

## **Archdale Civic Association**

### **General Meeting**

**April 3, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Dana Parker at 7 pm.

BOARD: Dana Parker (S), Janice Strete, Glenn Sweatman, and Glenda Moore were present. (Norm MacDonald (P), Jimmy Hahn (VP), Jennifer Wallis (T), and Bob Veitch could not attend due to work/out-of-town commitments.

GENERAL AUDIENCE: 42 people

GUEST SPEAKERS: Chief Sam Richardson, Detective Melendez and County Councilman George Bailey

Chief Richardson and Detective Melendez thanked the Archdale residents for our persistence and community involvement which helped them solve a number of cases in our neighborhood.

Unfortunately, there have been other more recent burglary calls resulting in four active cases as follows:

- Mulberry Ct.
- Blueridge Trail
- Palmetto Bluff Drive
- Lancelot Hall

Chief Richardson and Detective Melendez suggested that residents call the sheriff's office when they are going out of town to request additional patrols. They also said to be careful what you post on Facebook because you might provide information that could be valuable to someone that wants to break into your home.

The 2012/2013 arrests settled 20 open cases. Since several of those arrested were Archdale residents, Chief Richardson and Detective Melendez urged caution regarding what gets posted on the Archdale Facebook page. Okay to post general information about the crime, but don't provide all the details. Even though, the Archdale Facebook page is private, criminals might be able to gain access and may alter their behavior based on what you post. Law enforcement would prefer to get emails from us with specific information regarding things we might see that look suspicious. Most cases are solved because someone will see a person or a car which helps focus law enforcement in the right area.

Chief Richardson and Detective Melendez also suggested that some residents might want to attend the next Citizens' Academy which will be held at the end of May

Councilman Bailey announced that he is running without opposition this year. He has served as Councilman since 1984. Councilman Bailey then gave a "Storm Water Update". The projects are supposed to start on April 7<sup>th</sup> and this was promised to Norm in writing. Councilman Bailey will be onsite that day to make sure the work gets started.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Minutes from the December meeting were read by Glenda Moore. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made, seconded and approved by those in attendance.

Janice Strete gave a brief overview of the Treasurer's Report in Jennifer's absence. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made, seconded and approved by those in attendance. To date 38% of assessments have been paid.

An attendee suggested that the annual assessments be emailed. Dana Parker said that she would look into it.

Dana asked that those living in the areas where the storm water drainage work will take place to keep her informed of the progress and report any concerns to her.

Dana also reported that sign repairs should be completed by the end of May including new "No Solicitation" signs. Dana also suggested that residents inform anyone coming to the door that this is a "No Solicitation" neighborhood and shut the door or take their information and tell them that you will call their boss.

#### ARCHDALE FACEBOOK PAGE:

Dana explained that access to Archdale's Facebook Page is currently only granted to Archdale Property Owners in good standing (paid up on ACA assessments). To date we have received 30 requests from various types of people that have been denied. These include out of town family members that don't live in the area, past residents that have moved away, renters that live in Archdale but don't own the property, and so on. The issue of excluding renters keeps coming up. A suggestion was made that the homeowner could designate a proxy which would allow the renter to be added, but then the concern was that the proxy would have to be changed each time there was change in renters and that things could easily get out of hand. The audience was polled to get their opinion as to whether renters should be allowed access or not. The vote was 27 for Property Owners Only vs. 6 for Property Owners and Renters. Based on the results of the poll, the Board will continue with the current practice of providing access to property owners only.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Joe Wagner reported that someone was recently seen digging in the Plantation area with a metal detector and asked that if anyone sees this going on to please call Norm or him so that they can run them off

Dana requested that any attendee not currently on our email list that would like to be added to please come forward after the meeting to provide their email address.

Carl Hoge expressed concern about traffic on Archdale Blvd. and people making U-Turns near the entrance to Archdale Forest. He suggested that the layout might possibly be changed once the work on the pipe and culvert is done.

A question was raised about what happened to the Crime Report that Norm used to email out. Dana explained that Dorchester County stopped disseminating the information.

Spring Cleaning Day will be coming up, but no date set yet.

Fire Chief, Scott Inabinet, announced that he was running for County Council, but not for our district. Scot will forward Archdale fire call information to Norm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm