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Yard of the Month Winner

By: Kevin McNicoll

Congratulations to this month's winner of the 'Yard of the Month' award that goes to **17217 Appomattox**. The owner receives a **\$25** gift certificate to **Clegg's Nursery**, our gracious sponsor.

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Nominations can be submitted any time to our website address: beautification@shawebwatch.com.

Where has the Time Gone?

By Tom Hirsche

In 1986, I was asked to consider becoming a board member of the Shenandoah Homeowner's Association by the Vice President Phil McGill (also one of my neighbors). Shenandoah was having some major problems with home burglaries, vandalism, speeding and safety concerns. Phil knew that I was working as a volunteer with the E.B.R.P. Sheriff's Office in the Reserve and Flotilla Division as a Deputy. I guess he thought that my experience and contacts at the office could help Shenandoah Estates solve some of these problems.

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Shenandoah Homeowner's Association 2013 Membership Enrollment Form

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I was elected as a board member at the September annual meeting and was appointed Chairman of the Security and Safety Committee. My first contact was made with Capt. Chris Schroeder, who passed away in November 2008. Chris and I spent many hours together and attended numerous meetings to become Co-founders of S.H.A.S.P. (Shenandoah Homeowner's Association Surveillance Patrol), which was created and approved by the Board of Directors. The funding for this off duty Sheriff's Patrol was made possible through our annual dues. These dues were not mandatory by restrictions. As a board, we allocated enough money to allow Capt. Schroeder to employ three additional deputies to patrol Shenandoah Estates for 48 hours per month during their off duty time.

In order to enhance this program, the board added a 24 h our security patrol voicemail number that was available to all dues paying members. This would help members to report vandalism, suspicious activity, speeding concerns and to arrange for vacation home checks. At this time, the dues were \$15.00 a year and the board wanted to make sure that the residents were getting their monies worth. I truly believe they were and then some.

As the years went by, more deputies were added to patrol more hours. Dues were raised a little at a

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time to fund this. Prior to 2010, the number of dues paying members started to decline. This forced the board to cut patrol hours and raise the dues to balance the offset.

The board made numerous attempts to urge residents to pay their dues to maintain the services received. We were running out of options. Other older subdivisions had the same problems. State law had created a solution to our problem. We learned that some of these subdivisions had the had been allowed to vote on creating a Crime Prevention District, which allowed residents to vote on an assessment fee per parcel to fund added security patrols and overall improvements to the neighborhood.

Ed Campanella was the past president of the Homeowner's Association. Ed and the current board were determined to make a difference in this neighborhood. Hundreds of hours were spent in committees, meetings and offices to get procedures and paperwork in order to let the voters agree to assess each parcel \$50.00 for the next 5 years.

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February 2013

Shifts Patrolled:	36
Traffic Stops:	136
Citations Issued:	96
Warnings Issued:	40
Vacation Checks:	72
Traffic Charges:	114
Narcotic Arrests:	1
Insurance Storages:	0
Other Arrests:	7

On November 2, 2010, time and effort paid off for Ed and the board. Almost 1700 registered voters in Shenandoah Estates voted for the creation of the Shenandoah Estates Crime Prevention and Improvement District. The new Board of Commissioners were to work creating a budget. One half of the money collected was allocated to an increase of patrol hours. A little over \$90,000.00 was collected by the Sheriff and was deposited into the District's account in 2012. The security/surveillance patrol consisted of 6 hand picked deputieis working 120 off duty hours per month. At this time (2013) the District employs 7 deputies who area now patrolling 140 hours per month. This now doubles the amount o f time patrolled under the Homeowner's Association. The 2012 Patrol Summary was published on page 4 of the March 2013 Newswatch. The most impressive numbers were 1531 traffic stops resulting in 43 arrests and 11 insurance storages. Now 13 arrests have been made through the end of February 2013.

The Patrol Group will continue strict speed enforcement of the school zones within the District. We are still seeing outstanding compliance to the 30 mph speed limit in the neighborhood. Last month the Patrol Group accounted for eight arrests, including one that involved narcotics.

When a crime is committed in our neighborhood, the real question to ask is how many crimes were not committed because of the additional security patrols. A great deal of thanks goes out to Capt. Robert Buquoi, Sgt. Jared Daniel, Cpl. Karen Moss, Dpty. Steve Gallo, Dpty. Michael Canella, Dpty. Kyle Dennison, Dpty. Justin Payer. These deputies choose to work on their days off or before and after their regular shift to protect and serve the residents of Shenandoah Estates.

Lock your vehicles when not in use day or night. Most vehicle burglaries occur when vehicles are left unlocked. If you have a firearm in your vehicle, bring it inside at night and secure it. Don't leave any valuables or items that could contain valuables in plain sight. Remember to secure your portable electronics.

The main purpose of creating the Crime Prevention District was to improve security and safety issues and to increase and maintain property values. I am still serving as a board member of the Homeowner's Association for 27 years. I also serve as a Commissioner/Security Director for the Crime Prevention District since 2010. It is my honor and goal to make Shenandoah Estates the safest and most desired place to live.

Please abide by the parking regulations. If you are not familiar with them, a copy was recently printed in this newsletter. If you still have questions, feel free to ask any of the Patrol Deputies or contact the Security Coordinator for the District. The Shenandoah Estates Crime Prevention and Improvements District voicemail number is 753-4260

Remember, we need the help of your eyes and ears to help us do our job. Report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office phone number is 389-5000. Use 9-1-1 if life or property is in eminent danger.

