

**Community Relations Committee
MINUTES
October 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Members present: Ann Wild (chair), Kathy Strom (Town Council liaison), Bob Lyford, Julie Stanish, Bridget Hartman, Erin Kopelman, and Putnam Ebinger.

A motion was offered to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2010, meeting; and the minutes were approved.

The October 2, 2010, Progressive Dinner was a great success, with 130 attending. We have had many positive comments. It is a great event that we plan on continuing. Bridget and Cathy, along with Belinda in the Town office, did an incredible job planning this event.

Bob Lyford reported that there were 11 block captains present at the last Neighborhood Watch Meeting on October 6, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for more block captains. The Public Safety Information Session that followed was informative. Samantha Nolan did a PowerPoint slide presentation; she suggested having the VIN number etched onto our car windows as this significantly prevents car theft. We are trying to plan a Saturday in the spring or early summer when Town Residents can bring their car to the Lawton Center to get the VIN number etched onto the windows free of charge.

Ann Wild reports that Oktoberfest is Friday, October 15, 2010, from 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Committee members volunteered to help out at this event.

Town Resident Suzan Murray will do a Discussion and Desserts at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, on her role as Chief Veterinarian at the National Zoo.

Ann Wild reported that the East Ave. Ensemble Concert is on Saturday, November 6, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.

Bridget Hartman reports that the Turkey Trot is Sunday, November 21, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We are working with B-CC high school students to put on this wonderful community service event.

Bridget announced that we will do a coat drive during the month of November 2010 in which we will be collecting coats for children and people of all ages for Interfaith Works.

Cathy Wolf is planning a Holiday Gift Project this year to buy holiday gifts for families who have been victims of abuse.

Bridget has been working on the Spring Writers Event. We are looking for a writer to spearhead this event. Options for the event were discussed.

Kathy Strom has done an initial draft on written guidelines for writing articles for the Town's Forecast. The committee made various suggestions, and Kathy will revise.

In the Forecast, if we have enough upcoming events to take up an entire page, the committee recommends that there be a color page insert in the center of the Forecast so that it is more noticeable to residents/readers and so it can easily be stuck on refrigerators. The list of Town Teens will be on the back.

Ann Wild reported on her attendance at the Town Council/Committee Chairs meeting and on the goals of the committee for the upcoming year.

Next month we will discuss Town communications concerning planning for emergencies, such as snowstorms.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin L. Kopelman