

DRUID HILLS



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Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012

- Call to order by Terri Price, VP.
- Recognition of new members and guests. Kathy on Mills was welcomed.
- Leslie Ann Sulley announced that she has lost her dog. She brought flyers with his picture and her contact information if anyone sees him.
- The October 2012 meeting minutes were provided for review. The minutes were approval.
- The Treasurer's report was submitted by George Grogan for review.

Presentation

- Officer Lori Tumlin from Forest Acres spoke.
- Officer Tumlin brought rules and regulations for golf carts and mopeds, and a list of FA community programs and services.
- Some of the services are property checks, home security surveys, neighborhood watch groups, tour of the police department, safety programs for kids, safety program for seniors, the contact care program, fingerprinting, and personal safety programs.
- The biggest problem lately has been car break-ins. Thieves have been riding around on bikes lately, scoping out targets.
- Phone scams are also popular now.
- One scam is the “pigeon drop scam.” The scam artist tells you that you dropped some money (usually a large amount). When you respond that it isn't yours, the scam artist suggests you split the money. Further suggests you go to his/her attorney to make sure it isn't drug money. He/she then tries to convince you to front him/her half of the money, and you can get all of it from the attorney when it's cleared.
- Other helpful tips during the holiday shopping season- don't carry too many packages; use mall or store security for help.
- Another scam lately is someone will come by unsolicited offering to do work. They will say they have materials left from another job and can do the work for half price. They will take your money and not do any work.

Old Business

- If you are interested in joining one of the Richland County Watchdog groups that were mentioned in the October meeting, contact Mark Williams if you live in Forest Acres. Call 803-545-4268, if you live in Columbia.

New Business

- Terri Price offered to conduct a rain barrel making workshop if anyone is interested.
- A question came up about posting events to the Event Calendar on our website. The group agreed that PR committee can oversee it.
- Andrew Epting discussed forming a neighborhood coalition supergroup. Some other groups have done this, and they get an extra vote with the City of Columbia neighborhood meetings. We could have a coalition with Midlands Terrace and Pinehurst. It was determined that the Executive Committee should discuss this proposal and present a recommendation to the group.

The next meeting is February 21, 2013.