

Minutes

Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association Members Meeting, Monday January 9th, 2023

Joel Van Roekel- Parks and Recreation Liaison Officer:

- Meeting for Stone Park on January 12th at Pioneer Columbus
- Snow Ball February 4th
- Brenton Skating Plaza open
- Trivia this Thursday
- Jobs open all over the place

Josh Raleigh- Inspector:

- Homeless Encampments
 - Number of calls going up
 - City ordinance doesn't allow camping in city limits (even in own yard)
 - City is doing everything they can to remove encampments
 - Have to post a 7-day notice before can remove (Caveat to this is a hearing can be requested to request additional time)
 - Weather conditions also factor into removal (Holds on removal if temps being too cold or too hot)
 - If you see a camp or vacant house Call the office and they will take a look
- Josh will get updated contacts to Dave on blight homes
 - Public nuisance moved between the new hires

Sargent Alberto Marquez- Crime Report:

- Crime Report not available due to technology issue, however if you know of a trouble location can provide the address and request details until the systems are up to date
- Number of crimes/calls within our area provided verbally
 - 25 total – but unable to give location/details at this time
- Encouraged us to call non-emergency number 515-283-4811 so calls/issues are tracked in the neighborhood stats
- Can contact Sargent Marquez via email amarquez@dmgov.org or by phone office (515) 237-1464/cell (515)-971-2539 with any questions or concerns

Guest Speaker – Ryan Shaw Dental Associates:

- Dentist office located SW 9th and Leach by Wendy's
- Dental Associates has been around since 1977
- Last original partner retired in 2014

Dave Johnston:

- Holiday Lighting Contest:
 - Over \$1k in gift cards awarded
 - Thank you to all our neighbors who participated
- Board asked for insight and ideas on what we as a board can do to support the neighbors and report back
- Neighbor suggestion – Look to add signs around the area to address Gun Violence and for keeping the area clean

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm