

Braeburn Valley West Civic Association

Safety Committee

6/11/2020

The Braeburn Valley West Civic Association Safety Committee consists of Mike Bercu, Angel Morin, Danny Harris, Matt Partida, Philip Etuk, John Pinto, and Karen Dollahon.

Meetings were suspended because of COVID-19 although periodic notices were sent out.

Report:

The law enforcement agencies have made progress working with each other recognizing that BVWCA Safety concerns are not only in our Neighborhood but also outside of our Neighborhood. Some of our incidents are a result of outsiders coming into our neighborhood.

1. The Brays Oak Management District (BOMD) hosts a monthly safety meeting with HPD, County Attorney and other parties. The County Attorney will pursue landlord and commercial issues using State Public Nuisance laws. It is my understanding that the County Attorney can help us with residential Public Nuisance violations. In addition, BOMD is now paying overtime to the DRT squad to pursue persistence commercial problems. I have found DRT to be effective with parking violations -trucks on the street and cars on the lawn. They also do Panhandling and Homeless Encampments and constantly patrol our Bike and Hiking Trails
 - a. <https://www.braysoaksmd.org>
2. HPD
 - a. Residents are encouraged to attend the PIP Meetings at the So. Gessner Station. This is a good way to meet the leadership.
 - b. The new Commander is B. Tien.
 - c. BOMD Statistics in April and May: (For more detail please contact me)
 - i. Increase in Auto Thefts
 - ii. Aggravated Assaults increased
 - iii. Murders decrease in April increased in May– We had 3 in our area in May.
 - d. The So. Gessner now has an Safe E- commerce zone at the substation. See our website for details.
3. Constable
 - a. The constable has investigating crimes and incidents in our subdivision that have been investigating incidents and have been able to close cases with arrests.
 - b. Constable reports are available on the BVWCA website.
 - c. The Constable contract has been doing an excellent job as well as providing us extra hours during this COVID-19 time.
4. BVWCA
 - a. The subdivision will be beefing up the Video Cameras at the BVWCA Community Park and Pool.

5. City of Houston is initiating a Vision Zero program to eliminate all traffic deaths in the City. See www.visionzero.com for details
6. Meetings
 - a. Sign up with <https://www.braysoaksmd.org> to get notice of all meetings in our area.

Action:

1. HPD is planning to eliminate the Bike Patrol. This patrol is vital to safety on our Bike and Hiking Trails and its adjoining land.
I suggest each Board member and the subdivision contact Commander B. Tien.
Address an email or call to Sgt Juarez who will forward your input to Commander Tien :
Jose Juarez
832-394-7555
Jose.juarez@houstonpolice.org
2. We should encourage our neighbors to garage their cars, lock them and do not leave valuables and other items on the seats. Social media is a good tool to publicize this.

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