

October Newsletter 2017,

Hello everyone,

Sorry this is late in the month getting out. Never seems to be enough time in the day.

November 14th will be our annual homeowner's meeting, held at Seaford Elementary school at 7:30pm. This meeting should last about an hour. We will email out a copy of the proposed budget the week prior to the meeting. John recently sent out a letter from the nominating committee to fill the opening position of Director At Large. If you would like information on becoming a board member you can let us know and we will get back to you right away. This is for a 3 year term, meetings are held once a month and only a few hours a month are required for any duties you wish to take on.

A while back there was a break in at a house on Sir John Way. The break in occurred during the night with the owners at home. The thieves accessed the house thru an unlocked door. Frank Lane, our Neighborhood watch chair sent me an email that he wished to be passed on to you. I have copied it below. As well as information I received from police officer friend on some safety advice.

On December 1st the 2nd round of 2017 assessments will be sent out. They are due NLT January 1st, please watch for these and return them on or before the date listed. We also need your correct contact information.

Carolyn Orsborne has volunteered to take over planting and upkeep of the flower beds in the front of the association. She will give us a date to pass on for anyone willing to help with the planting.

Halloween is fast approaching and we have always had our share of pumpkin snatching and smashing later that night. If you have a real pumpkin please put it in the trash or away to keep it safe from the "pranksters". Please watch for children if you are leaving or returning during trick or treat. Trick or treat runs from 6 to 8pm. Last year there were families that left candy on their porch for treaters to help themselves, bowls were taken or broken, don't leave anything you value out.

The pond area will be undergoing a big clean up in the near future. Trees, shrubs and grasses will be removed, thinned, or trimmed as needed. All trees left around the pond will be cut back to approximately 10 feet in height and trimmed up off the ground where possible.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Halloween and please take care to keep houses and cars locked and your home safe. See you at the meeting.

Shari

Faye McNear asked for me to forward this to everyone:

Vincent's school for special needs children is looking for vendors/hand-crafters/etc. for their Winter Bazaar fundraiser December 2nd (10AM to 4PM). Space cost is \$50 single, \$85 double. For more information or to rent a space, people can contact Kristin Buck at (757) 621-0637 or at kbuckstudios@gmail.com. The school is located about 45 minutes from here at the intersection of Int664 and Portsmouth Blvd. Thanks!! Faye

I have lived in Somerville for 17 years and loved it!

It is a quiet, safe, picturesque neighborhood of friendly hardworking families. Our neighborhood is constantly being tested by those who feel they deserve what we have worked so hard for! They check our doors and windows to see if we have let our guard down and left them unlocked. They look for the cover of darkness and times when we are away from home. They pay attention to when cars are in our driveways and when lights go on and off in our homes! They even look inside our homes while driving or walking through our neighborhood! People who want what's yours are always watching! It is up to us, the people who have worked so hard for many years to diligently protect our neighborhood! We must pull down shades and turn on the outside lights. Keep our doors locked (cars and homes) and utilize our neighborhood watch!

- *Let's make it harder for thieves in this neighborhood than any other! We have the tools and know how, let's use them! Thank you and God Bless!*

PS: Unfortunately, we experienced a burglary last week! A home in our neighborhood was entered and electronics and credit cards were taken while the homeowners were sleeping! Thank God no one was injured, but as you can imagine, the homeowners are quite upset to know someone violated their home! No property was broken. I am sharing this information as a wake up call for us all! We must remain alert and watch out for each other always!

Frank & Marie Lane

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators & Block Captains

A few other ways to deter criminal activity...

Porch and garage lights on after dark.

If you don't have lights by side or back doors we suggest you install them.

Motion detector/ flood lights in back yards.

ALWAYS check windows and doors to make sure they're locked. If you have deadbolts, use them. Keep your door from garage locked at all times.

ALWAYS lock your cars and set alarms.

Post a "Beware of Dog" sign.

Set your alarm system.

Make arrangements to stop mail and papers or have a neighbor collect it for you if you are to be out of town. Have neighbors park cars in your driveway. Put your trash cans away.

Leave lights on if you're going to be away, timers work great for this.

Padlocks on gates.

Report suspicious cars or people walking in the neighborhood at weird hours The sheriff's office would rather check than have something happen that could have been avoided.

Put bells on your doors, even if you forget to lock them you will hear those should someone enter your house. If you hear someone in your house, lock your bedroom door, and call 911.