



FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING MINUTES

6:49 pm Meeting called to order (*Vincent Chewning*)

FPSE Neighborhood Business

6:49 – 6:50 pm Announcements (*Community*)

- Vince: A GM would like to share an update today regarding Drury on the west side of the neighborhood. We've also scheduled Drury to come speak at our December 17th meeting. They'll talk about their plans and their engagement process and we encourage you to come and bring your questions. That same evening we're planning a holiday party starting at 6pm.
- Vince: The Infrastructure Committee learned that the new playground equipment for Chouteau Park is sitting in a warehouse, waiting to be installed during warmer weather.
- Audio recordings of meetings will be posted to the site, in addition to the typical typed minutes.
- The 17th Ward FDR club is hosting a meeting with Lacy Clay Thursday at 7:00pm at Chroma.

6:50 – 7:00 pm Crime and Safety Report (*Ed Slade, SLMPD Liaison*)

- A packet of safety tips were passed out.
- Office Slade gave a PSA to be aware of credit card skimmers at gas stations and inside of convenience marts.
- There was an increase in burglaries and larsons from vehicles are still high. The burglaries run the gamut everything from the residential to rebagging properties. The trend seems to be going up. This will be addressed by the new Major assigned to the South Patrol, Sean Days, and the new Captain, Christie Marks. They took over Monday.
 - Captain Marks was a Lieutenant here in the second district for five or six years and she knows the ins and outs of the neighborhood. Slade notes that he's sure she'd love to come to talk at a Neighborhood Association Meeting.
- Officer Slade is a fan of the Ring cameras that people have installed on their front doors. They have been helpful to catch porch pirates.



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Currently, the police department doesn't have the ability to tie those cameras into police cameras, but that might change.

7:00 – 7:01 pm Treasurer's Report (*Adelina Mart*)

- In efforts to cut down on trees, five treasurer's reports were printed out. They are also available online, so you can always have the most up to date version and histories, as well as the current member list.
- \$40 of dues and donation came in last month, and paying out \$20 from National Night out.
- Must be a dues paying member to vote this evening. You can donate by cash, check or Venmo. It's \$10 per person per year.

7:05 – 7:10 pm 2020 FPSNA Board Nominee Introductions

- Dan Doelling: Current Secretary. Has been in the neighborhood for over a year and a half now. Since taking the position, he has updated the website, increase the Neighborhood Association's social presence with the distribution of the information within the neighborhood. Over the coming year, he hopes to continue working on increasing the communication, the transparency and the engagement within the neighborhood.
- Vince Chewing: Been in the neighborhood for 2.5 years. Current President and running for president. We've had three overarching goals: engagement, transparency and communication. We try to make sure that we're communicative every month, sometimes multiple times a month with everybody. We've tried to work with the organizations within the neighborhood to push some of the concerns, whether it's Drury or making sure that communication is happening between Park Central Development and the Neighborhood Association. We think we've seen that communication increase. Other concerns included the neighborhoods who have been here for a long time and making sure that their voices are heard and that engagement is happening. We think we've made some strides in all of those things. He wants to continue on that foundation.
- Adelina Mart: Been in the neighborhood for two years now. Fortunate to work with the Board, plan these meetings, keep our books in order. Has



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the Association set up on Venmo and trying to move towards more electronic methods.

- Don Devito: Running for treasurer. Been here since 1993 and has raised his whole family here. Knows every issue going on in the community. Says if you want to be an Association that as voice, you need experience on the Board. He picked treasure because he really wants to work on home repair; something that gets somebody's furnished fix or a roof repaired without being code violated. Especially when we have \$75M in development and thinks that overdevelopment will hurt the people around the them. That's why he thought he'd help as treasurer, to raise funds.
- Dan Scott: Handed out a picture of current Board. Thanked the current Board for saving the Neighborhood Association from dissolving. He is running for Vice President and wants to keep up the good work for our neighborhood.
- Sarah Wilson Mangapora: Was the Neighborhood Association President the year prior to the current Board. Echoes the Dan's statements that this Board has done a phenomenal job. thankful of the board. Is interested in running for Vice President this year.
- Tom Charleville.: Is the current Member at Large. He has been the neighborhood since 1976. His family used to have a coffee company called Rose's Coffee and then he owned Thomas Coffee, which he sold 11 years ago. He's also on the board of the Backstoppers and active with the police and fire departments. Is really involved in this neighborhood and it's very important to him. He can't believe what the board has become now and says it's really exciting. We've had events for Halloween and Easter parties that were very successful. Hoping for another Fall or Winter party for the kids and the families. He's running Member at Large again.

7:10 – 7:13 pm 2020 FPSNA Board Vote

- Election ballots were handed out.
- Results:
 - President: Vince Chewning (25 votes)
 - Vice President: Sarah Wilson Mangapora (20 votes)
 - Secretary: Dan Doelling (27 votes)



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- Treasurer: Adelina Mart (23 votes)
- Member at Large: Tom Charleville (27 votes)
- New board will be instituted in January.

7:13: 7:15 pm Call for hospitality members (*Zen*)

- The hospitality organizes events like the Halloween Carnival, the Ice Cream Social, Happy Hours and the like.
- Call for folks on to join the hospitality team
 - Could use volunteer time to help put things together.

7:15- 7:17 pm: Proposed cost of member dues (*Vince Chewning*)

- Adelina: We wanted to bring up for discussion a proposed change in the data that we currently have, which is \$10 a year per person
- In service for mixed income neighbors and because \$10 could be a barrier, the Neighborhood Association is proposing a sliding scale for dues: a \$10 suggested donation with a minimum of \$1, that would be instituted in the coming calendar year.
- You can continue to pay dues at anytime.
- General Member: Thinks it's a great idea for bringing new people in.
- Dan Scott proposes that the Board add more visibility for donations at meetings to raise revenue to do more events.

7:17 - 7:46 pm: FPSNA Board "Code-of-Conduct" Discussion (*Community*)

- Vince: The Board wanted to make sure that we had something in place that keeps the Board accountable. There are other items in the bylaws, but we wanted to call this out very explicitly to try to bring this as a model for ideally what a neighborhood organization look like and what accountability and what things they should do or shouldn't do as a Board. We want to make sure that general members have confidence that the Board is working for your best interests. We Board will vote to add this as an amendment. We want to open it up for discussion if anybody has any concerns or questions. The next part of this process will be the Board takes the feedback, addresses changes will then vote to add this as an amendment.



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- GM: How will you go about disclosing being a member of other groups?
 - Vince: Members would make sure that's clear upfront so people have a frame of reference of the member's participation in different organizations if it's relevant to the business at hand.
- It was asked if Board Member's sits on any other board or organization, how would that be disclosed - at every meeting?
 - GM: It might be appropriate when there is money involved.
 - Adlina: We do have that in our bylaws the ability for both residents and businesses to become part of the neighborhood association. If a business wants to be part of the neighborhood association, they give \$10 in dues, and then they designate a person that is representative of that organization. We do delineate and clarify that some people may be part of our neighborhood association that are here representing the business and not necessarily a resident.
 - In Sarah's case, she's representing herself as a resident and not a representative of Tarleton.
 - GM: Suggests that if a business has business in front of the Neighborhood Association that that would be the time the person would identify themselves as having conflict and recusing themselves from that business.
 - GM: Can the Board add their any of their other neighborhood organizational position to the website?
 - Vince: The Board will discuss and vote upon this.
- GM: On point 6: Any examples that come to mind?
 - Vince: We looked at other organizations and felt like this was in the interest of transparency, making sure there's faith and trust in how we're representing the neighborhood, but there isn't a current example relating to this point that we can provide.
 - Adelina: As a Neighborhood Association, we try to be neutral on those things and just provide a forum. And so I don't assume that it will come out very often, that is, that we'll take a position or anything like that. But even I think in providing a forum for some issues, it might be better that somebody else may be on the board leads a discussion. So if Vince has a conflict, maybe he can



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recuse himself even from leading that discussion or introducing a speakers. It sets a best practice for transparency.

- GM: On point number 8, how do you define staff?
 - Vince we do not have staff but there are neighborhood organizations that do.
- GM: Proposed the Board adds “guests” and “invited speakers” to point number 8.
- GM wonders if point number 8 is trying to make all five members of the Board really just hospitality people to where you don’t have a show in opinion.
 - Vince: No. Our purpose is to have a neutral forum - a place where information can be discussed, engaging the community, fostering community. So these don't detract from that. You can do those things and they aren't exclusive.
- GM: Point number 8 turns the Board into pretty weak. The concern is around the interpretation of the phrase “Speak with one voice,”
 - The Board will rewrite point number 8 to better reflect its intention: That once the Board makes a majority decision, that the decision is the direction moves going forward and is carried about throughout all interactions... that the speak with continuity and consistency.
- GM: What’s the procedure if somebody breaches the code of conduct.
 - Vince: If a member does not fulfill duties... GM: What you have is mob rule. The general body meeting in which removal from office will be discussed and voted upon at least one month prior to the meeting. At that meeting, the board may present statements in an effort to retain the position. Then it's voted upon by the general membership.
- Vince on point number 8: There's the public, at the meeting voice, and then there is a private voice. And there’s the concern that this means that the board can't speak privately about their feelings on it? I think that' what board talked about was “does this mean I can't have my own personal opinion?” The answers was that we want to have a meeting that the Board is not arguing with each other about the decision that was made that we're moving forward and keeping it productive.



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- GM: Suggesting that we consider removing the phrase “Speak with one voice” from the beginning of point 8.
- If language of the Code of Conduct is revised, the Board will send out updated copy and discussions will take place in January 2020, which after the Board of 2020 will vote on approving it.

Special Presentations and Discussion

7:40 – 7:50 pm FPSNA Member Drury Development Update (*M. Browning*)

Hello,

My name is Michael Browning. I am a part of a group of neighborhood residents who have been advocating for neighborhood engagement in regards to Drury Corporation and its properties on the northwest side of FPSE. As many of you are aware, we have been working since March to gain more transparency about what is being planned for those properties.

Since I last gave an update, a couple of things have happened:

- *In August, Washington University/WUMCRC pulled the RFQ for the MODOT land, and informed all bidders that they will not be selling the land at this time. They additionally conveyed that if in the future they do re-issue the RFQ, any future proposal would require neighborhood support.*
- *Shortly afterwards, Drury requested to meet with our group and members of the Development Committee.*
- *Last Tuesday night, we met with Tom Milford, the Director of Development for Drury Corporation, Tim Breihan from H3 (consultants of the neighborhood’s Form Based Code), who is consulting for Drury, and Mark Rubin from Koman Group.*
- *What we learned.*
 - *While they don’t have specific plans at this time they were firm about two things:*
 - *They want to build a hotel – this would involve the land currently owned by WashU.*
 - *In order to build a hotel, they would need to build an access road along Kingshighway; this would most likely result in a realignment and opening of Oakland Ave to Kingshighway*
 - *A side consideration: the plan may include additional housing in the form of apartments, which is where Koman might come in, but that is to be determined. This was included because of the RFQ considerations.*



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- *Currently, they do not have a Plan B. They don't know what would be next if they cannot build the hotel and access road.*
- *What happens next?*
 - *During the meeting, we urged Drury to engage with the whole neighborhood:*
 - *See if there is support for their hotel and access road.*
 - *If there is enough support for that, we argued that they should participate in a longer, more involved input process that would be similar to the process used to design the Form-Based Code.*
 - *Drury agreed to more neighborhood engagement. That first meeting will occur December 17th.*
 - *As I understand it, the Drury's will present a basic idea of what they want to do, and seek neighborhood support for it. If there is support to go forward, they will outline what they see as a fair process to receive neighborhood input.*
 - *This will be your chance to hear from the Drury's themselves, and to tell them what you think. This will also be your chance to ask them questions. Feel free to ask about their properties, the state they have kept them in for the past decade, and what they plan to do with them if they don't build their hotel.*

In addition, if you haven't already, think about what you would like to see in an engagement process. This is an extraordinary opportunity to have a voice in how development is done in FPSE. But that voice is only yours if you claim it. This is arguably the most visible corner of our neighborhood to those who live outside it. We strongly encourage you to come out on December 17th to make your voice heard.

Questions?

- GM: What is Drury's motivation to engage with the community?
 - Michael: Our group has been pretty effective at engaging WashU and helping them understanding the damage Drury has done in the neighborhood.
 - GM: They wouldn't build if they didn't have the WashU land.
- GM: This is something that can really set a precedent. We have a really unique opportunity before a vote is taken to make our voices heard, and we need to take advantage of that because the future of our neighborhood depends on the projects like and and what we say about them. Hopes



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everybody realizes how powerful this is and encourages everybody to be here because it can impact everybody one way or another.

