

1. Guest Speaker, Captain Popochock, Bellevue Police Department. Visit the department website to view the crime map, submit Traffic Service Requests, and read crime prevention documents. There are three sectors in Bellevue: South (Newport Hills), North, and West. The Captain welcomes questions from residents. His email address is apopochock@bellevuewa.gov. Captain Popochock will be replaced on October 1 by Capt. Ingraham. Detective Amanda Jensen is also a contact for Newport Hills. For non-emergency events, call 425-557-5656

Burglary: Overall, the City of Bellevue is safe but property crime is on the increase. People who knock on your door might not be solicitors but rather, potential thieves casing your home. Always acknowledge a visitor but don't answer the door, but let them know you are home. If someone knocks on your front door, then goes to a back door, call the cops. Many thefts of property are due to an increase in heroin use. Also, be aware that a "No Soliciting" sign does not legally bar anyone from your front door.

Marijuana Shops: A resident was concerned about the new shop opening near McDonald's on Factoria Blvd. The Captain assured us that there has been no crime reported at any of the existing shops in Bellevue. Owners are not selling to underage people and follow very strict rules about selling only to people with proper ID. It is illegal to smoke while driving, as it is when using any substance that impairs a person.

Speeding: If you want a particular street monitored, visit the BPD website and fill out a Traffic Service Request. If several of these requests are received from one area, BPD will send an officer and issue tickets. They do not monitor private property, however, such as stop signs in parking lots. In order for someone to be issued a ticket, an officer must SEE the traffic offense. If you have a video of the offense, send it to BPD so they can stake out the area if possible.

Package and mail theft, car prowling: Car prowlers simply walk down the street looking for unlocked cars. The best defense is to always lock your car, remove all items from view, park in your garage or in a well-lighted area. Do not leave anything visible. This advice is recommended when visiting parks, while shopping, and in your company's parking lot. Thieves have been known to follow delivery trucks and pick up packages from the front door. If at all possible, have packages delivered to your place of work, an at home neighbor, or open a local PO box. Many delivery people do not knock or ring the doorbell but if you request that the package requires a signature, they must make contact with you. To better track stolen items, record all serial numbers and store this document in a safe place. This is especially important for firearms. Locked mailboxes are a deterrent but not perfect. Banked mailboxes, like those you see in apartment buildings, are more secure. NEVER put outbound mail in your mailbox. This is an open invitation to thieves. Place all mail in a secure, USPS mailbox.

Egging: This activity is not illegal in Washington unless it results in broken or damaged property. But if the perpetrator is on your property while egging, it is trespassing.

Homelessness: There are no temporary homeless shelters in our sector. People in cars, campers, or tents cannot live on public property. They cannot live on private property without permission. If homeless folks are found on business property, BPD will ask the property owner

permission to access the property in order to enforce the removal of people living there. People cannot park a vehicle in the same spot for over 24 hours. A permanent shelter for homeless men is planned by the Eastgate Park and Ride sometime next year.

Trail safety: It was reported that transients are coming up from our various trails and approaching residents. If you encounter someone suspicious or what looks like a camp, call 911 and they can track your phone so they know exactly where you are.

NextDoor: The Captain can log into NextDoor as a local agency and can view graphically what kind of comments are posted. For an example, we have a Crime and Safety section on NextDoor. If he sees a spike in the number of posts, he will investigate further. He cannot read our posts; only those that reply to a post he has made.

2. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the agenda.
3. Old Business
 - a. Brian asked if it would be a good idea to create a flyer about the next two meetings which led to a discussion about when the 2016-7 budget was approved. Brian will look into this as it is not posted on the website.
 - b. Regarding a fall/winter newsletter, it is too late to create one with information about the October 18 meeting. There was some discussion about the funds for a newsletter or for a two sided flyer but no final decision was made at this meeting.
 - c. Motion made to nominate Valerie Barber as current Vice President then to serve as the 2017 President. Seconded and carried.
 - d. Finance overview and filing taxes: Valerie, Sean Bentley, and Michelle Hilhorst will work on this together. Michelle will pick up the financial records from Debra Haraldson this week. Neither Michelle or Valerie will be assuming a Treasurer or Interim Treasurer role.
4. New Business
 - a. October 18 membership meeting, 7PM, place to be determined. Email agenda items to Brian prior to the meeting.
 - b. During the call for agenda items for October and November Meetings, a motion to redraw the NHCC Map was presented and read aloud. The motion was made by Heidi Dean and seconded by Valerie Barber. After the second, there was confusion on whether this was a proposal to the amend/change bylaws or a straight forward motion. The bylaws would need to be reviewed, and Valerie commented if it was not a change/amendment to the bylaws she was seconding adding it to agenda for October. This will be an agenda item in the October meeting. The motion will be amended to the meeting notes when received from Heidi.
 - c. A discussion about what the community wants to happen with the shopping center is appropriate since Intracorp removed itself from the process. Michelle volunteered to find someone from COB's Planning Commission willing to facilitate this. Brian suggested it be a special meeting and not be included as part of a regularly scheduled membership meeting.
 - d. Michelle informed us about a formal planning process starting in 2017. The City has not completed this type of planning for several years now and she will keep us informed about upcoming meetings and events in which we can participate.

- e. A Treasurer needs to be nominated soon. Heidi volunteered to approach a neighbor that might be interested. (Note: If Heidi's motion passes at the October meeting, the board will have to nominate a Secretary, a Webmaster and a Newsletter Editor.)
 - f. NHCC Board met with Lake Heights Community Club board to discuss issues of importance to both boards: property crime, speeding, shopping center redevelopment, and the status of our clubs' membership.
 - g. November 15 membership meeting, 7PM, place to be determined. Typically the Santa Tour Committee Chair attends to announce the tour and the food drive. This event needs volunteers. Email Brian if interested.
 - h. Motion was made by Brian to forego the December meeting. It was seconded and carried.
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