reported mischief now that school is out for the summer. Residents are therefore asked to be aware for suspicious behavior and to actively participate in the Neighborhood Watch.
 - Finally, Dave stated that he will continue to post information signs near the Brick Mill and Route 299 entrances to Dove Run of upcoming Neighborhood Watch meetings and activities. He stated that community participation is very strongly urged.

- ARB Report: The following is a brief summary of the meeting which was held on June 6, 2009. In attendance were Laura and Calvin Lindsay, Ashah Saviak and Rich Green.
 - Future meetings will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM (frequency to be determined)
 - The attorney has mailed a letter to a certain homeowner, requesting removal of his travel trailer
 - Calvin provided a brief overview of the permit approval process; lately, there has been a reduction in the number of requests
 - Calvin made a motion, and it was approved, that letters should be mailed to certain homeowners who have unauthorized vehicles (boats) parked in driveways for extended periods
 - In the future, when violations are presented before the ARB, a vote will be taken to determine appropriate action; if the committee is unable to arrive at a consensus, the issue will be brought before the Board of Directors for final action
 - The attendees agreed that it is impossible to enforce every deed restriction violation; thus, emphasis will be placed on violations that distract from the overall appearance of the neighborhood (unauthorized vehicles, uncut lawns...)

- Treasurer's Report: Richard reported that the current Treasurer's Report is uploaded on the HOA website and that it will be updated quarterly, or more frequently as items change.

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 7 PM.

Estates at Dove Run Police Activity

April 1 - June 6, 2009

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Traffic Stops	15	19%
Alarms	13	16%
Property Checks	6	8%
Accidents	5	5%
Noise Complaints	4	5%
Domestic Complaints	4	5%
Suspicious Person/Vehicles	4	5%
Theft	2	3%
Disorderly Conduct	2	3%
Burglary	1	1%
Terroristic Threatening	1	1%
Animal Complaint	1	1%
Miscellaneous/Not Classified	22	28%
Total	80	

Middletown Police Department

302-376-9950

For emergencies, always dial 911

Neighborhood Watch

Dave Fisher

Middletown Police Community Liaison

Officer Christine Brenner

New Castle County Community Prosecution Team

Robert O'Neill - Drug Unit 302-577-8807

Martin O'Connor - Violent Crimes 302-577-8907

Para Wolcott - Misdemeanor Crimes 302-577-8383

George Tsatakaras - Domestic Violence 302-577-8861

Nuisance Abatement Team

Phillip Bangle 302-577-8420

Dan Logan 302-577-8509