



Neighborhood Watch Resident Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2017 – 6:00 pm

The mission of Neighborhood Watch is to provide information and assistance which encourages neighborhood involvement to be effective watchful neighbors with the goal of reducing crime.

Facilitator: Lisett Lebron

Guest(s): PAPD, Julie Marte (AARP), Billy Kurzenberger (SWIM/Green Team/Environmental Initiatives)

Note Taker: Alibell Marquez

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Attendees: (See Attendance Sheet)

Topics discussed:

- Julie Marte on Fraud Watch Program (AARP)
- Billy Kurzenberger about the Green Team (Environmental Initiatives)
- Street Lights (Open Issue)
- Our next Neighborhood Watch Block Party (Sherman Street)

Meeting notes

Introduction to what AARP is.

Scam alert's news:

- News on ways to scam through social media: Selfies with Peace Sign: They will zoom in your fingers and replicate your fingerprints.
- Folks are also able to save stories amongst each other about recent fraud frauds. This is available to anyone, at any age, free service, for everyone in the community.
- Credit Card: While standing in line, it is very important to even watch where your card is. Certain thieves will take a picture of our card so be careful.
- AARP Watchdog Alert Handbook gives out as well.
 - o Sign in up for AARP gives access to the watchdog alerts and the most current scams going around.
- Thieves will even go through your garbage to piece together your personal information. It is important to shred your personal papers when throwing out your garbage.



- Micro-cut – will cut it up to tiny pieces to ensure thieves will not piece back your paper. The shredding truck event sponsored by AARP uses this type of cutting. We have to encourage our family members to participate
 - **COMMENTS** –
 - Dorothy: telling of someone using her card (from Banco Popular – they were proactive with their approach)
 - Tips: Credit Card can be disputed. VS Personal Card once that money is lost for 2 weeks, you cannot recover the money.
 - If you do not recognize the money, please do not pick it up.
 - Ms. Curry – People calling her for money. This has happened so many times to her that she has screened her calls. People saying the “IRS” would be picking her up. So she said, “Well, you better pick me up because I ain’t do nothing.”
- IRS Scams
 - IRS will never call you. If it is info, they will always send it in letter, written form. After this hang up because they should have this information
- Utilities Scams
 - Just hang up and ignore them. Don’t even waste your time answering the questions. If there is something going on the companies will mail you a letter informing you about.
- Unknown phone number’s calls
 - Even if you do not recognize the number, pick it up and hang it up. So they know they cannot come into your home. They may be watching you and waiting for your move (lack thereof)
- Shredding Event
 - Saturday, April 22nd at Patten Park – sponsor by AARP shredding truck available to all residents who want to shred important documents.

Billy Kurzenberger about the Green Team (Environmental Initiatives)

- Billy: Green Team
 - Intro of who he is and who is the Green Team.
 - Group of residents and city officials who work together to bring change to the way their environment looks and sustainability
 - Perth Amboy occupies a very particular place – surrounded by water ways on 3 sides – has regional impact. Older urban community. We face unique challenges, esp of industry, natural side effects of many people living in such a small area.



- Green Team was established as a part of Sustainable New Jersey: Incentives program where city does a number of projects, the city will receive recognition.
 - We work on different issues. Working in park and open spaces.
 - Last year, a member was in charge of removing unwanted plants in Willow Park
 - Combined sewer – your toilet and the rain can overwhelm the pipes. When all this goes to the Bay, this can be a dangerous look
 - Reducing waste and pollution, hosting street clean up, programs, regional partners, and local environmental groups to advance these issues.
 - We need to understand that our efforts to keep the Earth clean is very important.
- Granted, the history of Perth Amboy was industrial. But unfortunately, the soil was not taken care of well so now we have to do this.
 - As a homeowner, if you land use is used affectively, your property value goes up.
 - Green Team – meets 4th Tuesday of every month
 - City appointed body – est. 2013
 - Earth Week: events for everyone!
 - Flyer will contain info
 - Sustainable – we are at bronze, working towards silver.
 - COMMENTS:
 - Eugenia: “Some people will still feel more comfortable drinking out of a plastic. What is going on in Flint, there were pipes that were dirty, and rotting and that can be going into your water.

Street Lights (Open Issue)

- Still in conversations with PCNG and Home-Depot

Our next Neighborhood Watch Block Party (Sherman Street or Patten Park)

Next resident meeting: To be determine.