

President's Report – April 2011

At our March Board Meeting, Chris Kimetty and Burton Charron gave a brief report regarding proposed changes in traffic lanes and directions at the intersection of 99th and Beardsley. A public meeting is being planned within the next two months. The changes proposed will affect the U-turn many residents take to enter Walgreens. Watch for the announcement of the public meeting.

Our involvement with the Peoria Police and Fire Departments is quite positive as evidenced by the Town Meeting held here on April 5th during which our residents were presented with an informative discussion on "How Not to Be a Victim", Participants felt the session was helpful and well-worth attending. Kudos to our Block Watch Reps for hosting this meeting.

A six week program to be held on Tuesday evenings at 6pm was initiated on April 26th. Focusing on assistance to community residents, topics to be covered include emergency preparedness, organization of untrained volunteers and immediate aid in case of disasters. Contact the office to be trained as part of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) or attend as many sessions as you are able.

New Board Members Dave Bracken and Moe Frenette, and Chet Homan elected for an additional term, are already hard at work taking on various board responsibilities. Dave has been elected to serve as Vice-President, and Moe Frenette is wearing two hats: one as Secretary and due to the resignation of Treasurer Dick Feyrer, Moe has been elected Secretary/Treasurer. Judy Mabie was re-elected as Board President.

Excitement is mounting as we get closer to initiating the YC renovations. Interior and exterior painting and flooring bids have been received, and Dave Bracken and his marvelous maintenance men will be starting some restroom retiling within the next few weeks. They will also be starting to construct the sound booth for our forthcoming new and badly needed sound system.

Speaking of versatile volunteers, I learned recently that one of our residents has anonymously gone to several residences which had become weedy and unattractive, to do some cleanup work. The homeowners were physically unable to do the upkeep and/or unable to hire gardeners. What a guy! What an idea! I wonder if there are any residents who wouldn't mind helping out once or twice a month in emergency circumstances. This might become a part of our Vada Bowers Make a Difference Program. Any volunteers? Contact me at jmabie@vlpoa.org or leave me a note at the office.

The Board of Directors recently thanked approximately 200 volunteers at an Appreciation Dinner. Thank you activity Coordinator Tina and family for setting up, serving, and cleaning up so the VLPOA guests didn't have to lift a finger (until it was time to stack chairs and put away tables)

Our annual Meet and Greet event took place in April and we appreciate the many activity chairpersons who attended to greet newcomers and discuss opportunities to become involved through sports, card playing or our many other activities as well as volunteering. Sadly, attendance of newcomers was less than anticipated. We hope to find additional ways to greet new Homeowners. If you haven't seen the VLPOA video produced by Chuck Schumm you are missing something special!

Due to publication deadlines, the April and May Board meetings will be covered in the June issue of Ventana Views. Don't forget we are implementing a Classified Section in our newspaper now. Call the office for more information.

Judy Mabie
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