

Castle Heights Meeting

January 30, 2017

Present: Linda Beckley, Barbara Crumlish, Pat Wallace, Leslie Schaus, Rhonda Everdyke, Jessica Avila

Jessica was introduced. She is the new Engagement Coordinator for GNRC and will be working with neighborhoods as Rhonda's title and job description has changed somewhat. Rhonda shared the GNRC calendar of events for 2017. This is available at www.cityofgeneva.com where updates can be found as the year progresses. Rhonda explained the three Citizen Academies planned for this year. The first is a Citizens Planning Academy which will take place Mondays beginning on the 6th of February and running through March 20. This program is fully subscribed at this time. The second will be a Citizens Financial Academy to take place in April and the final one for this year will be the Citizens Police Academy to be held in the Fall.

Activities planned for Castle Heights so far this year are as follows:

April 8: HWS Day of Service, May 13: Plant Exchange in the Circle, June 17: City Wide Yard Sale

July: Pride in Our Parks Month with a Parks Passport program , July 8: Annual Firemen's Parade

August 26: Castle Heights Picnic, October 29: Castle Heights pumpkin lighting, November 12: Second Annual Inspire Community Leadership Day (GNRC dinner)

The suggestion was made last year to have a "wine walk" within the neighborhood. We are asking for up to 6 volunteers to host tastings at their homes, and for neighbors to contribute snacks. (cheese & crackers &c.) Perhaps we can utilize HWS students to provide child care during the event. More information will be forthcoming as plans unfold. Currently the dates being considered are March 5th or 12th with a time of 4PM-6PM. Anyone with an interest, please contact Leslie at lesliedesk@gmail.com or Rhonda/Jessica at the GNRC.

The Parks Passport Event will be a collaboration between GNRC and Geneva Recreation. The object is to get people out to explore our Parks Playgrounds and Green Spaces. Each of the eleven neighborhoods has at least one of these. We will need to plan an activity for people visiting Lafayette Circle. The kickoff date is July 6th. More information to come.

The Castle Heights Kids would like to build fairy houses and/or doors for the garden in Lafayette Circle. Sage is looking for a volunteer to take on this project. (This could be our event for the Park Passport event.)

A date for the next neighborhood meeting has not been set.