



WHITTIER OAKS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2011 MEETING SYNOPSIS

NOTICE: If residents would like to receive email updates regarding Whittier Oaks, please contact Ron Merkler at 954-426-0151 and provide him with an email address.

BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:50 PM at the Public Works Building. Present from the Board of Directors were Lisa DePace, President; Carol St. Aubin, Vice President; Barry DeRose, Director and Marc Harris, Director. Joe Rusinowski, Secretary; Dominick Peri; Director and Kevin Burger; Treasurer were absent with prior notice. Present from Residential Management was Mark McKnight, Property Manager and Marie Palombi.

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE INFORMATION BRIEF;

Deputy Khaleel was present and stated that he was filling in for Chief Stoner this evening. Deputy Khaleel stated that the Sheriffs office has a "Vacation Watch Program" in where the Sheriffs office will provide routine inspections of anyone's home if they are planning on going out of town. All the residents have to do is to stop by the sheriff's office and fill out a form of the dates they will be out of town, or go to www.sherif.org/homewatch and submit the information that way. Deputy Khaleel handed out a flyer which lists several tips to keep you safe and to protect your property during the holiday season (see attached). Deputy Khaleel reminded everyone that it is very important for residents to contact the police department if they see any suspicious behavior and not the security guard. The only thing contacting the security guard will do is to delay the police from responding to the call Deputy Khaheel also brought up the Cyber Visor Program and stated that by registering at www.sheriff.org/cybervisor, you can sign up and receive emails regarding traffic information, upcoming events, security issues and safety tips. Lisa Depace questioned if there is anything that the Sheriffs office can do about the recent rash of coyote sightings. Deputy Khaheel stated that unfortunately there is nothing that can be done on their end. Owners need to be aware of the situation and to make sure that their animals are not left outside. The Board thanked Deputy Khaheel for taking the time to come to the meeting.

Lisa Depace stated that Commissioner Mark Weissman was present. Commissioner Weissman commented that there are hidden costs to the burglaries/crimes that affect everyone. Although Parkland has a small percentage of crimes, this small amount causes the percentages to go up and the crime statistics effect the reputation of the city. Mark Weissman reported on some of the projects that the city is doing such as replacing the fencing around the preserve or adding height where needed. Commissioner Weissman also stated that repaving Mecca Road is in the works. Commissioner Weissman reported that the city continues to grow, with the population expected to increase from 23,000 residents to 24,000. Mark Weissman reminded everyone that the Special Elections are coming up on January 31, 2012 and it is important for everyone to get out there and vote. Everyone votes for every commission seat and Mayor, so it is important to vote.

Mark Weissman reported that he recently was appointed the Vice Mayor of Parkland and that his door is always open to the residents. The Board congratulated Mark on his appointment and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

GOOD AND WELFARE

None

MINUTES

Carol St Aubin moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting as presented; seconded by Barry DeRose. All in favor, motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Mark McKnight stated that as of November 14, 2011 the cash operating account has a balance of \$96,347.44 and the cash replacement accounts have a balance of \$128,234.65 making an un-audited cash status of \$224,582.09. The Collection Status Report from Kahan/Shir was reviewed and discussed. Mark McKnight stated that there is presently \$86,495.32 outstanding with \$250.00 due for the current period. Mark further stated that 10 unit owners are on a monthly stipulation agreement, fifteen are in attorney action, with 10 in bank foreclosures and 5 in Association foreclosures. Lisa Depace stated that there are two homes that are blatantly disregarding payment and foreclosure proceedings must be pursued on them. Lisa Depace also stated that there are two delinquent owners who are renting their homes out and requested that Management move forward with collecting the rent from their renters to pay the quarterly dues on time.

VIOLATION REPORT

A brief discussion ensued regarding the existing violation list as well as a few new ones.

The fire alarm went off and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

The Whittier Oaks Board of Directors and Management would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully Submitted,
On behalf of the Secretary
Whittier Oaks Homeowners' Association, Inc.

MONTHLY MESSAGE from your CHIEF

The month of November will start the holiday season, and with the holiday season will come holiday shopping. The Broward County Sheriff's Office wants everyone to enjoy the holidays and not become the victim of theft that can ruin this time of the year. With that said, I would want to offer the following holiday shopping tips to residents and business owners.

