

Whether you heard about it in the paper, got an email reminder or a phone call, thank you for helping make Tuesday night's meeting a success! Not only did we vote in six new board members, we had Jodie Adams, the Springfield-Greene County parks Board Director as our special guest.

Jodie did a fabulous job of updating us with a sneak peek of improvement plans for McDaniel Park and details of the upcoming George Moore Park which will include a tricycle feature. We have all heard of the "tricycle park." Tuesday night we learned the huge chunk of property donated to the parks department by Mrs. Zella Samuels was to include a tricycle feature, but the park is to be named after her grandfather, George Moore, a prominent businessman in Springfield. Jodie informed us the project would take approximately 24-36 months and will be completed in time to participate in the 100 year park celebrations in 2013. We will soon have two parks side-by-side: McDaniel Park and George Moore Park. Thank you Jodie!

Join me in congratulating our newest board members: Bruce Helm, Michael Lyons, Debbie Hopkins, Rich Crabtree, Vivian Rye and Bob Thurman. They are each strong individuals who had the courage to step forward and offer their services to our neighborhood. Although their official term begins Jan 1010, they will begin working with the current board for a seamless transition. We look forward to working together towards a better and more cohesive neighborhood. Again, Congratulations!

We also got further details on the Christmas Decorating Contest. Two categories will be judged: yard décor and front door décor so everyone can participate. The theme is "Keeping Christmas in the Heart", a take-off from our neighborhood slogan "A Neighborhood with Heart in the Heart of the City". More details to follow.

The Neighborhood Action Committee is preparing to meet with the city in the next two weeks. On their agenda are the vacant houses on the corner of Seminole and National slated for destruction, other vacant and abandoned houses, and the graffiti that has popped up in our neighborhood. If you have anything you wish to report (and you can do so anonymously) please visit www.seminole.com for a link or email seminoleholland@gmail.com.

We also got a sneak-peek for our November meeting. Disaster Preparedness and Crime Watch are the big topics as we head into the winter months. We can never be too careful or too prepared!

And that is just an abbreviated version of what we were treated to as we enjoyed our donated McAlisters tea and goodies baked by our own members. Please join us next time for further details and upcoming events!

Enjoyably,
Trish Pearson, President