

Ednor Gardens-Lakeside Civic Association

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Minutes of May 16, 2006 Meeting

President Karethia Barber called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

COP

Jean Adams Chair-COP reminded the community about the importance of COP. EGLS is in dire need of COPs. She also reminded everyone that COP goes out on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8–10pm. Those interested can attend training and pick up there gear at the police station. For further information please contact Jean at 410-467-0976.

Education

Summer Arts Programs

Joan Stan reminded parents that program was accepting applications. The program this year would be from 6–8 pm to accommodate the parents schedule. The program involves 2 graduate students from Maryland College of Art (MICA) and 2 high school students. They will teach 15 students in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th about art. For the high school students it is a paid internship. The program will be held at the Mormon Church at 36th and the Alemeda. For more information call Joan Stanne at 410-889-0329.

Baltimore City Housing Department

Terry Booker from the Housing Code Enforcement gave an overview of the responsibilities/task of the Housing Code Enforcement. She explained that Housing Department Code Enforcement officers inspect housing structure and exterior housing complains. The officers look for broken downspouts, gutters, overgrown grass, broken windows, excessive trash and debris, abundant cards in yard, and issues notices and violations to property owners. If it is a rental property a tenant can have the interior of a home inspected and if there is a violation the officers will issue a notice the property owner. Notices can also be issued to tenants if the landlord has complains against them. To file a complaint you must call 311 and they will receive a complaint number. Inspectors are out daily and can give an update on the property right away. Interior visits take several because the officers need approval from property owner in order to enter the property. If a property owners decides not to make the necessary recommendations they will fined \$500 a day from the time they were issued the notice. For additional information please contact Miss Booker at 410-396-4170, or Keith Rusk inspector for the EGLS area and Carl Suber, superintendent housing code enforcement for the Northeastern district at 443-545-7550.

Baltimore City LEAP Program

Jay Johnson is part of a coalition to end lead poisoning. HUD has funded a/his program for 2 million dollars to give away free vinyl windows. The criteria/stipulations for the windows are that the home has to have been before 1978, needs to be in the zip code of 21218, needs to be occupied by a person under the age of six, or pregnant mom. There are some income qualifications if you area homeowner, landlord or tenant. The program iwill only install 10 windows in a home. This is a great oppportunity to improve property value in this community. Interested persons must fill out an application and Mr. Johnson will visit the site, make an

assessment on the lead hazard, and determine if the property is eligible for the windows. Once the windows are installed the program will also inspect other areas in your home for lead paint and give the house a HEPA? clean to remove any remaining lead paint in the home. For more information please contact Mr. Johnson at 410-534-6447 or visit the website www.lead-safe.org. He also mentioned a program called Healthy Start that helps families who are unable to fix structural defects in their home. The program can give landlords up to \$5,000 and homeowners about \$4,000 to help repair a home. Healthy Start can be reached at 410-396-7225.

Maryland State Board of Elections

Harwick Spencer from the Board of Elections gave a demonstration of the new voting machines. Members especially seniors at the meetings were given an opportunity to test the machines themselves to prepare the upcoming elections. The machines are touch screen with large letters and a keypad for the visually impaired and handicapped. Each screen is for a different candidate. If you make a mistake you can go back and correct it. There will be staff to assist anyone who may need help. There are testing voting stand at libraries if anyone needs further help with the machines.

Maryland Delegates

Senator Conway, Kurt Anderson, Maggie McIntosh, and Ann Marie Dorry discussed their opposition against the energy rate hike from BGE. They plan to veto any bills from Governor or what ever they can to prevent the increase. For more information contact the Maryland House of Delegates at 410-841-3476.

Announcements

Community Jazz Fest on July 4th

Anyone interested in joining the community or would like to volunteer there will be a meeting next Monday at the COP office located at 1522 east 36th Street.

Northeast Area Community Meetings

Karentia Barber and other community members attended the monthly meetings last week. Crime is up in our community as well as many communities throughout the city. She encourages everyone to pay close attention to their environment, make sure exterior lights are on such as motion light, windows and doors are locked and secured, to cut down high edges. She has requested more police presence and was told that there are more police patrolling the area. There are also issues with kids causing problems during the day. Most of the problems are happening during the day when most people are at work. She encourages people who are home during the day and seniors report any suspicious activity. Getting involved with COP is a great help.

Neighborhood Clean-Up

The clean-up was not so successful due to the dreary weather. Special thanks to Mr. St John who stayed out in the rain and managed the clean up the remainder of the day. There will be another clean up day on July 22th. A dumpster will be available at 36th Street and the Ednor Road.

National Nigh Out Against Crime

August 1st at the Mervo High School parking lot. We will have a community cook-out with a purpose. Come out to learn crime prevention information, talk to security experts and learn what we can do to keep Ednor Gardens-Lakeside safe.