- It was requested to share Micheal's June presentation regarding the Kingshighway/Drury developments. That can be read here:
<http://www.forestparksoutheast.com/june-2019-minutes/>
- GM: Has the group meeting with the Drury's already come up with questions?
 - Michael: We are trying to stay on the side for arguing for neighborhood engagement.
 - Vince: When he was at the meeting, Drury asked what we wanted to see, but the group was adamant on not providing that feedback because that group is not representative of the entire neighborhood. We wanted to make sure we get them in front of the neighborhood and to show us your engagement process and solicit the neighborhood for their feedback on it.
- GM: Is Koman coming to this meeting?
 - Vince: We've requested that they bring any potential residential partner they're working with to this meeting.

8:00 PM Adjournment (*Vincent Chewning*)

FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST EVENTS:

Events in The Grove: calendar.thegrovestl.com

ADDITIONAL FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS:

Grove CID : 2nd Monday of every month @ 11:00AM at the PCD Office

FPSE Dev. Committee: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 5:30PM at the PCD Office

FPSE Inf. Committee: 3rd Monday of the month @ 6:00PM at the PCD Office

CB: 5073.00

Drury Owned 
WUMCRC Land 



Part I Crime for "November" Coding Month

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Years: 2018 & 2019

	Total Coded In Nov 2018	-- Coded Thru Nov 18 M-T-D --				Total thru Nov 2018	----- Coded Thru Nov 18 Y-T-D -----			
		2018	2019	Chg.	% Chg.		2018	2019	Chg	% Chg.
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Rape	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	4	1	-3	-75.0 %
Forced Rape	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	4	1	-3	-75.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Robbery	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	13	13	18	5	38.5 %
Highway	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	10	10	14	4	40.0 %
Business	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
* Weapon	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	9	9	15	6	66.7 %
* No Weapon	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	4	4	3	-1	-25.0 %
Carjacking	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	2	2	4	2	100.0 %
Total Aggr. Assault	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	35	35	21	-14	-40.0 %
Gun	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	16	16	13	-3	-18.8 %
Knife	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	4	4	0	-4	-100.0 %
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	12	12	6	-6	-50.0 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	3	2	-1	-33.3 %
# Simple Assault	1	1	1	0	0.0 %	28	28	36	8	28.6 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	2	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	55	54	41	-13	-24.1 %
Total Burglary	0	0	3	3	NA	9	9	21	12	133.3 %
Residence - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
Residence - Night	0	0	3	3	NA	1	1	4	3	300.0 %
Residence - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	3	13	10	333.3 %
Business - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Business - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	1	0	0.0 %
Business - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Other - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	0	0	2	2	NA	4	4	14	10	250.0 %
* No Force	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	3	6	3	100.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	1	1	NA	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %
Total Larceny	10	7	7	0	0.0 %	103	100	175	75	75.0 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Purse Snatch	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Shoplift	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	4	4	3	-1	-25.0 %
From Motor Vehicle	4	3	3	0	0.0 %	40	39	111	72	184.6 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	3	3	1	-2	-66.7 %	18	18	16	-2	-11.1 %
Bicycles	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	4	3	300.0 %
From Buildings	1	0	3	3	NA	21	20	26	6	30.0 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	2	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	19	18	15	-3	-16.7 %
* Attempt	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	8	8	15	7	87.5 %
Total Vehicle Theft	2	0	1	1	NA	17	15	30	15	100.0 %
Auto	2	0	1	1	NA	16	14	26	12	85.7 %
Truck/Bus	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	-1	-1	4	5	NA
Motorcycle/Other	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	2	0	-2	-100.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	1	0	0.0 %
* Joy Ride	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	7	7	10	3	42.9 %
Total Arson	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	12	7	11	4	57.1 %	130	125	228	103	82.4 %
TOTAL CRIME	14	8	11	3	37.5 %	185	179	269	90	50.3 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line. # - These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

VOTE: Data collection for Carjackings began in January, 2018.

SAFETY IN YOUR HOME

When it comes to home safety, it's important to protect your home against threats like burglary, intrusion and fire. Precautions are necessary in order to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your possessions.

FACTS:

- Most burglaries take place between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. when the majority of people are at work or school.
- The typical burglar resides within two miles of the target home and can burglarize a home in less than ten minutes.
- Intruders use social media sites to determine when homeowners are away on vacation. Wait to post your vacation pictures until after you have arrived home.

STATISTICS:

- Every 13 seconds a home intrusion is committed.
- A typical burglary last from 90 seconds to 12 minutes.
- According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a household member is present during approximately 28% of burglaries, and 7% of these victims experienced some type of violent crime.
- 34% of burglars break in through the front door, 23% first-floor window, 22% through the back door, and 9% through the garage.

How To Identify

- If you see anyone acting suspiciously around your house or a neighbor's house, call 911 immediately.
- If you see a vehicle that's parked on your street for an extended period of time and you know that it does not belong to your neighbors nor does it belong to anyone visiting your neighbors, you have every right to be suspicious. Write down their plate numbers.
- If you see someone who is trying to give the impression that they are walking or jogging, but you can tell that they are spending a lot of time looking at your home, this should set off a red flag, especially if the individual is not dressed in exercise clothing.
- Burglars may knock on the door saying that there is an emergency or that they simply need a glass of water. Once in your home, they can unlock a door or unlock a window and then use it as an entrance point when you are away.
- Uncertified workmen, unsolicited fundraisers, or religious workers may, in fact, be individuals looking for an opportunity to gain access to your home. Contact the company to verify that they sent individuals to your home.

TIPS

- A dog's bark is a deterrent to thieves, but even if you don't have a dog—put up a "beware of dog" sign anyway. It might be enough to intimidate and make a burglar think twice about breaking in.
- Don't tempt intruders! Throwing out the box for your new flat-screen TV on the curb lets everyone passing by know that you have expensive possessions inside. Break down packaging and place it inside the garbage or recycling can instead.
- Motion-sensor lights outside your home are a great deterrent for burglars.
- Use blinds or curtains, especially at night. If someone can see inside your home, they can see what you're doing, where you're storing your wallet, which room you're sitting in to watch TV, and which rooms are dark and vacant.
- Set timers for lights to create the illusion that someone is home and actively turning the lights on and off.
- Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is like an open invitation for burglars.
- Keeping a car parked in the driveway with a garage door opener inside is an easy way for an intruder to get into your garage or even your house.
- Large hedges and shrubbery provide the perfect hiding place for quick burglars or voyeurs. Keep shrubbery trimmed away from your entrances and walkways.
- If your house is broken into, call police immediately. Don't touch anything that the criminal may have touched. Wait outside for police to arrive

SAFETY IN YOUR VEHICLE

Whether you are walking to your vehicle, sitting inside, or driving being vigilant and aware can prevent you from becoming a victim of theft or assault! Crimes occur everywhere, especially in parking garages, take necessary precautions to defend yourself and your possessions.

FACTS

- By virtue of their location and design, parking lots can attract undesirables and promote criminal activity.
- Many parking lots and garages come with design flaws—dark stairwells, high walls, structural columns, and multiple levels—that provide hiding places and poor sight lines that actually attract criminal activity.
- If you see a suspicious individual looking into parked vehicles or closely watching others walk to and from their vehicles you should call for security or law enforcement because they might be targeting their next victim.
- Turn the ignition off and take your car keys with you, even if you just have to run inside for one minute.
- Roll up the windows and lock car doors, even if you're coming right back. Check inside and out before getting in.
- Avoid parking in isolated areas. If you are uncomfortable, ask a security guard or store staff to watch you or escort you to your car.

STATISTICS

- More than 1 in 10 property crimes occurred in parking lots or garages³.
- 7.3 % of all violent crimes are reported to occur in these facilities.
- Of those crimes, 16 % were violent victimizations, such as assault, rape, and robbery.

HOW TO IDENTIFY

Predator's Target

- Someone looking friendly, timid, lost, absent-minded, or intoxicated – thus more easily manipulated.
- Someone wearing earphones or distracted with a cell phone – unaware of their surroundings.
- Someone unaware they are being followed until they're isolated and face-to-face.
- Someone parking close to trucks that prevent witnesses from seeing you – predators seek that kind of cover.
- Someone "handcuffed" with both arms loaded with packages or a child.

