



Introductory Meeting of Neighborhood Watch Program, Tuesday, January 17th

According to Santa Barbara City Police records, the month of January has the highest number of residential burglaries. UEA member Kathryn Hinsch agreed to serve as the Upper East Association's liaison to the City's Neighborhood Watch Program. Kathryn ran a successful block watch effort in Seattle for many years and also attended Seattle's version of the Citizen's Police Academy. She is committed to helping upper eastside neighbors assist policing efforts to keep our lovely community safe. The first organizational meeting to recruit block watch captains and participants will be held on Tuesday, January 17th from 6-8pm. Event location will be given to those who RSVP. If you would like to attend or want more information, please contact Kathryn at khinsch@mazama.net or call/text 206-200-1101.



UEA Board Elections

The annual board election is now complete. We welcome two new board members, Steve Hinkley and Issac Madarieta. They will be valuable assets to our upcoming work for 2017. Also reelected to serve on the board are Steve Forsell, Joan Livingston and Fred Sweeney. All of these currently elected new members will serve two-year terms. New officers for the UEA board will be selected at our January 10th board meeting.

The change in corporate status to a nonprofit public benefit corporation under 501c(3) of the IRS code was approved by the membership. This will reduce State fees for the UEA and thus lower our operating costs. The assets of the Association will continue to be devoted to the public benefit.

Comfortable with Computers? Seeking a member to join the UEA technology team



If you are comfortable with computers, we invite you to join our technology team. We currently use Gmail Contacts to maintain the membership database, Google Drive to store newsletters and other documents, Google Forms to create surveys and ballots, an enhanced version of WordPress to maintain our website, and Excel and Word to generate mailing labels and related materials.

Our procedures are documented, and you will be working with Milt Hess, who has been our one-person technology team since 2009. If you would like to learn more about what's involved, send an email to Milt at milt.hess@gmail.com or call him at 895-0116.

Walking With Mo

This newsletter will arrive at your computer/phone after January 1st, but we welcome everyone to a new year in our Upper East neighborhood. By the way when this was written, Mo was lurking around the Christmas tree and very busy.



As for two of our most important efforts, we will see what the next steps are regarding the City's enforcement of the vacation rentals ordinance and of RV parking on our narrow streets. For those of you who were able to attend our annual meeting, our City Attorney, Ariel Calonne, provided us with a status report on both, particularly the challenges ahead in enforcing the new Over Sized Vehicle Ordinance that went into effect December 16, 2016. Both of these ordinance enforcement efforts will start to play out in the next few months. In regard to RV parking, the City will have to complete the installation of signs across the city defining the limitations of RV parking, and they will have to complete the development of a process for permits and appeals. Please continue to report RVs parked on our residential streets using the link on our website <http://sbuppereast.org/>

The vacation rental ordinance actually has existed for some time, and at the direction of City Council, the staff is in the process of hiring and training additional enforcement personnel. Action has started against some of the biggest offenders of the vacation rental ordinance, but as with most governmental processes this may take some time.

This year of 2017 will see our neighborhood's first participation in City district elections. We are in District 4 and we will begin identifying potential candidates. We have established preliminary discussions with members of the boards of our adjoining neighborhood associations and hope to be able to announce some events for candidates' forums and other activities.

Thanks for all your continued support and participation in helping maintain our neighborhood and a special thanks to board members and committee volunteers who continue to provide service to all of us.

Fred Sweeney, 2016 Board President.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Sweeney'.

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