

**Bel-Aire Estates Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting Minutes**

TYPE OF MEETING: Annual Homeowners Meeting

DATE & LOCATION: January 17, 2019; Meadow Hills Golf Course

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Warshaw
Theresa Marshall

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PRESENTATION BY PAR OFFICER OSCAR PENA: Officer Pena is our temporary PAR officer until Officer Sue Condrey starts the position. Officer Condrey's contact information is scondrea@auroragov.org. Police Area Representatives (PAR) Teams were started in 1983. PAR officers are responsible for establishing bonds with the community that allow for problems to be identified and then prevented or solved. PAR officers have the flexibility to gather citizen input, alter work hours, develop and implement new policing strategies, and bring additional resources to bear on problems that have been identified by the community.

PAR teams are located in all three districts (Bel-Aire Estates is located in district 3). PAR teams consists of several officers supervised by a PAR team sergeant. Each PAR Officer is assigned to specific geographical area within the city and takes ownership of the problem solving process within their assigned geographical area. You are likely to run across your PAR officer as he/she patrols in a marked police vehicle, bicycle, on foot, in plain clothes, or at a community meeting.

Questions from homeowners to Officer Pena:

Can you tell us of recent criminal activity in our area and what has been done about it?

Recently in our area 6-7 cases were solved and a few more linked to one suspect that was caught. His method was entry via patio doors, garage doors and was caught due to dropping his wallet.

What should we be looking for?

If you see something, say something. Articulate what is happening and report to 303-627-3100.

Do the police patrol our neighborhood regularly?

District 3, areas 20-27 (Bel-Aire is area 23) have at least one officer assigned. Man power is a big issue.

Does ADT or an alarm system help?

Ring is great. Multiple zones on a ring alarm will be dispatched, a single zone most likely won't.

What if a single panic alarm is sounded on an ADT system, will it not be dispatched?

Panic alarm works differently than a single zone alarm on a system as they are manually activated causing an officer to be dispatched to the location. Also, if you are in a position where you can't talk on the phone due to being heard while an intruder has entered your home, you are able to text message 911 from your phone without speaking and officers will be dispatched.

We have had instances of mail being stolen? How are the police handling that?

Postal services handles mail theft. They have an entire department dedicated to mail theft. Another rising problem is package theft. (Discussion went to the subject of locking mailboxes which have proven successful by other homeowners.)

What else can we do to keep crime down in our neighborhood?

Put cars in garage, not in driveway. If car cannot be placed in garage, keep it as empty as possible to make it less attractive to criminals. Many are relying on Nextdoor to report crime but remember that the police department can post on Nextdoor but are unable to see any other posts and the site is not monitored by the police. Citizens can forward a concerning post to the police department but remember it will not be immediately seen so it is best to call dispatch with your concerns and reports.

PRESENTATION BY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR JENNIFER DUBROW:

Jennifer Dubrow is a volunteer and not paid for her position. She can be reached at jdubrow@auroragov.org or (720) 771-7848. Neighborhood watch meetings are four times a year. A neighborhood needs to have a representative attend four meetings to be eligible for the free Neighborhood Watch Signs which are displayed within the neighborhood. She spoke about the importance of reporting crime, even if you feel it won't be solved. She also mentioned if you fell victim to a small property theft or a non-violent crime where there is no immediate danger in progress and no suspect information, you can file a police report online at <https://www.auroragov.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=1881221&pageId=2036600> (you can also file an online crash report at this website). Crime data is needed to link crimes together as well as making sure areas have proper police coverage. She stated that police patrol = a bandage and PAR cooperation = long term solutions. Ms. Dubrow brought varying pamphlets and information regarding the Neighborhood Watch program which were available for anyone interested and encouraged community participation.

A question from the audience:

If I call from my cell phone, can the police find me. Jennifer's answer was yes.

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS:

- Accomplishments and directions since the last annual meeting in January 2018.
- 2018 P&L Overview
- HOA Balance Sheet
- 2019 Budget
- Feedback on Greenbelt was discussed:
 1. Quotes for Greenbelt beautification
 2. City of Aurora grant allows for up to \$5,000 towards Greenbelt project and Richard Warshaw is attending meetings and is in communication with the City to apply for that grant.
 3. Homeowners discussed the stressed landscape due to traffic and snow plows as well as pine needles killing grass beneath trees.
 4. The recent sprinkler installation was addressed and it was discussed that part of the new sprinklers would have to be moved.
 5. Many homeowners were not very familiar with the common area on Quincy which was being referenced and were surprised at just how many trees were located in that greenbelt area. It was suggested that grass stays but rock and trim be placed at the tree wells to make needle clean up easier and to stop the unsightly dead grass caused by those needles.
 6. It was agreed that more quotes would be obtained and that drawings of the proposed beautification renovation be provided.
- New homeowners were introduced and welcomed.
- HOA Security: more specifically the Flock cameras that have been installed.
 1. Richard Warshaw explained why the Board chose to go with license recognition cameras, how the company works, our 2 year commitment and the cost of having the cameras.
 2. Also discussed was the signage, data records, searchable interface, accessing footage, what happens in the event of a crime and the "Resident Safe List."
 3. The "safe list" was explained and homeowners were given the procedure to get their vehicles registered on the "safe list".
- Board of Directors
 1. Current Terms and Duties were discussed and explained as well as the possible changes for 2019 moving forward.
 2. Kimberly Lourier was nominated to take over a vacant board position, a motion was made and seconded and voted on. Kimberly Lourier was welcomed as a new board member.
- Opportunities for improvement
 1. Yard maintenance
 2. Trash containers being left on the street or outside garage rather than being put out of sight. Trash containers can be placed outside for collection the day before scheduled collection date and on collection date.
 3. Discussion regarding sheds was addressed

- Discussion regarding the procedure for approval for sheds as well as the requirements to obtain approval were discussed.
- Discussion if requirements should be changed to be more lenient on requirements for sheds was discussed.
- It was agreed that the existing rules pertaining to sheds not be changed and be enforced.
- 4. All exterior home improvements must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the project.
- 5. Dog barking issued needs to be reported to the Aurora Animal Control, not Board members.
- 6. Trailer/campers/boats, etc and unlicensed/non-working vehicles were addressed and residents were reminded that these are not to be parked or stored in, on, or about any lot or street within the community area, except within the attached garage.
- 7. Open Forum
 - HOA website will host the quarterly newsletter, updates on Board Meetings, criminal activity, wildlife alerts, events, etc.
 - Locking mailbox inserts were again addressed and computer links were provided to a few companies who provide them.
 - The Purdue curve issue was discussed: ballards replaced and cost to do the work as well as discussion of possibly placing another Flock camera to capture the plates of anyone who collides/damages them so they can be financially responsible for repairs.
 - A reminder of our community's monthly Ladies Night was discussed and Theresa Marshall's contact information was provided should anyone have questions regarding the activity (teabag.marshall@gmail.com)

Meeting Adjourned