

OSW Community Meeting MINUTES
Thursday 10/20/2022

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6:00-6:30 Social

WELCOME: who is new to meetings? Signs help people be aware.

OSW meeting called to order: 6:30pm

Board present: Mark Hostetter (pres), David Jeavons (Treas), Elaine Fleck, Julie Mugford, Julie Gale, Mary Jo Gale, Mary Anne Mather

Board absent: Erica Danko (V-P), Phillip Morgan, Terry McGuire, Clay Trinkle (sec)

Attendees: 21 neighbors and presenters: Roanoke Fire Department & Tree Stewards/Tres Roanoke

ANNOUNCEMENTS were reviewed:

--Betsy Nixon, seeking volunteers to help out at the West End Center Spooky Sprint on the 11/29 Wasena Park, 9-2pm

--Mary Anne: TY to Julie Mugford for hosting social. Anne-Marie xxx volunteered to host the "social" for the November OSW meeting.

--**OSW "Food With Friends"** Potluck & BYOB, Nov. 5, 6pm, live music (Traveling Troubadours). Donations, King George Inn, 315 King George Avenue. Sunnyside Market will provide ice.

--**OSW Festival of Lights:** Online registration for cash prizes: details TBA
Decorate by Dec. 3 to light the night for Parlor Tour!

--**OSW Parlor Tour** Annual Fundraiser, Dec. 3 & 4.
Still only \$20 to view 7+ OSW historic homes!

--**Pocket Park Fall Tree Planting & Garden Prep**, Dec 10, corner of Day Ave & 8th St

--**REQUEST:** Need your leaves in paper bags and newspapers for Pocket Park mulch: Drop-off logistics TBA (12/3-10)

--**December OSW meeting** will be a social at the Gish House, 6:30, third Thursday of December. Bring an app, dessert, or dish to share.

Programs began 6:48pm

PRESENTERS

1. Roanoke Fire Department: October is Fire Prevention Month

Rebecca (Becky) Smith, Battalion Chief

Call response time is 3 minutes. Safety Tips: Smoke alarms are first line of safety defense. Sleep with bedroom doors closed. Close doors behind you as you leave a burning building. Smother

grease fires with a lid. Currently a program where fire department will replace any smoke detectors over 10 years old. Call: 540-853.2795. Recent house fire on Abelmarle Ave. in OSW with a fatality (property owner). OSW concern: house is not demolished (Code Enforcement).

2. Roanoke Tree Stewards (non-profit arm is called Trees Roanoke)

Henry VanGilder & Don Mugford (education coordinator/lives in OSW). Established 2009. They are volunteers in the “urban forest.” Plant ~100 trees per year. Trained 140-150 volunteers but only ~20 are active through Roanoke Parks & Rec. Trainings are free: 9 Monday nights, 6-8pm & 3 volunteer Saturdays planting and pruning. Only work on public property. Roanoke loses ~250 trees per year. City has no budget for replacement. This groups serves that purpose.

OSW Business

September 2022 Community Meeting Minutes distributed.

NOTE: Minutes are posted on the OSW website & the URL emailed to the community prior to each meeting. Encouraged people to read & learn about all the great things going on in our neighborhood. <https://oldsouthwest.org/osw-minutes>

OSW Safety Discussion

Online Safety Map was shared. Crime was light in OSW this month. Our OSW Safety officer, Julie Gale, met with the Highland Park Elementary School safety officer about traffic issues near the school. Tickets will be issued for speeding, cell-phone use, rolling through stop signs. Need crosswalks painted on road. They will present at a future OSW meeting.

Neighbor safety requests: Have the City paint crosswalk markers on Fifth and Mountain (at Sunnyside Market). Many people cross there, and someone in a wheelchair was hit. Request for no trucks signs posted on Mountain Ave—very narrow/tree limbs are being torn down.

Dog bite issue reported by a neighbor at an illegal Airbnb on Day Ave 300 block. Offending dogs were unleashed. Owners were uncooperative & tried to dodge identification. They have been identified & dealt with. TIP: If you are bitten, find out dog vaccine status. Call police AND animal control. Dog quarantine is required. Roanoke has a leash law.

Some drug dealing and use noted in front of Sunnyside Market. (Store owners actively monitor this.) No follow-up yet on Southwest Market issues discussed at previous OSW meetings.

Adjourn 8:07PM