

CHEA Annual Meeting Held

The CHEA Annual membership meeting was held on May 17th at the University Park Elementary School. The following items were addressed during this meeting.

Constitutional Change. The constitution was modified to permit a 'flexible' Board size. As residents join the Board for one activity or another, this change allows the Board to modify its size to accommodate to the needs at the time. A motion was made and passed regarding this.

Annual Elections. The following individuals were elected for the upcoming year: President - Mike Twigg, Vice President - Ron Browning, Secretary - Gail Oklesson, Treasurer - Ron Blunck, General Board Members - Jud Samon, Nora Lejins & Jack O'Leary.

Year In Review. Association activities over the past year were briefly reviewed. These activities included the following. Watermelon Gathering. The first annual summer community gathering was held last summer. This event provided an opportunity for residents to mingle and create new friendships. Community Yard Sale. The first CHEA yard sale was scheduled in conjunction with St. Mark's Church in April. Unfortunately, the date for this was changed at the last minute, which made it very difficult for homeowners to participate. We'll attempt to arrange another yard sale this fall. Landscaping The Gates. Azaleas and geraniums were planted at the entrance gates on Adelphi Road. The Association will attempt to maintain and improve this area. Anyone with a green thumb is encouraged to offer assistance. Donations for flowering trees, more azaleas and additional annuals are also encouraged. Police Statistics. Monthly crime statistics are gathered from the PG County police each month. These statistics cover an area that primarily includes College Heights Estates. The Association monitors these and is able to communicate concerns to the police. Newsletters. More frequent versions of the CHEA newsletter were published. The number and variety of articles was also expanded. Queens Chapel Road. The Association surveyed residents on the question of Queens Chapel Road. Follow up action has been taking place, based upon the survey results. Wells Parkway & Clagett Road. The Association played an active role in dealing with ownership, oversight & maintenance of these two roads. Additional work is continuing. New Road Curbs. As a direct result of Association effort, many of the curbs throughout the community were replaced. The curbs were replaced by the County Public Works Department. Repair Of Road Surfaces. Also as a direct result of Association effort, many deteriorated spots in the community roads were repaired. The repairs were performed by the County Public Works Department. Spring Mulch. Arrangements were made to purchase spring mulch at low bulk prices. The price included delivery. Gypsy Moth Spray. County & State officials were contacted regarding gypsy moth infestation. Also, contact was identified for individual spraying. Control of Japanese beetles was also researched. Street Signs. Effort was completed to research and price new community street signs, signs that would match the original white signs that were installed when College Heights Estates was first developed. Work on this is continuing. Night of Lights. As a sign of peace and goodwill, the Association sponsored a night of lights celebration in December. While this was an easy function, it did allow residents to express their peace and goodwill by turning on their seasonal lights all at the same time. Police Patrols. Contact was made with the County Police Department, and an officer from the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Service) was assigned to our area. This officer proposed a bike patrol program in addition to car patrols, and the Association sponsored the purchase of an official bike for this purpose. Individual residents are encouraged to make further contributions to the bike patrol program. Dependable Worker List. A list of people and organizations who have performed dependable services in our community was compiled. This list contains names of electricians, plumbers, painters etc. If you are looking for someone, the list is available for your consideration. CHEA Support. All Association activities have been totally funded by the membership dues and volunteer work on the part of many residents. We thank you all!

Community Oriented Policing. The PG County Police Department has a special program called COPS that results in specific Officers being assigned to a geographic area to interact with residents in that area and function as a liaison between the community and the police. Officer Danon Ashton (431-6520) is the individual assigned to our area. CHEA has met with him on several occasions. He's starting a 'bike patrol' program to supplement cruiser patrols. The Association has made a donation to this program by funding the purchase of their first bicycle. Officer Ashton presented the

COPS program, along with home safety/security tips. A representative from ADT security also made a presentation on home security systems they offer.

As the Association year comes to a close, I would like to thank all the Officers, Board Members and community volunteers for their efforts over the past two years. A large amount of work has been accomplished during this period, following the original formation efforts led by Jud Samon and Barbara Wilson. Today, we have an active Association that contributes to the well being of our community in many ways. As Mike Twigg takes the reigns as our new Association President, I know he will receive the same level of support and help that you have provided me in the past. He will have my continuing support and will be able to rely on my active participation as well. I thank you for letting me serve you and our community.

Ron Blunck