TIPS

1. Always drive with your car doors locked and windows up far enough to keep anyone from reaching inside.
2. When stopped in traffic, do not let yourself be a victim of a carjacking. Leave enough room to see the rear tires of the car in front of you. By giving yourself enough space, you leave yourself room to maneuver in case of an emergency. If someone unexpectedly appears by your car door, you can — with this space — floor the accelerator and escape.
3. Travel on well-lit busy streets. You can spare those extra minutes it may take to avoid an unsafe area.
4. Keep your purse and other valuables out of sight, even when you are driving in your locked car. It is better to place them on the floor than the seat.
5. Never pick up a hitchhiker. Even the most harmless-looking stranger can be dangerous.
6. When you arrive home, leave your headlights on until you have the car in the garage, and the house door unlocked. If you can have a remote control garage door opener installed, it will allow you to remain in your locked car until your garage door closes.
7. When parking on the street, try to park within sight of a busy store or hotel entrance, under a streetlamp, near a busy corner or out in the open away from things that might provide shelter to a thief (like thick or low-hanging trees). The busier the street, the better.
8. A neat car is less likely to get broken into. Remove or lock up items such as GPS units or accessories for your cell phone – to remove temptation.
9. Visual cues like a steering wheel lock or a blinking alarm system light will inspire thieves to move on to the next vehicle, even if you don't have the alarm activated.
10. If you think you are being followed: Do NOT drive home. Drive to an already identified safe spot (police stations, fire stations, public and well-lit places). Assess if you need to call 911 to protect yourself from a threat.

SAFETY WHILE TRAVELING

Traveling throughout the United States or internationally can be a great experience. Whether you are traveling for work or pleasure, solo or in a group, staying for a few days or several years, planning ahead can help ensure your vacation is both enjoyable and safe. When you're venturing into the great unknown, it is important to learn how to protect yourself to ensure a happy and secure journey.

FACTS

- Public Wi-Fi makes it easy for thieves to hack into the information stored on your mobile phone or laptop.
- Pick-pocketing and purse snatching are rampant in places where tourists gather. Bus stations, airports, and busy spots are the favorite places for pickpockets and they often target Americans.
- Other scams to be aware of
 - Counterfeit change scams prey on travelers unfamiliar with the appearance and feel of their destination's paper currency. For example, a tourist pays for their meal, the waiter leaves and comes back with a counterfeit bill explaining that the tourist gave a counterfeit bill originally and that they need to pay with actual currency. In turn, the tourist then pays for their bill twice.
 - Distraction schemes, where pairs or teams of thieves work together. The basic concept is that a lead thief creates a situation that diverts your attention, allowing the thief or an associate to relieve you of valuables.
 - Romance Scam: Be wary of anyone you meet who quickly offers romance, friendship, or marriage. These individuals may be after your money or may be involved in human trafficking.
 - Lottery Scammers: They may claim you have won a lot of money, but you need to pay some taxes and fees first.
 - Drug traffickers: They may offer you money to carry a package or documents home with you or may offer to pay for your travel expense. Do not transport anything for anyone you do not know.

STATISTICS

- About 33 % of identity theft took place when people were traveling.
- Over 400,000 pick-pocketing incidents occur in the world each and every single day. The top five cities for pick-pocketing occurrences are as follows: Barcelona, Rome, Prague, Madrid, and Paris.
- Between 2009 and 2013, 1,151 Americans – out of a population of 316 million – were killed abroad.
- The top 5 countries by Americans killed per capita are Pakistan, Thailand, Philippines, Haiti, and Honduras. Mexico is ranked #10.

HOW TO IDENTIFY In some countries there are a lot of non-registered taxis – for foreigners. They're hard to recognize as they also have a "taxi" sign. More often these private taxis are involved in muggings and it's recommended not to use them. Crowded buses are a breeding ground for petty theft. When people are pressing in all around you, it's harder for you to watch and protect your belongings. Crowds are not a traveler's friend – in fact, they can make it far easier for pick-pockets and thieves to do their dirty work and escape quickly. Monitoring bank and credit card accounts, as well as credit reports, is helpful in detecting suspicious activity.

TIPS

- Get to know your destination in depth before you arrive. Read traveler reviews and consult with those who have traveled to those locations for information about the safest neighborhoods, places to stay and incidences of crime.
- Carry a "burner wallet," with an old ID and a few \$20 bills, to give to an assailant in the event of an assault.
- Use a money belt to secure the most important items underneath clothes – it is not visible for others and nearly impossible to access for pick-pockets.
- Avoid bringing your Social Security card or birth certificate with you. Do not bring all of your credit and debit cards; choose instead to carry only a select few. If you do bring sensitive documents with you on your trip, lock them up in a hotel safe or other secure location.
- Take note of the logos and colors of local taxis and buses even if you don't need one immediately. This will help you spot the ones that are legitimate and those that are fake later. Fake cabs have been used by criminals to part you from your money in several ways. In some regions, fake cabs are used to kidnap tourists.
- Nothing screams tourist like a camera permanently hanging from your neck. Not only do you stand out, but you may also get targeted by thieves. Carry a camera or smartphone that you can fit into your small bag.
- Withdraw money only inside banks during the opening hours because ATMs are skimmed mostly during the off-peak-hours and in public areas like shopping malls

SAFETY IN PUBLIC PLACES

Whether you are going to the mall, a movie theater, grocery store, jogging outdoors or running errands around town you are giving up certain aspects of your personal safety. It is important to know and understand the risks of being in public and how to limit your chances of being a victim.

