

Villa Park Civic Association
September 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Marilyn opened the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian motioned to accept the report; Racquel seconded. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Detective Russo's report:

Det. Russo advised us that he had been involved with the curfew enforcement. Many juveniles were picked up during the enforcement period. He also noted that many burglaries were committed by juveniles.

Crime stats: Det. Russo discussed a sexual assault on Ardmore Avenue; burglaries in the 1700 block of Liberty St. (in which an arrest was made, as the suspect was stopped by a dog); and 6 car alarms stolen from garages on the 1000 block of Chambers St. Thefts were reported on the 700 block of Chambers (power tools taken from a car); license plates from Bismarck Ave., and a purse from a car parked in the hospital parking lot. Det. Russo reminds us to not leave purses or other valuables in the car. He also reported a motor vehicle theft from the 800 block of Chambers, in which the key was left in the ignition.

Follow-up from the last meeting: Extra attention is being given to the park near the monument because of suspected drug activity. St. Francis Ave. is getting street lights replaced. The post office-area panhandler is difficult to stop, as she is taken into custody and released within a day. There were also reports of a male panhandling near Papa's. There was a parking enforcement action taken on Centennial regarding a driveway and parking in a yard. Det. Russo also discussed an issue on Franklin St. in which 29 complaints against tenants were made this year. Six of the complainants attended a quality of life hearing with the landlord, who is attempting to have them evicted. Cars with PA plates continue to be problematic, however, it would be difficult to prove to a judge that an individual lives here and has not registered their vehicle yet. Finally, an issue regarding fundraising on behalf of the TPD was raised. Det. Russo stated that none of the police agencies in Mercer County solicit money by telephone.

With recent area flooding, Director Jackson will review maps and storm drains of the area.

Old Business:

- 1 Craft fair/flea market: will be at St. Anthony's on October 24. Tables are \$15.
- 2 Halloween parade: