

July 25, 2019



CHNA Meeting Minutes

The Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA) met at 7:30 PM on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at JC's Burger. Approximately 20 individuals were in attendance. The City of Richardson Police Officer David Beregszazy of the Crime Prevention Unit provided crime statistics for the neighborhood and went over crime prevention programs available to residents. CHNA provided opportunities for residents to sign-up for neighborhood committees and socialize with neighbors at this quarterly event.

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- I. CHNA President Kathryn Cope opened the meeting:
 - A. Residents were welcomed
 - B. Board members were introduced:
 1. President Kathryn Cope
 2. Vice President Staslie Galesburg
 3. Treasurer Jayme Whiting
 4. Secretary Andrea Hamblin (newly appointed)
 - C. VP Staslie was thanked for her service since she would be stepping down from her role as CHNA vice president due to moving out of the neighborhood.
 - D. Guest Speaker City of Richardson Police Officer David Beregszazy of the Crime Prevention Unit was introduced

- II. Guest Speaker City of Richardson Police Officer David Beregszazy provided crime statistics from January to July 2019 and gave a brief overview of the crime watch programs for resident participation.
 - A. Car burglaries are #1 nationwide. Avoid being an easy target:
 1. Lock your vehicle
 2. Remove all items from vehicle (even a gym bag with dirty clothes can prompt someone to break into your vehicle)
 3. Hide items in your trunk before you arrive at your destination
 - B. City of Richardson Police Department has several ways residents can get involved and help prevent crime. All information can be found online at richardsonpolice.net.
 1. **Crime Watch Patrol** – apply online, attend a mandatory training, and volunteer at least an hour a month to patrol your neighborhood either by car or foot to report suspicious behavior to the Richardson Police Department.

2. **Dog Walker Watch Program** – apply online, attend a mandatory training, and volunteer to be an extra pair of eyes and ears to help assist the Richardson Police Department with ongoing community-policing efforts. Receive a red bandana for your dog upon completion of training.
3. **Lockbox Program** - Caters to individuals who are 60 years old or older or someone younger who might be medically compromised. Police put a lockbox on the resident's door so that emergency personnel can do a wellness check using the lockbox instead of forced entry.
4. **Home Security Watch Program** - Sign up online to request police service to drive by your home while you are away on vacation or a business trip.
5. **Crime reports** – Sign up to receive weekly email updates about crime statistics in specific neighborhoods.
6. **Ring**– Richardson Police have partnered with Ring. Handouts were provided about the program. Neighbors by Ring is the new Neighborhood Watch App that sends real-time crime and safety notifications directly to your phone. Text richardsonpd to 555888 to download the free Neighbors App to see what's going on in your community. .
7. **Non-emergency** - Use the non-emergency, Richardson Police Number: 972-744-4800 for questions, not for emergencies. Call 911 for emergencies.
8. **La Mirada Apartments** - They have hired their own security. Richardson bike police sometimes patrol that area too.
9. **Unidos** - Spanish speaking officers are trying to reach out to the Spanish speaking community. They do movies and events to try to communicate and create a connection between the Spanish speaking community and the police.

III. Donate school supplies for elementary schools; Contact Ana Maria Ramos on her website. There is a wish list linked to Amazon.

IV. Call for Committee Volunteers:

- A. **Social Committee** – Passionate about party planning? We need volunteers to help us plan fun events for our neighbors to get to know each other better.
- B. **Block Coordinators** – We have a large neighborhood and having a block coordinator for smaller sections will help us all stay in touch better!

- C. **Neighborhood Services/Welfare** – Welcoming new neighbors, checking in after weather/emergency events.

- V. **Storage Unit** – CHNA emptied out the storage unit and closed the account. The board is currently looking for a new, low cost storage option.