



La Loma

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

La Loma Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Watch Committee
May 16, 2007 – La Loma Grace Church
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was started by Dane Anderson, Committee Chair, at 7:40 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

2007 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING SCHEDULE

- The Neighborhood Watch Committee will meet every 3rd Wednesday, 7 – 8:30 pm, at the La Loma Grace Church, during the months of March – October.
- Chief Roy Wadsen has formed an Advisory Board. The LLNA has a seat on the Board, with either Mike or Dane attending. These meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month, immediately preceding our Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings.
- Mike asked for volunteers to take minutes at the Committee meetings.
- Working on having either Bronda Smith or one of the Modesto Police Officers attend our Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ... THIS YEAR'S FOCUS!!!!

- National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 7th.

REPORTING CRIME

- A discussion was held regarding the importance of reporting all crime to the Modesto Police Department. A few neighbors voiced their concern with having difficulty getting through on the non-emergency number for the Modesto Police Department. Another alternative non-emergency number is 572-9500.
- Monthly crime statistics are being provided by Bronda Smith at the Modesto Police Department (*refer to handout*).
- Mike Mordian went on a "ride-along" with Modesto Police and discovered that we do not have an assigned beat officer as once thought. Officers rotate areas and are assigned their beat each shift change. Mike is working with Modesto Police to see if we can make some changes with this so that we have specific officers assigned to our area that we can get to know and they can become more familiar with our neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- **Neighborhood Watch Coordinators** – goal is for each Coordinator to get in contact with those who have expressed an interest by August 1st. Recruit those who showed an interest into being a Street Captain. Develop a phone tree (name, address, phone, e-mail).
- **Street Captains** – goal is for Street Captains to get their neighbors together monthly to discuss Neighborhood Watch.
- **"How to Start a Neighborhood Watch"** booklets are available for each Coordinator to take after the meeting tonight. Further, there are participant handbooks available as well, but at a minimal cost. See Dane for more details on ordering.
- **The "key" is to "befriend" your neighbor ... get to know each other!** Invite the residents in your area to our next Association meeting, May 31st.
- **Neighborhood Watch signs** – signs have already been placed on / around the perimeter and access points of the La Loma area. Signs have been custom designed to include the LLNA logo, and are being made available to LLNA residents to purchase for \$25. Each Coordinator will receive a sign tonight to place at a location of their choosing (within the specifications of the MPD). To post a sign, contact Bronda Smith at M.P.D., make arrangements to give her your sign, informing her of where you are requesting placement, and then follow-up with her if the sign is not up within (2) weeks.
- **Security Patrol** - Mike is researching alarm companies to see if the LLNA can work collaboratively with them to provide better security in our area. Possibilities include having a security unit patrol the LLNA if enough association members sign on. Other possibilities include tying in local businesses to offset some of the costs involved.

LA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next La Loma Neighborhood Association meeting is tentatively set for May 31, 2007 at East La Loma Park. Ideas – fire truck, BBQ, children's activities, committee interest sign-ups).

Sign-ups will be available again for neighbors to get involved in Neighborhood Watch as a Coordinator, Street Captain, etc. Contact Info sheets will also be distributed.

Next Neighborhood Watch Committee meeting – Wednesday, June 20, 2007 – 7:00 pm at La Loma Grace Church.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda McDonald, LLNA Board Secretary