Community Cares Meeting  
January 27, 2020  6:30 pm  
PL Community Center  
Minutes


1. **Neighborhood Watch Initiatives:**
   
   Current and future initiatives
   
   - Citizen's Police Academy:
     
     25 attendees successfully completed this program with a majority of the participants coming from PL. It was a well organized and informative Program recommended for anyone interested in the MPD and how they fulfill their duty to serve our community.
   
   - Youth Summer Academy:
     
     A grant for this program has been submitted. The Chief is waiting for final approval from the Criminal Justice Council. The hope will be to have this class in the months of June or July. He will keep us posted as we move forward with this program. It is geared for children between the ages of 10-15.
   
   - 2020 Bike Rodeo:
     
     The annual Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 9th, 2020 at Lowes in Millsboro.
   
   - Halloween Trick or Treat night was held on October 31:
     
     6 Community Cares volunteers assisted Richard Brucki, HOA Manager, with directing traffic and parking. Over 1000 visitors and residents participated in this safe, fun filled night. It was very successful with cooperation from the MPD, and Lennar.
   
   - Millsboro Police Chief Brian Calloway will be attending our next CC meeting to review initiatives of the dept. Including concerns raised in PL. The Community Cares meeting is one venue for dialogue with the Chief and to get this information disseminated.

2. **Millsboro Community Cares Initiatives/Involvement**

   - Basketball Court Advisory:
     
     The effort to obtain a Boys and Girls Club in Millsboro is not feasible at this time due to the current expansion plans in both Dagsboro and Long Neck facilities. Other options are being pursued.
Bicycle Path Advisory Committee Volunteer opportunity:

There was only one grant approved in the State. Millsboro was not selected but will continue to be considered in the future. In the meantime, we may want to suggest continued involvement in deciding design needs when a grant becomes available. Hopefully, this will enable PL residents as well as other communities west of Rte. 113 to have access into the commercial district of Millsboro using multipurpose paths as a safe alternative to traffic on Rte 24. This will be placed on the agenda for the next Community Cares meeting.

Millsboro Art League Involvement:

We are looking at supporting the Art League for residents of all ages. The membership is expanding with programs being offered involving a variety of interests. Art exhibits reflecting Millsboro heritage and culture are being considered for exhibition in the Town Hall (A Town sub-committee is meeting at 4:00 pm in the town hall on 1/30/20 to discuss this initiative) Please contact Suzanne Worall at suzworrall@gmail.com. If interested in joining the Art League.

Community Dog Park Update:

This project is moving forward with an initial phase currently in progress. Fencing has been purchased and grading of the property located on the Wilson Highway behind Rite Aid is occurring. Parking is available within walking distance at the Town hall. Hopefully, this will be the first of a multi-phase community driven project.

HOA Alliance with neighboring Subdivisions (January 30 meeting):

There will be a meeting at the Commons of Radish Farms involving HOAs throughout Millsboro to initiate a Coalition that will discuss topics related to HOAs in general and how they can support one another in providing Excellence in service to each Community.

3. PL Community Cares Initiatives

Plantation Lakes Garden Club:

The PL Garden Club has secured land within PL for a gardening program for youth. Club members are offering to work with youth in selecting plant/flower seeds, planting and following through with care during the growing season until fruition. Stay tuned for updates on this program’s implementation.

Adopt a Highway update:

Gary Moyle is leading this project. Our first pickup will be in April. Stay tuned for updates on specifics. In addition, the idea of having a "Floating Adopt a Road" in Millsboro was suggested. This project would be similar to Adopt a Highway except the members, (from within and outside PL) would complete a trash pickup in an identified area within Millsboro. Assistance would be provided including supplies from the Town with appropriate support from the MPD.
CPR/AED:
Beth Plaskus oversaw this successful inservice. Input from attendees found it to be informative and invaluable should an unforeseen emergency occur. Please contact Jim Kells at Kellsj94@gmail.com if there is continued interest in holding another inservice.

Golf Cart road access update:
Currently, the Millsboro Solicitor is drafting a Charter amendment to permit golf carts on public roads located in residential developments within Millsboro’s Boundaries. A number of issues need to be addressed before this proposal will be reviewed by the Town Council and if approved, will be submitted to the Delaware Legislature through Representative Rich Collins.

Children at Play sign needs on new town roads:
Resident Representatives from the recently turned over roads can submit to the town requests for Children at Play Signs. The number and location of these signs need to be determined. A lead group of area residents will review and determine how many and where signs are needed. Please contact Clyde Heath at Firecaptret@gmail.com if interested in participating.

Juniorette Presentation:
Mindy Goss provided a compelling presentation to support the development of the first Juniorette Program in the State of Delaware. This program was formed to furnish young women the opportunity to build self empowered lives through civic involvement. It focuses on the group’s interests, creativity and talents when working together in achieving goals. It provides the foundation for young women (and men) in High School to develop their leadership skills under the guidance of adults involved in a proven program. (Currently has successful chapters in multiple states and internationally) Although programs can be developed for different ages, the initial target group will be geared to High School. An introductory meeting is scheduled for 3:30 pm on February 3rd in the Community Center. It is scheduled to take advantage of bus drop offs from school. Parents are encouraged to come but their attendance is not mandatory.

Possible Sussex Academy Swimming opportunities:
Documentation of this program was provided with programs and costs. Sussex Academy’s pool offers swimming programs for individuals of all ages throughout the fall, winter and spring. Anyone interested can contact/visit the Academy located at 21150 Airport Road, Georgetown, De. The Aquatics Coordinator is Maria Edgerton Reed and can be reached at maria.edgerton@k12de.us or calling 302-856-7805. Individual memberships are available or we can review this at our next meeting to determine if a group of individuals from PL would like to participate in a program.
4. **2020 Community Day Planning (HOA)**

- Under the guidance of the HOA, Plantation Lakes Committees will partner up in planning and participating in the Community Day.
  - Welcoming Committee
  - Events Committee
  - Seasonal decorations Committee
  - Community Cares Committee
  - Golf Club
  - Garden Club
  - The Landing?

Due to the involvement in planning for this day, a separate meeting on February 6, at 9:00 am will be held with each committee's chairperson providing input in its development.

5. **Additional Community Issues:**

- Significant discussion was held regarding the limited resources in PL available for Children to be involved in Age appropriate Community recreational activities on a regular basis. A committee of volunteers was formed to develop a plan for presentation to the Developer, Lennar, for their consideration. It was stressed this initiative must keep in perspective costs and resources available. It is also suggested the plan be presented in a business like manner which will represent the needs of young families. (this is not a 55 and over community) The direction of such a plan should emphasize as best as possible the win-win scenario for the Developer, HOA and especially Residents by working together to accomplish this objective.

  A meeting will be scheduled in the near future. Please contact Kayte Thomas if interested in participating for date and time of this meeting.

6. **Recruitment efforts**

- Block captains for the Neighborhood Watch continue to be needed. Volunteers have indicated interest in joining include Leon Dudley, James Elliott, Roseanne Cavanagh, Clyde Heath, Ray Turrer and Jennifer Mills. A meeting that is convenient with each new block captain will be held following the February 24th General Community Cares meeting.

The next Community Cares meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm. In addition, Future agendas and minutes of our meetings will be displayed in the HOA website as well as the Neighborhood website.