

HPNA General Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2024

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Thompson
Roger Ramsey
Glen Coykendall
Stacy Bershod
Katie Shaw
Mike Thompson
Tom Slothower
Larry O'Heron

Invited Speakers:

Lt Rob Wilson, Community Service Officer, RPD
Lt Jackie Sierra, Public Information Officer, RFD
Harry Bronson, NY State Assembly Member 138th District

Chairman Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Lt Rob Wilson gave a report on crime issues in HPNA over the past 30 days.

- 1 burglary, 2 car larcenies, 0 violent assaults, 3 motor vehicle thefts
- Don't leave items visible in your car. They will break your windows for something as simple as cheap sunglasses. If the car looks empty, they generally will not risk getting caught breaking car windows.
- RPD conducted a series of illegal off-road vehicle sweeps. 156 vehicles have been seized this calendar year.
- City wide, there have been approx 200 shootings in the previous 365 days, which is back to pre-Covid levels. During Covid, shooting reached approx 400 in a 365 day period. Trending in the right direction.

Harry Bronson

- The 138th NYS Assembly district spans from Riga to Henrietta to Brighton to parts of the city of Rochester, to include HPNA.
- Much of his work in the Assembly relates to Mental Health issues.
- The life span in the district varies by 10 years from area to area.

Lt Jackie Sierra reported on upcoming seasonal issue for the RFD

- Lithium battery fires are up this year. It requires much more water to put them out than more traditional types of fires. The possibility of a reflash is significant.
- Overcharging electric vehicles leads to fires. EVs burn hot and have significant reflash potential.
- High Energy furnaces have an outlet to the exterior of the house, which must be kept clear of snow.
- The RFD will install a free CO detector/smoke detector. Call 311 for more info.
- 8 of 10 calls to the RFD are for EMS situations, not fire. Keep in mind when the first snows fall that require shoveling. Be mindful of your physical limits.
- Christmas trees? Need we say more!

- Pedestrian struck calls are up also. The combination of walkers, bikers and stressed drivers requires a measure of caution across the board.

Bob Thompson, Chairman HPNA

- We are a non-profit now which we can apply for grant money for future projects.
- The city is handing out small grants that NAs can use for block projects, beautification projects, etc.
- HPNA elections (Chairman, Treasurer) are coming in November. More info will be put out via email.

Submitted,
Larry OHeron