

HPCC Community Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

Zone 5 Update: Commander Vinanski, Lt. Gaunter, Officer Crawford

- In response to the concerns raised at last month's HPCC Community Meeting, Zone 5 increased patrols here in HP and looked more closely at robberies happening across the zone, resulting in some kids who were tied to burglaries being picked up. The result was that from Jan 20 - Feb 20, 2020, there was only ONE reported crime in HP - - a theft from an unlocked vehicle. HP remains one of the safest neighborhoods in the city.
- Zone 5 provided handouts for Block Watches which now are primarily virtual, utilizing on-line networks such as NextDoor. The also had handouts called "You and the Police" which provide information on the public's rights, responsibilities, and the realities of encounters with law enforcement. Copies of these brochures are available from Officer Crawford in Zone 5 and by emailing the HPCC at HPCCPgh@gmail.com
- A resident asked about the air horn warnings that can be heard throughout the neighborhood. It was generally thought that these volunteer firefighter alarms from across the river. The officers said that they would make some calls to investigate. The also encouraged residents to call when they hear the alarms to notify Zone 5 so that they could investigate.
- When asked about recent school lockdowns in the neighborhood, the officers explained that the lockdowns are typically the decision of the School Department, not the Police Department. The School Department monitors the Police Channel and will lockdown schools as a precaution when there are active incidents nearby. Usually students are not in danger, but the intention is to prevent students from leaving the building and encountering emergency vehicles, etc.
- The Zone 5 Open House will be held on June 13, 2020 from noon until 4 pm.

Casa Brasil: Co-owner Tim Guthrie

Tim Guthrie introduced 3 dishes provided by Casa Brasil, care of the HPCC. Attendees got to enjoy fried plantains, gluten-free cheese bread, and churros with dulce de leche sauce. Tim explained the history of the restaurant, and described all they offer and their plans for expanded hours and services. In addition to offering regular lunch service, Casa Brasil also:

- Has a function space
- Hosts Brazilian dance parties
- Was hosting a Carnival Party on 2/22
- Hosts visiting chefs on Mondays and/or Tuesdays

- Are on social media
- Cater events on and off-site
- Have numerous vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free menu options

Census 2020: Dolores Tanglen

Dolores is a recruiter for the Census. She discussed the importance of the Census generally as well as employment opportunities. In Allegheny County, the Census pays \$23.50 / hour. Work is based in or near your community, can be part-time, and is flexible. They are hiring for census takers and other positions. The Census will be starting April 1 and run through June or July. Individuals must be 18 years old to work for the Census. All applications are done online at 2020census.gov/jobs .