

ESNA - March 12, 2019 - Meeting Notes

Boston Police Department

- Mr. Brett J. Loycano from the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) presented an overview of crime trends in and around our neighborhood. Main findings:
- City-wide crime is down 12% year on year.
- District 4 has seen a surge in commercial crime although a number of recent arrests will help address this issue.
- In our Eight Streets neighborhood, crime activity year to date has fortunately been muted with only 1 commercial burglary on Shawmut, 1 residential burglary on Waltham, and 1 larceny (car). These numbers probably do not reflect package thefts where most residents do not report since suppliers replace their orders at zero cost. All residents are encouraged to file a police report for package theft and to ship their packages either to a work address or to a secure locker (e.g. Amazon at Whole Foods).
- Officer Richie Litto encouraged all residents to secure their AC units as the warmer weather approaches, not to leave any valuables in vehicles, and to pick up their mail (or have someone do this if they are out of town). Apparently devices have been used to “fish” mail out of mail slots.
- We thanked the BPD for their on-going efforts to make our neighborhood a safer place. Gail Suyemoto was also thanked for arranging this part of the agenda.

Trash

- Michael Almond handed out a flier on options to improve our trash management. Since time was short, those present were asked to review the flier and bring their thoughts to our April 9th meeting.

2019-2019 Goals

- Michael Almond handed out a flier summarizing goals based on input from our street captains. Since time was short, those present were asked to review the flier and bring their thoughts to our April 9th meeting.

Other Neighborhood Updates

- Peters Park: Ted Pietras said that \$150K has been awarded by the CPA, over and above the original budget of \$350K. He provided an overview of all the improvements still to come.
- Ringgold Park: Michael Almond said that trash barrel at the Waltham entrance will be removed to help mitigate trash and rat issues, and the Friends have asked the Parks Dept. to replace the other barrels with closed lids. Faisa Sharif will help make this happen and is

also looking at securing an electric outlet in the park. The Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4 and Love Your Block for May 4.

- Watson Park: Linda Reiser and Colleen Fitzpatrick said the Friends were working on replacing the fences that run along the Shawmut Avenue side of the park, and that a landscaper has been engaged to develop plans for the park.

Next ESNA meeting is April 9, 2019