Shoppers, the following tips are provided to help keep you safe and protect your property:

- Never carry large amounts of cash.
- Park in a well-lit area. Avoid parking next to bushes or vans where people may hide. Have your keys in hand and ready when returning to your vehicle. Always check to make sure you are not being followed.
- Always lock all vehicle doors. Never leave any valuables in your vehicle, but if you must, lock them in your trunk.
- Carry your purse under your arm and close to your body. Walk with confidence and make eye contact with everyone you see.
- Never leave children unattended. Teach them to stay away from strangers and show them where to go for help if you should get separated.
- When putting out empty boxes for garbage pick up, breakdown all boxes which contained expensive items, such as computers, televisions and stereos.
- Report suspicious persons who are peering into or walking around parked vehicles.
- If your vehicle is broken into or stolen contact the Broward Sheriff's Office at 954-765-4321.
- **Business owners, the following tips are provided for your safety and security;**
- Communicate your alertness by keeping a constant friendly eye on all customers. Your alertness warns the robber that you are not an easy target and you'll remember their description.
- Never allow large amounts of money to accumulate in the cash register and don't count large sums of money in front of customers.
- Keep all doors that lead to unauthorized areas locked. Keep purses out of site and in locked cabinets.
- Keep a TV or radio playing in the back room to suggest that someone else is in there.
- Never reopen your business after you have closed.
- Credit card fraud. Be alert if the user is purchasing without trying items on.
- Bad checks. Low numbered checks indicate a new account.
- Should you see suspicious activity contact the Broward Sheriff's Office at 954-765-4321.

CyberVisor

The Broward Sheriff's Office believes the more information you have the safer you can be. To stay informed BSO encourages you to sign up for our new CyberVisor program. You will receive e-mail or text messages from our agency about the following topics that may affect your residential or business neighborhood:

- Criminal Activity
- Traffic information
- Upcoming events
- Security issues
- Important safety information.

You can also sign up to receive breaking news from our Media Relations team and Sheriff Al Lamberti's monthly message. Visit www.sheriff.org/cybervisor to sign up

Employee of the Month Award

Congratulations to Sergeant Jeanne Tedesco, Deputies Brian Behan, John Hubacheck, and Louis Scholtz for their collective actions during a recent school burglary. Their dedication to law enforcement, their community and to a job well done has earned them the BSO Parkland Employee of the Month Award for October 2011.

On October 15th, units were dispatched to a silent intrusion alarm at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. Sergeant Jeanne Tedesco, Deputies Brian Behan, John Hubacheck, and Louis Scholtz responded to the scene and the surrounding area. Shortly thereafter, both Deputies observed five males on the roof of the school heading in a westerly direction towards another neighboring school. Additional units from Coral Springs Police Department, as well as K-9 Units and the Aviation unit responded for assistance. Subsequent to a perimeter being set, all five subjects were apprehended, taken into custody. They were charged with burglary to a school after giving a detective a full confession.

Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving!

Chief Marvin Stoner
BSO City of Parkland



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PLAN TO TRAVEL FOR THANKSGIVING? SHERIFF LAMBERTI OFFERS TIPS TO KEEP YOU SAFE!

The Thanksgiving holiday is fast approaching and many Broward County residents will be taking vacations or leaving town to visit with family and friends. The Broward Sheriff's Office reminds everyone that there are certain security-minded steps to take before leaving town. Remember to stop all newspaper deliveries, ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail and contact your local Broward Sheriff's Office district office to sign up for our Home Watch program.

When you sign up for BSO's Home Watch program, a deputy, community service aide or BSO volunteer will check on your home regularly while you are on vacation. An exterior check of your home will be conducted to make sure there have been no unlawful entries and that no other obvious problems have occurred outside of your home. To sign up for this FREE service, visit www.sheriff.org/homewatch and download the form. Complete it and return it to the BSO district that serves your community. You may also stop by your BSO district office and our staff will help you complete the form. Knowing that your home is being protected will put your mind at ease during your vacation. We only offer our Home Watch program in our patrol jurisdictions. If you live outside of a BSO jurisdiction, contact your city or town's police department and ask if they offer a similar service.

Before you leave town it is important to make sure your home appears occupied. Place timers on your lights and set them to turn on and off at different times. Lock your garage door and disconnect the automatic opener. Most importantly, tell a trusted neighbor that you are going to be away and ask them to dial 911 immediately if they see anyone on your property.

Here are some additional home security tips to keep in mind:

- Install good locks on all doors and windows and always use them.
- Give a spare key to your trusted neighbor and provide them with an emergency telephone number where they can reach you.
- Have someone mow your lawn if you'll be away more than a couple of weeks.
- Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine stating you are out of town.
- Leave your window blinds as you normally would if you were home.
- Invite your neighbor to park their car in your driveway.

If you are traveling by air, we remind you to arrive early. At the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport our deputies are in place to ensure your safety, but long lines to check-in and security check points are often a cause of frustration for travelers. Arriving early alleviates congestion and allows you appropriate time to arrive at your gate. If you are picking up guests at the airport, you are reminded not to park on the swale at the entrance of the airport. You can park in the "cell phone" lot until your loved one's flight arrives.

If you are traveling by car, you should also allow yourself enough time to reach your destination since the roadways are always more congested during the holidays. Confirm your vehicle is in proper working order prior to traveling. If you plan to stop at a rest area, make certain it is well-lit and lock your doors when you exit the vehicle.

On behalf of the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving!

Sheriff Al Lamberti



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