

GWCA Membership Meeting – Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Larry introduced Captain Jim Baumstark from the Franconia station with CPO Jim Reid.

Captain Baumstark introduced himself and went over his experience. He also reviewed some of the recent incidents of crime in our area. Fortunately, we haven't had many incidents lately.

Q&A

- Question about fatal accident on Franconia Rd. in early September.
- Question about fatal accident on Franconia Rd near Rose Hill in August in which a police officer was injured. One of the citizens who helped the office will receive an award tomorrow night.
- Question about unattended children in a local neighborhood. Recommendation was to call CPS. CPS generally takes a child from a home only as a last resort.
- Question about police presence in the Kingstowne area. There are very few incidents there, but there are no plans to end the police presence because they are successful as a deterrent.
- Captain Bennett was doing a neighborhood walkthrough several times a year. Are there plans to do that again? Yes; but there uncertainty about how extensive it can be due to the budget.
- Someone observed a person in another VA town holding a gun in a holster. Is that legal? Yes; it is as long as it is not concealed. Private establishments can disallow it, but generally don't due to the political sensitivity. They don't want to alienate customers.
- Have there been many drug arrests in the local middle and high schools? Not much at all so far this year.
- Who gets calls from MD into VA? Both jurisdictions do—they share responsibility.

GWCA Business

1. Treasury report. Balance is \$5,680.34
2. Land Use position is open
3. Public relations position is open
4. Secretary position will be open
5. Member directory—coming but delayed
6. Review introductory slides:
 - a. The Franconia Post Office now has limited mail service. The full service P.O. serving our community is now the Kingstowne post office. It is at 5900 Barclay Dr., 22315.
 - b. Property taxes due October 5
 - c. Nextdoor.com
 - d. Lee District Association. Of Civic Organizations meeting on 9/26 at 7:30 at Franconia Govt center. The topic will be disease carrying insects.
 - e. CAC meetings: FPD: 3rd Wed./MVD: 2nd Tuesday
 - f. Visit the Memorial Garden! It is for everyone.

7. Storm drains. 10/6 for distributing fliers and 10/14 for labeling . This is a Boy Scout project coordinating with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.
8. Question and comments from members?

Fast Eddie's Site: this is going to be redeveloped into possibly office and residential. Details will be available on the website on 9/20/12. The planning commission meets on 10/4 at 8:15 FGC; again on 10/30 at 4pm at FGC.

Penn Daw. Development update from Melissa Lakey and Larry.

1. Insight—this is the land between NK Hwy, School and Poag. land clearing and construction begins in October
2. Combined (Penn Daw) development plan expected by year end.

Melissa also provided an update on requesting bus shelters along Telegraph Rd. This request was submitted to Jeff McKay's office, and they will be next in line in the process.

No 50/50 Raffle

Next meeting is November 20, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 8:26.