

HCPNA Meeting 3/12/19

Pres. Vanessa Erbrick welcomes group and New members:

Stephanie Barnes

Art

Jocelyn Watkins

Nick and Erin Miller

Steve Connally

Guest Speaker:

Chief Wade Elmore-

-He has 27 years in the Fire fighting Service.

-His dept. took 7000 calls last year.

-EMS are 70-80% of those calls with a 4 min avg response time!

(it was 8-9 min before they had the new station.)

-The dept. has free CPR training every fourth Saturday of each month.

-CPF has a free smoke detector program — they'll come install them for people who cannot.

Call 404-766-8248

-the dept. will provide free car seats for children for families who need them.

-They provide weekly blood pressure checks on elderly.

-Open 24 hours a day

-Grady provides transport to hospital but dept. does have two ambulances.

-Fire Dept. has a "Pulse Point App" with which citizens can respond to businesses in the area with emergencies. (CPR Training required) See website

http://www.collegeparkga.com/departments/fire_department/pulse_point

-Resident asked about program to learn about burning brush in yards...no such program exists but there is a BURN BAN from May 1st to Sept. 30th.

OUTDOOR BURNING IS PROHIBITED MAY 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 30TH BY THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTIAL BURNING:

· Burning is limited to yard debris ONLY (i.e., leaves, pine straw and fallen dead limbs);

· Burning times between 10 am to 6 pm or at dusk whichever comes first;

· ALL fires must be completely extinguished by 6 p.m. or dusk whichever comes first;

· ALWAYS have a working water hose nearby when burning outdoors;

ALL fires must be 50 Feet from all structures, and 10 Feet from property lines;

· Examples of ILLEGAL Burning materials include construction materials such as treated wood or lumber, tires and garbage.

-Chief says Fire dept. will dispose of needles and old pharmaceuticals for you.

- Resident asked about mental health crisis preparedness for fire fighters- Chief said they and policemen did receive training
- Dept. has four vacancies and 70 sworn firefighters.

UPDATES:

City Councilman Ambrose Clay:

- Tuesday March 19th is the next City council mtg.
- Mtgs will be streamed on ch. 23 on Comcast and rebroadcast at 6pm on Mondays until next mtg. also on city website -delayed streaming.
- The census is coming so please be cooperative because this is how we get our money from the govt.
- Main St. Alley Clean-up project: they moved the sewer and improved the storm drains to prevent flooding/ new pavers are going in soon.
- He announced an internship possibility with Senators through Constituent Services. Website: <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/mayor-s-office/executive-offices/office-of-constituent-services>

Congressional Black Caucus- giving scholarships- applications must be in before 3/31/19.
Website:
<https://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships/>

- Utilities meters are back on schedule, being read regularly and are billing regularly.
- Resident asked about VA Ave Corridor- Clay said we are talking about it becoming a “Smart Corridor”. There is a mtg on 3-14-19 at 5pm.
- Resident asked about improving the “Dead Zone” along Main St. to make it more walkable...maybe we could add more light posts, artwork to make more attractive? Clay says yes, they are looking at improving that.
- Resident asked about the woods behind the Urban Foodie Restaurant and what are we doing about the homeless problem there...they have a constant flow - Clay said they are working on it.

Update from community Officer Paniagua

Crime update

-There is a year-round curfew for minors:

13 years of age or under: 8pm

14-16 years of age: 10pm

-Truancy 6-16 Years of age: 8:30am-2:30pm on school days.

Call 404-761-3131 with non-emergency calls and

404-766-3618 for emergencies (But always best to call 911)

-So, Fulton County Prosecutor Jocelyn Watkins announced- court watch training program- on April 27th 10a-2p

Contact jocelyn.watkins@fultoncountyga.gov

-April 12-13th is the Woman's Club Yard Sale!

-A new business coming: Car service (Needs drivers); Called TRYP
Contact Richard Greer. keepsmlingrg@gmail.com or call 510-859-4355

-Pres. Vanessa Erbrick announced HCPNA has garden flags for sale and we are in the process of making hats and t-shirts and planning a neighborhood social. Also, the Neighborhood Facebook page has changed hands and is now called Historic College Park Neighbors. The HCPNA is no longer in charge of the page and posts do not need to be approved but will be deleted if inappropriate. Items for sale should be posted on the Historic College Park Give-Sell-Swap page.

Contact Vanessa if you would like to help moderate the Neighbors page.

Residents are encouraged to use NextDoor to report lost pets and urgent issues as well.

Next meeting is Tuesday April 9~Speakers are Whitney and Micah Stansell.

Have a great month!!