



PARK HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

General Meeting 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, ~~July~~ 21, 2011
September
Fire Station 8 Community Room

THANK YOU: To councilmembers Bernie Herpin of District 4 and Lisa Czelatdko of District 3, for information on the Strong Mayor government and city council's duties in this government format.

PROGRAM: CSPD Sand Creek Division Commander Mark Smith will be our guest speaker. Many members of our association have complained that the police are not responding to calls and they feel nothing is being done to help them. Your PHNA Board of Directors submitted a letter to CSPD Police Chief Richard Myers voicing our members' concerns with escalating crime such as burglary, gunshots fired, criminal mischief (vandalism), graffiti/gang activity, etc. Copies of the letter went to Commander Smith as head of this division, as well as to the mayor, chief of staff, and our councilmembers. Commander Smith responded by inviting the PHNA Board to a special meeting at Sand Creek to hear our concerns, as well as to explain some of CSPD's operational constraints. Apparently their internal review of calls for service in comparative time periods revealed that many of our observations and concerns had merit, and he has agreed to try to do what they can to ramp up response and police presence. Commander Smith had agreed some time ago to attend this general meeting to address issues, outline CSPD's response protocol, and respond to questions and concerns. PLEASE support our neighborhood's efforts by coming to this meeting.

SEWER PIPES: A number of our members have had or are having trouble with their sewer pipes. They are discovering they may have to pay \$12,000 to \$14,000 to get their problem fixed if the line has to be replaced. Some unfortunate experiences have involved a company with a well-known name that is elevating their prices and doing shabby work. If you are having problems with your sewer line and facing possible major work, ask for estimates and check the companies out with the Better Business Bureau before proceeding. BBB cannot make recommendations or give referrals, but they can tell you of any negative reports on the companies you may be considering using. Let's keep these unethical businesses out of our neighborhood.

RE-DISTRICTING: As many of you know, our neighborhood has two state representatives because it falls into two electoral districts, divided by Chelton Rd. into District 17 East of Chelton and District 18 on the West. However, the state legislature is battling over re-districting the precincts. This undoubtedly will affect our neighborhood, as people living west of Chelton in D18 could be added to D17. Hopefully re-districting will be completed by the time of the election.

SIDEWALK: Have you seen our new sidewalk along Airport Rd.? The Park Hill Board was concerned about the way the new sidewalk was merged with the short existing section (about 100' on the Chelton end), both for aesthetics and safety, since the existing section is much narrower than the new sidewalk. We contacted Mike Chavez who heads the street department a number of times on the subject, but have been told the city will not change it.

CALLS FOR SERVICE: You can review CSPD calls for service for our neighborhood by going to the city website: www.springsgov.com, then clicking on coloradosprings.com/publicsafety. The site you want is www.myneighborhoodupdate.net. Enter the name of the street(s) you are interested in, and the calls for service will be listed.

NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK: We had contact from a lady who thought she knew the owner of the white cat mentioned in our last newsletter, so hopefully Miss Kitty has found her way home now.

Upcoming regularly scheduled meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2011

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