

Brierwood Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 15, 2006, 7:00 p.m. EDT
 Location: Baymeadows Community Church

Meeting frequency: monthly
 Third Thurs. of each month

Brierwood Association Officers

Steve Spickelmier	Chairman
Mike Hartell	Vice Chairman
Liz Yadon	Secretary
Karen Heesch	Treasurer
Board Members	Ray Balaguer, Donna Barcia, Al Carter, Al Henderson, Sue Mueller, David Ringley, Cy Sherwood, Kevin Shivar, Steve Spivey, Charles Staton

- The meeting was called to order by Nancy Barry, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at 7:05 p.m. EDT. There were twenty-eight [28] residents in attendance.
- Officers and Board Members were introduced. Those present were: Donna Barcia, Al Carter, Al Henderson, Sue Mueller, Cy Sherwood and Charles Staton. Nancy said now that all the association officers were in place, Chairman Steve Spickelmier would be scheduling the first Board Meeting soon.
- A collection was taken for a donation to the church for graciously allowing us to use their facilities for Association meetings.
- Al Henderson spoke about his efforts to have a fire hydrant installed on his street on Philrose Drive. For residences, fire hydrants should be no more than 600 feet away from your home, and likewise, no more than 1200 feet between hydrants. Al said that after realizing his area was not up to code, he ultimately contacted Faith Brown of the JEA Pre-Service Coordination Department and Scott Anaheim, Manager of Water Grid O&M Construction Division of JEA. Both professionals worked diligently and promptly to correct the situation. Al also had communication with Fire Department officials Chief Barrett and Division Chief Roseberry who provided their assistance directing him to the correct departments within JEA. In older neighborhoods such as Brierwood where JEA acquired the water system, Al suggested it is good practice for residents to double check the fire hydrant code to ensure compliance. Contact Al Henderson for more information if needed.
- Brierwood SHADCO representative Cy Sherwood gave a report from the June 8 meeting held at Wolfson High School where all three city police sectors were represented. Topics included:
 - Duval county crime rate: Sheriff Rutherford reported the murder rate in Duval County is up 15% while the violent crime rate is down 27% during the past 6 years. Contrary to most opinion, crime rate is highest not just on the Westside or Northside but city-wide. It involves mostly youths and young adults, especially drug related crimes, with

many as repeat offenders. The city has a web-site with crime statistics for those who are interested. Contact Cy for details.

- Police issued over 1,000 county-wide traffic citations since May 1.
- Recent crime at area Gyms on Baymeadows Road and San Jose Blvd. A reminder to all to lock your parked cars and not to leave valuables in vehicles in plain sight.
- Reported car thefts on Losco Road and Old St. Augustine Road.
- Kenny Mueller read the article from the recent edition of the Times-Union which reported a theft on Runnymede Road from a homeowner's garage. A reminder was issued to all not to leave garage doors open and unattended.
- Lori Appenfelder represented Brierwood at the recent SEAPAC meeting and gave information gathered regarding the Mayor's Town Meeting and free City Concerts. Information was passed to Alton Allen to post on the website. The city and mayor encourages neighborhood associations through the efforts of Rosemary Wesolowski, City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Services Division. She may be contacted at 904-630-2481 or email her at rosemary@coj.net.
- Nancy Barry announced two upcoming city sponsored events for neighborhood association homeowners: 1) Training Neighborhood Leaders held at the downtown FCCJ campus on five consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning July 11 and one Saturday class. 2) Mayor's Neighborhood Summit, an all day event at the Prime Osborne Conference Center on Friday, June 23.
- The Annual National Neighborhood Night-out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Nancy Barry will coordinate through Block Captains certain activities such as ice cream socials and cook-outs. July 1 is the deadline to sign up. All residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights and be outside that evening interacting with your neighbors to show participation.
- Alton Allen from the Brierwood Traffic Calming Committee reported that the new stop signs on Rathbone Drive appear to be effective so far, but the real test will be after the new Lowe's on Philips Highway opens. Alton is also the Brierwood website webmaster and created the site at www.brierwoodassoc.org. He reported "coming soon" the addition of two pages on the site which will be work-in-progress adding information as gathered. One will be the History of Brierwood, and the other information regarding Lawn and Garden maintenance, especially St. Augustine grass. The Brierwood website lists general Neighborhood Association information, neighborhood businesses and services available, Association meeting agenda and minutes, and a link to the Mobile Website at: <http://www.brierwoodassoc.org/mobile.html>. Email information for the website to: awa@nlcurve.com.
- The next meeting will be on July 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. EDT.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a social and refreshments following.