

CCHSNA MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2010

The meeting was opened by Alma Walker, President, and the Board and District Representatives were introduced. The fact Districts 2 and 6 had no representative was made and volunteers for these slots were solicited. By the end of the meeting, residents had expressed interest in filling these spots.

Alma recapped the last meeting and reported in response to concerns raised at that meeting "No Solicitation" signs had been installed. They are located at the Camberwood Drive entrances at 71st and 79th streets and Crickwood Drive at Pershing.

Also, a crime report was given. For the month of September, there were 11 police runs to our neighborhood and for October, there were 4 runs. The most prevalent reason was for reports of burglary. We can all help to keep our neighborhood safe by keeping an eye out and reporting unusual activity and keeping outside lights on at night. Also, for safety and to aid first responders in case of emergency, residents were urged to make sure their house numbers are visible.

A major part of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of payment of our \$30.00 annual HOA dues. The notices for 2011 were mailed in late October and are due by December 1st. Of the 481 homes, only 97 checks have been received or about 20%, so far. In 2009, less than 45% of the homeowners paid their dues. We need to have a much greater percentage of payment to meet the needs of our community. HOA dues pay for snow removal; maintenance of the entrances at 71st and 79th streets; the "No Solicitation" signs; advertisement for the annual garage sale, and other needs as they arise. Because of low participation, we have a low reserve and snow removal this winter may be at risk. Some points brought up by residents for non-payment were being unaware of the HOA and dues at the time they purchased their home and feeling there were little or no services received. There was also concern the driveways were blocked when the streets were plowed. It was suggested this was a problem with the way the plow is angled and should be correctable. The board will try to work with realtors as homes are on the market to ensure there is awareness of the HOA and annual dues. In an effort to achieve greater participation, the District Representatives will make contact with the non-payers after the December 1st due date. A suggestion was made to offer an incentive such as a random drawing for a gift card or some other prize. While this has been tried before with limited success, it could be reconsidered.

A question was asked about the number of foreclosures in the neighborhood. Karen Coleman reported three (3) dues notices had been returned indicating the homes were vacant and probably in foreclosure. Upkeep of these properties was discussed. Alma will try to make contact with the property owner (bank) and request attention to the problem.

Other items of concern/interest discussed were:

Parking on the wrong side of the road. This is illegal but our enforcement is probably limited. It is unlikely the police will dispatch on this type of complaint. A friendly discussion with your neighbor may be the best way to alleviate the problem.

Speeding school buses. Please report to Pike Township Transportation department at 280-2450 and provide the bus number to the dispatcher.

A coyote was sighted Monday morning near Camberwood and Tappan. It was advised if there is a danger, Animal Control should be contacted at 327-4622 and a dispatch requested. If they will not dispatch, request IMPD dispatch an officer. Please watch out for your animals especially at night. It was also noted coyotes are not necessarily a bad thing as they do prey on nuisance animals.

Groups of children walking in the middle of the streets. Parents please discuss the danger with your children and have them use the sidewalks.

Obstructed sidewalks from either overgrown shrubbery or snow. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks cleared. We know there are some residents who are physically unable to do this and this is a good opportunity to help each other, particularly with snow removal.

Regular HOA meetings; probably on a quarterly basis.

We are still in need of an Events Coordinator. We would like to reinstate the annual Easter Egg Hunt and community picnic and need someone to take charge of these events.

Bylaws and Covenants are posted on the website at www.cchsna.com. If you have questions or concerns, please email us at cchsna@gmail.com. A reply will be sent within two (2) business days.

Thank you to all who attended!