Captain Robert Buquoi, EBRSO
 Shenandoah Crime Prevention District Patrol

BABYSITTING

Haller, Catherine	18 years old	755-8233
Jarreau, Parish	14 years old	907-8525
Leerkes, Claire	17 years old	751-4117
Murphy, Kayleigh	14 years old	752-0400
Taylor, Audrey	14 years old	663-6612
Welch, Brook	16 years old	753-2384
Welch, Natalie	14 years old	753-2384

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Shenandoah Homeowners Association Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2013

Present: Henry Grace, President, Chester Welch, Vice President, Mike Bass, Treasurer, Diana Martin, Secretary, Tom Hirschey, Security, Kevin McNicoll, Beautification, Bill Cornwall, Board Member, Sandra Lambert, Board Member

Absent: Keith Mitchell, Board Member, Gretchen Nestler, Board Member, Paul Berniard, Board Member

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Henry Grace

Quorum was present

Secretary Report – Diana Martin - move to accept minutes as printed in the Newswatch Newsletter. With no corrections, motion to approve was made by Mike Bass and seconded by Kevin McNicoll. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Bass – The Association now shows a membership of 158 members compared to 348 last year the same month. Signs will be posted to remind residents to join and

pay dues. Cost of signs will be \$35 each. Motion was made by Mike Bass to buy 12 signs, one for each entrance, seconded by Chester Welch. Motion passed. Henry Grace will take care of obtaining signs.

Security Report – Tom Hirschey – Deputies are still doing 140 hours of patrol per month. Two home break-ins have occurred in the last two months. In both cases the Sheriff's office was extremely fast in responding and apprehended suspects. So far this year there have been a total of 13 arrests, five in January and eight in February. The full security report is published in the Newswatch Newsletter. The school zones continue to be monitored and we are seeing more compliance with the 30 mph speed limit in the neighborhood. We appreciate the good work the deputies are doing to maintain safety in our neighborhood.

Architecture Report – Resident on Kennesaw addressed the Board about attaching an arbor to back of his house. It is 11' from property line and 73' from back of lot. It will not be seen from the road. He has applied for a building permit. Motion to approve by Tom Hirschey and seconded by Mike



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Bass. Motion passed.

Home reported on Seven Pines with incomplete construction on carport. This has been this way for some time. This will be followed up by public works.

Vacant house on Kennesaw was reported to have wild bee hive on side yard. Neighbors are concerned. Research of home ownership will be done and they will be notified.

Beautification Report – Kevin McNicoll – Yard of the month for April is 17217 Appomattox.

Congratulations! They will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Clegg's Nursery.

Old Business – Rental home on Gettysburg was reported last month with parking violations. Two cars were parked on the sidewalk. Several citations have been given for multiple violations. This situation will continue to be monitored

The next meeting of the Shenandoah Estates Crime Prevention and Improvement District Meeting will be April 16, 2013 at the Jones Creek Library.

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New Business – Henry Grace –The LA legislature will again address the “Local Schools for Local Children” on April 8th. This issue failed by only one vote last year.

The next meeting of the Shenandoah Home Owners Association will be April 9th at the Jones Creek Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Martin, Secretary

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Shenandoah Carnival Re-Scheduled

Anyone who was looking for the Shenandoah Elementary School Carnival the first weekend of March, don't worry, you didn't miss it. Its been re-scheduled for May 10th thru May 12th.

With the almost constant soaking rains of the months of January and February, the ground had grown too soft to support the rides and trucks and foot traffic, so the carnival committee decided to postpone the event.

Let's all hope the Shenandoah campus dries up and the weather cooperates to make the Shenandoah Carnival a fun and safe end of school celebration, all the while helping the PTA raise money for the benefit of Shenandoah students.

Carnival dates and times are as follow:

Friday, May 10th – 4PM to 9PM

Saturday, May 11th – 11AM to 9PM

Sunday, May 12th – 12 noon to 5PM

Fried fish dinners will be available on Friday night, May 10th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Advance tickets for the fish dinner and for \$1.00 discounted ride tickets are on sale now through the Shenandoah PTA. On Friday, May 10th tickets will be available in front of the school from 8AM to 12 noon.

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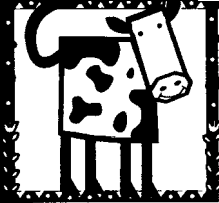
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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

By: Janie Fowler, CRS
EXIT Real Estate Group

During the reporting period, eight homes were placed on the market in Shenandoah Estates. The average new listing price is \$202,162 with a living area of 2138 square feet and a price of \$94.55 per square foot.

There are currently 27 homes available in Shenandoah Estates. The average listing price is \$200,226 with an average living area of 2282 square feet, for an average listing price of \$87.76 per square foot. The average home has been on the market for 74 days.

There were four homes reported sold by an MLS Realtor during the reporting period. This does not include any sale by owner activity. The average sale price was \$171,975 with a living area of 1929 square feet, for a sale price of \$89.15 per square foot. The average house sold was on the market for 95 days.

Age	#	Ave Sale	\$/SF	Median	DOM
0-20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
21-30	1	\$171,975	\$89.15	\$161,450	95
31+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

The sales listed below are those that were reported as closed during the reporting period. Information is based exclusively on MLS data and is neither guaranteed nor warranted. This listing is a reference only and is not intended to accurately reflect your individual home's value.

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5982 N Fort Clarke	1355	\$125,000
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