

# **Gables Residents' Association (GRA) meeting**

October 15, 2017

## **Welcome/Call to Order:**

The Gables Residents' Association (GRA) meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by President Janel Jones. Janel led the audience in observing a Moment of Silence for the Las Vegas shooting victims. She also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Minutes:**

Minutes of the September 17 meeting were distributed to members in attendance. Beatrice O'Neill made a motion to accept the minutes. Sharon Davis seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Nancy Lynch reported that there is currently \$431.20 in the treasury. GRA Membership is 49. Louise Pierce made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Lloyd Pearson seconded. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

## **GRA Introductions:**

President Jones requested that everyone introduce themselves and where they reside. All did. Janel welcomed new GRA members Tracy and Bonita Kimbrough, 707 Wakefield Road; and John and Michele Smertneck, 106 Walnut Street.

## **New Business:**

- Janel requested that all GRA members see Nancy to pay their 2017 GRA dues.
- The floor was opened for nominations for GRA Secretary by President Jones. GRA member Beatrice O'Neill made a motion to nominate Bonita Kimbrough. Seconded by GRA member Sharon Davis. Mrs. Kimbrough was unanimously elected to serve as GRA Secretary. President Jones and the GRA Members congratulated her.
- October Birthday Greetings: Beatrice O'Neill; David Bacon.

## **Welcome to Lieutenant Michael Zarro, our Neptune Township Police Liaison:**

- Lieutenant Zarro said that a stop sign already exists at Surrey Lane.
- GRA member Sharon Davis mentioned that many people do not stop there.
- GRA member Bob Hodges said that a street light is needed on Chelsea Court.
- Lieutenant Zarro informed us that Neptune Code and Construction is aware of the property issues of certain homes on Mayfair, Wakefield and Eton Way.

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- Littering issues by students on some Gables streets will be addressed.
- Bob Hodges and Mario Guzman informed us of the constant speeding of a motorcyclist on Mayfair Lane. President Jones and some GRA members identified the person and Lieutenant Zarro said that he will speak to him.
- Sharon Davis asked if a license is required for motorized bikers. Lieutenant Zarro responded no but drivers of mopeds do need a license.
- GRA member Peola Smith-Smith mentioned that there is not a sidewalk on Fordham and Marlow Place and the area has overgrown bushes and weeds. Lieutenant Zarro said that he will contact Mr. Vito Gadeleta to see what can be done.
- John and Michele Smertneck informed us that there is a littering problem from the Neptune Care Center on Walnut Street. Bottles, paper, etc. are thrown on their property. Additionally the center has a parking lot that is not used by the employees and visitors. This results in people parking in front of the Smertneck's driveway and blocking the mailbox. Lieutenant Zarro said that he will speak to the people of the center. He also informed us that there is an ordinance stating that a vehicle cannot be parked blocking a mailbox (must leave 10 feet in front and behind it)
- Sharon Davis inquired if a sign "Do Not Block Driveway" should be put up. Lieutenant Zarro responded that the Township will not do that.
- Some GRA members mentioned that employees and visitors of the Center constantly speed as they are exiting the Center.
- Mr. Smertneck suggested that a speed bump be placed on Walnut Street.
- Mr. Tracy Kimbrough also said that there is a need for a speed bump on Wakefield Road in front of his residence. Lieutenant Zarro responded that it is up to the Neptune Township to decide.
- GRA member Louise Pierce informed us that there was an attempted break in of her garage.
- President Jones reemphasized the need to be vigilant and always lock your cars and homes. Do not hesitate to call the Neptune Township Police to report any suspicious activity as well as any incidents of disturbing the peace. She reminded the members that quiet hours are from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 7 days a week.
- John and Michele Smertneck asked if solicitation is permitted in the Gables. Lieutenant Zarro responded that a permit is needed by the Township.
- GRA member Barry Johnson said that some Hackensack Meridian Health (Jersey Shore University Medical Center) employees are still parking on Newgate Lane. He suggested a meeting with the hospital regarding this issue.
- Lieutenant Zarro mentioned that the employees are now starting to park on Fenchurch.
- Route 33 traffic issues discussed:
- Mr. Tracy Kimbrough suggested a NO TURN ON RED sign at the exit of the hospital.

- Bea O'Neill mentioned the heavy traffic coming from the Hospital and the schools.
- Lieutenant Zarro said engineers need to look into the timing of the traffic light turning into the hospital.
- Vice President David Bacon suggested not having school buses exit or enter through the Gables. Suggested another entrance to ease traffic through our neighborhood.

**Adjournment:**

Mary Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m. by President Janel Jones.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonita Kimbrough, GRA Secretary

Approved by:  
Janel Jones, GRA President