

Regency Park Voluntary Homeowners' Association (HOA) Annual Meeting

April 30, 2015, 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Timberglen Library

HOA President Stewart welcomed the attendees and introduced Dallas Deputy Police Chief Rick Watson and Community Liaison, Officer Mark Lutz. The Chief announced that they believe they have identified the individuals responsible for the recent burglaries in our neighborhood. The thieves were also working in Carrollton and may have been found on video. They zero in on jewelry, using the "smash and grab" tactic. The officers also reviewed details of burglaries and successful police action in Coppell, Plano, Denton, and Collin Counties. Important recommendations:

- Report any suspicious person or vehicle to 911 immediately.
- Talk to your neighbors. Know who they are and what cars are theirs.
- Residents with VIP training should be active. VIP training is held between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and all residents are invited. Those who have taken the training before are welcome to re-take it.
- Alarms will not prevent a burglary. In many cases, they will discourage burglars and not allow them to take their time when they are inside the house.

Upon request, the police will do a complimentary home security inspection and will make suggestions for improving your home security. Contact the **Neighborhood Police Officer Unit at 214-226-3542**. Additionally, the Neighborhood Police Officer Unit can be contacted with any ongoing neighborhood issues (again, call 911 if anything suspicious is happening right now).

Question: What should I do when a stranger rings the doorbell?

Answer: Let them know that you are in the house. You don't need to answer the door, but let them know the house is not empty (and therefore an easy target.)

Question: What should I tell my child who is home alone?

Answer: Have a plan for the child, including what action to take if a stranger rings the doorbell or knocks at the door, and what she/he would do if there is a break in.

Sandy Greyson, Dallas City Council Member representing District 12:

Announcements included:

- Construction of the fitness trail near the Timberglen Library will begin in 2016-17.
- Mini-warehouses will be built on the vacant land near Kroger grocery store. Next to the warehouses, the developer will build a snack shack with a restroom for public use.
- Street repairs - Normally 5000 pot holes are repaired per week, but this year they worked 7 days a week and repaired as many as 14,000 each week due to extreme winter weather.

- The city is behind in fixing pot holes in the alleys. Sandy listed 45 alleys for District 12 as part of the bond issue for 2017, but the number to be repaired depends on funding, despite the fact that two-thirds of all alleys in the city need reconstruction. Ideas in discussion to reduce future repairs include eliminating alleys in new construction and implementing a 50/50 program where the city would pay for half and residents pay for half, similar to the sidewalk repair program.
 - The city is realigning sanitation and bulk trash pickup areas. Bulk trash pickup for our HOA is the first Monday of each month. It can be placed on the curb as early as the Thursday before. There's no fee for the pickup of bulk trash, but if it's placed on the curb outside of the scheduled days, the penalty can be expensive. Be aware – there is no notice or warning on bulk trash violations—violators just get fined.
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Official HOA Business:

Board of Directors Election

- Returning Board Members: Arnold Gendelman, Carter Hatton, and Fernando Ochoa
- New Board Members: Doug Treuter, Ehren Stewart, and Zeke Enriquez
- These six volunteers were approved by unanimous consent of all members present

HOA Mandatory Responsibilities:

- Maintain insurance on the traffic barrier walls on Frankford Road and Midway Road
- Beautify/maintain entrances at Frankford/Voss and Midway/Cedarview, in addition to the grass areas along the traffic barrier walls
- The HOA does not regulate what homeowners can do to their own property

Volunteers Needed:

- Membership Committee
- Block Captains
- Safety & Security
- Community Events Committee

2014-2015 Volunteer Accomplishments:

- Prepared dinners for our local firefighters
- Yard of the Month selection (including \$25 monthly prize!)
- New lights and plants at the Cedarview entrance
- Coordination of wall repair on Midway to ensure damaged sections were rebuilt to city code standards and at no cost to our Association.

2015-2016 Goals:

- New lights and plants at the Voss entrance
- Strengthen the Block Captain program
- Neighborhood Block Party

Miscellaneous:

- Regency Park consists of 235 homes and there are 110 paid members for June 2014-May 2015.
 - Membership for June 2015-May 2016 is due!
 - \$75 annual dues can be paid online (www.RegencyParkDallas.com) or mailed to PO Box 700714, Dallas, TX 75370.
 - The current balance in the HOA account is \$8,900. This is a better cash position than we had at the same time last year, despite the expenditure for lights at the HOA entrance.
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The Regency Park Homeowners' Association is 100% voluntary and relies upon the continued financial support and activism of its members. HOA fees are typically hundreds of dollars a year; however, we have been able to maintain our dues at the low cost of \$75 for the year. All members are invited to attend monthly meetings and contribute to the website.

Helpful links to city services, photos of HOA members' pets, and additional information is available at: www.RegencyParkDallas.com.