

Wedgwood East Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Thursday, September 8th, 2022

6:30 PM

Present: Amanda Pittman, Mark Greene, Danielle Vieck, Betty Spitzberg

Absent: Darren Kiefer

Board Vacancy: Amanda Pittman announces that she will be leaving the neighborhood and there will be a vacancy to fill on the board. A nominating committee has been put into place to discuss how to fill this vacancy.

Officer Lopez: Officer Lopez gave an update on crime in the neighborhood. Catalytic converter theft appears to have peaked in July, with less theft happening since then. There were two robberies that happened near the Westcreek/Mccart area. One robbery took place at the Walgreens and the other was at the 7-11 in this area. Both suspects have been arrested. Instances of overall crime appear to have gone down since the summer months. Officer Lopez reminds residents to turn on their lights at night and have cameras as a means to prevent crime happening at your home. With children back in school, Lopez recommends that everyone be vigilant of school zones and "No Parking" areas around campuses. During the hours of drop off and pick up, some traditionally two way streets become one way only. One area in particular within our boundaries is the area of Walton Ave. in front of Westcreek Elementary. This area moves Eastbound only during school drop off and pickup.

Cameras: Amanda reminds residents that after discussions had with the Fort Worth Police, the best means of preventing crime to your personal property is by installing home camera systems. These cameras are readily available at many retailers and can often be found at a low cost. Getting contact information from your neighbors is another good way to watch out for each other and prevent crime.

Yard of the Month: Congratulations to Elaine and Scott at 3613 for being named Yard of the Month.

Upcoming Events:

-The Wedgwood Garden Club will be hosting a cleanup at Krauss Baker park on Saturday, September 10th at 8:00 AM.



- -The Wedgwood Historical Association is having their annual Parade of Homes on Saturday, September 17th. The cost is \$20 per person, ages 16 and up only.
- -Jim Hannon is still hosting ukulele players for free the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at the Southwest community center.
- -The next Bingo night will be Thursday, September 28th at 6:30. This month will be family bingo which is open to all ages. We are looking for businesses to sponsor bingo prizes, so please pass the word along if you know anyone who might be willing to sponsor.
- -The next Friends of Vega Place food distribution, sponsored by the Tarrant Area Food Bank, will be happening Wednesday, September 14th from 10:30AM to 12:30PM.
- -The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at 5:30PM. If you are interested in attending or volunteering please see our Facebook event page or contact Debby Jennings (<u>debbygary@charter.net</u>).
- -The Halloween Block party will be returning again this year on October 31st from 5:30-7:30PM. Wedgwood Moms and WENA will be teaming up to sponsor this event. If you are interested in donating candy, please reach out to Rachel Southard.

Getting Involved: If you are interested in getting involved with Citizens on Patrol or the Crime prevention program, please reach out to Billy Rudd at (817) 994-6924.

Mail in Ballots/ Voting: Mark Greene reminds residents to pay close attention to your ballots if you are planning to vote by mail. Be sure to get your applications in early for mail in ballots if you intend to vote this way. Fill out every blank on your ballot, take a picture of it for your records and make sure your signatures match in all places.

Plans in the works:

- -The association intends to revise our bylaws as is necessary to file for non-profit status.
- -A Fourth of July parade will be in the works for next year.
- -The association hopes to adopt the median on Woodway as part of the city cleanup program.



Treasury Report:

- -The total balance has increased 16.5% since March 1st, 2022.
- -\$960 has been earned from dues
- -\$280 has been earned from Bingo
- -\$124 has been spent on Bingo Prizes
- -\$198.98 has been spent on the new website
- -\$100 has been spent on Easter Face Painting

New Website: The new website is up and running and can be found at www.wedgwoodeast.org. The old website is still active for now. Betty is working on building the membership renewal and payment function on the new website.

Paper Newsletter: A member asked about a paper newsletter being available to residents. Betty mentions that we hope to have this available around the end of September or early October. We will need volunteers to help put newsletters on each door in the neighborhood.

Nonprofit Status: WENA now has a tax ID and we hope to have our nonprofit status done by the end of the year. Nonprofit status will help the neighborhood acquire donations.

Nominating committee: The nominating committee (Mark Greene, Betty Spitzberg, Danielle Vieck, Caren Wilkerson and Debby Jennings), will meet Saturday, September 10th to discuss the next steps in filling the vacant board position.

Future Speakers: We will reach out to Rep. Ramon Romero to see if he is available to speak at an upcoming meeting soon.

Helping Seniors: Mark Greene announces a plan in the works for helping our senior residents. If you have ideas or are willing to help with this plan, please reach out.



Meeting Ended: 7:16

Submitted by:

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