



# WHITE WATER MEADOWS CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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## Shared Vision.... Leadership

Dear Residents,

Please see summary of topics discussed at our last general meeting held Sunday November 28th on the Zoom platform.

### 1) Financial Status

Our net position as @ October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 is \$443,514.24

### 2) Maintenance Dues

Maintenance Dues is \$500 per month per household and the average collected per month since June is \$88,700. Of the amount collected, approximately \$60,000 monthly is spent on maintaining the Park, Entrance Way and the Stanhope green area.

### 3) Beautification

- a) A resident suggested that additional work needed be done to the entrance of the community to make it more aesthetically appealing. A commitment was given to consider same as soon as adequate funds were available.
- b) The green area in the vicinity of Portman Mews came up for mention and residents were applauded for their commitment and dedication shown in the care given to that space.

### 4) Construction of Speed Bumps

Reports have been received of motorists continuing to speed on our roadways. This is particularly dangerous not just to our pedestrian users but also to our motoring residents, backing out of their driveway.

Residents are urged to back into their driveway instead. This will facilitate more visibility and less risk as they exit their premises. Approval has been sought from the Parish Council to erect an additional 4 speed bumps along different points of the boulevard and construction will start as soon as approval is received.

### 5) Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

We are currently in discussion with a prospective provider (MASTER DELIVERY SERVICE) and is putting together a technical team to represent the Association. The approach is for the Association to purchase all cameras and accessories overseas while we contract a company to do the installation and provide maintenance.

More information will be made available as the discussion progresses.

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**6) Fund Raising**

- a) **Tag Drive** - Tag Drive 2021 was launched on November 13th at the entrance. This project was identified as the main source of funding for the proposed CCTV system. A total of 3,024 tag tickets were printed of which 180 are sold to date for a return of \$90,000. This represents just 4.5 % of our \$2million target. Residents are urged to get on board and support this fundraising venture. The cost of each ticket is \$500
- b) Other fundraising ventures will be considered in 2022 to fund other projects.

**7) Garbage Removal**

The NSWMA has resumed its regular garbage collection throughout the community. Mention was made of the garbage pile up at the gate and inside the guardhouse. Discussions are to be had with the operators of the Mini Mart to install a garbage receptacle close to the guard house to facilitate the collection of garbage.

**8) Nuisance**

- a) **Overflow of Sewage** – There has been continuous reports of overflow of sewage from the Horizon Park Sewage Treatment plant. When this spillage occurs, the contents flow in the stormwater drains in the vicinity of Stanhope Road and Sydenham Villas. This spillage then settles into an open drain beside the houses while the stench engulfs the entire area. The WWMCA have engaged the following entities regarding the issue. NEPA, ST Catherine Health Dept, NWC and MP Andrew Wheatley. We were told that remedial work was in progress and the matter would soon be rectified. Follow up emails have been sent to highlight the fact that the nuisance still exists and our residents are still impacted. We will continue to monitor and report on the situation.
- b) **Stray Dogs & Cats** - There are still complaints regarding the large number of stray dogs and cats within the community. These animals have been entering premises and defecating on persons verandah. The JSPCA was contacted but we were advised that these animals would have to be first contained before they can be picked up. There are also reports of dogs rushing persons as they walk on the streets. The WWMCA is asking residents who are owners of dogs and cats, to be considerate to their fellow residents and find ways to contain their animals within their homes.
- c) **Burning of garbage** – Another appeal is been made to residents who are burning garbage on their premises. This practice is not allowed in housing developments as the fumes from this practice have proven to be very detrimental to persons suffering from asthma and other ailments. We urge you to discontinue this practice.

**9) Redesigned Website Launched**

The new look White Water Meadows website was recently launched. Thanks to our hard-working webmaster Oneil. Residents are urged to visit the website for additional information relating to the community.

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Your feedback is also welcomed.

Please click the link to view our website.

<https://whitewatermeadows.org/>

### **10) Wall Project**

Questions were raised regarding the perimeter wall and security at the gates. The position of the Association is that based on its current source of funding and personnel, it was not possible to undertake such a costly venture at this time. Given that security at the entrance have been attempted on no less than four (4) occasions, it was felt that proper planning and a total buy-in by at least 70% of residents was necessary for success. We are encouraging persons to join the Security Committee to help plan and spearhead this project. Failure to do so, the wall and security project will be revisited by the executive when the support from the general community improves.

### **11) WhatsApp Group**

Concerns were again raised regarding the improper use of this very effective communication tool. Residents are asked to refrain from personal and other social interactions that are unrelated to the community. The possibility exist that very crucial information could be buried and overlooked because of the volume of none community related post. Please read carefully the information outlined below.

#### **WhatsApp group Purpose**

The purpose of this group is to share relevant and necessary information regarding OUR community in an effort to keep us abreast with current important matters. This WhatsApp group also serve as a neighborhood watch that plays an integral part of security.

#### **The Golden Rules**

1. Always keep the purpose of this group in the forefront of your mind.
  2. Don't share irrelevant messages unless it is meaningful. It is time consuming to scroll over unimportant information to get to relevant information.
  3. Memes, adverts, forwarded messages or deals cannot be accommodated in this group.
  4. Do not have one on one messages in the group, switch to private messages.
  5. The group must not be used as a political or religious platform. Do not take it personal.
  6. No arguing, no heated opinions, no fear mongering, no hyped-up drama, no fake news. Check your source before you share.
  7. Communicating must be done respectfully. If you have an issue with another resident, please address it one on one with the relevant person.
  8. If you are not sure, ask yourself these three questions before you post:
    - Is it relevant?
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- Is is necessary?
- Is this a good time to post?

Let us be respectful, empathetic, caring and mindful of each other.

### **12) Professional Data Bank**

A Data Bank displaying the professional skills of our residents is being set up and displayed on our website. The idea is to connect residents needing to employ the various services, to the professionals that are living in the community (as long as their businesses are outside the community). However, this will only be done for residents who are fully paid up with maintenance dues.

*The WWMCA do not support the setting up of businesses in our community.*

### **13) Vacancies**

Volunteers are needed to fill the following positions within the executive body.

- Assistant Secretary
- Vice President
- Street Monitors

**Interested persons may call or message 876-316-5753**

**The Executive  
White Water Meadows Citizens Association  
November 30, 2021**

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