FACTS

There are many factors that play into how safe a public area appears. According to the National Institute of Justice, geography has a major influence on crime. The features and characteristics of cityscapes and rural landscapes can make it easier or more difficult for crime to occur. The placement of alleys, buildings and open spaces, for example, affects the likelihood that a criminal will strike. This means that no matter where you live or what public spaces you visit, you need to know how to stay safe.

STATISTICS

- Common locations for crime are²:
 - 15.1% at schools
 - 11.3% at commercial establishments
 - 7.6% at parking lots and garages
- Purse snatchings and pocket pickings typically occur away from home. The most common places of occurrence were:
 - 39.1% in commercial places such as restaurants, bars, and other commercial buildings
 - 28.2% in open areas such as the street or on public transportation
- About 10% of personal thefts occurred in or near the victim's home or the home of a friend or neighbor.

HOW TO IDENTIFY

- If you know someone is following you, you could be in danger. Try to go to an area with a lot of people and call 911 to report the suspicious individual.
- Study the body language of those around you – it gives us advance warning about the actions that a person or group of people are about to undertake.
- Look for movement warning signs, nervous twitches that signal that the person is about to act. Two common signs of impending action are pacing and standing on the balls of their feet.

TIPS

- Be aware of your surroundings – keep the headphones out when walking by yourself.
- Trust your intuition – if you feel uncomfortable for whatever reason, try to get yourself out of that situation, fast.
- Body language says a lot – walk with your head up and with confidence.
- Keep your keys separate from your bag and easy to access. Not only does it mean you can get inside quickly, but if your bag is stolen, you can still get home.
- If you are attending a performance, such as a movie or a concert, sit in the back row by the aisle. Stay alert at all times, have your cell phone with you at all times, and park close to a well-lighted space near the exit door.
- Drinking impairs your ability to react quickly to situations. If you are going to drink, ensure there is a sober person with you to be the designated driver and to accompany you wherever you roam.
- Always have an escape plan
- Carry pepper spray or a loud noise deterrent.





Forest Park Southeast Neighborhood Association

Proposed Board Code of Conduct 11.19.2019

Board members shall:

1. Always strive to serve the best interests of the association regardless of personal interest.
2. Use sound and ethical judgment to make the best possible decisions for the association, taking into consideration all available information, circumstances, and resources.
3. Act within the boundaries of their authority as defined by law and the association bylaws.
4. Actively solicit feedback from residents about issues and decisions facing the neighborhood and the association.
5. Perform their duties without bias for or against any individual, group of owners, or non-owner residents.
6. Disclose personal or professional relationships with any company or individual who is seeking a business relationship with, or endorsement from the association.
7. Disclose any perceived or potential transactions or gifts from owners, residents, contractors, or suppliers that could pose a conflict of interest or impact decision making.
8. Speak with one voice, supporting all duly adopted board decisions—even if the board member was in the minority and dissented from the decision.

Board members shall not:

1. Reveal confidential information provided by contractors or share information with those bidding for association contracts, unless specifically authorized by the board.
2. Make unauthorized promises to a contractor or bidder.
3. Advocate or support any activity that violates a law, regulatory requirement, or association bylaws.
4. Use their positions or decision-making authority for personal gain or to seek advantage over another owner or non-owner resident.
5. Spend unauthorized association funds for their own personal use or benefit.
6. Misrepresent known facts in any issue involving association business.
7. Divulge personal information about any association owner, resident or employee that was obtained in the performance of board duties.
8. Make personal attacks on colleagues, staff, or residents.
9. Harass, threaten or attempt through any means to control or instill fear in any board member, owner, resident, employee or contractor.
10. Speak for the Board unless an official stance has been approved by the Board. Approved Board statements should be presented beginning with "The Board..."

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