

## Community Dog Bite Prevention Education Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 4/11/18

**Location:** Panera, 14701 Detroit Rd, Lakewood, OH 44107

**Present Members:** Nancy McDonnell, Kara Vlach-Lasher, Sue Speer, Mary Bank

- Next committee meeting, notify Melissa Garrett to get meeting on the public calendar
- There was an open discussion between members on possible areas to target community dog bite prevention education
  - Members felt a priority this year should be to focus on children safety around dogs. Discussed possible programs and events where we can target community outreach
    - Can we have a certified dog bite prevention trainer at Safety Town?
      - A possible trainer recommendation is Christy Paxton or we can coordinate with citizen advocate, Greg Murray with the Happy Dog Foundation.
      - Another way to reach children would be coloring book distribution on Dog Do's and Don'ts. Kara mentioned Second Hand Mutts might have a large number of children coloring books on Dog Do's and Don'ts that they would be willing to donate towards educational opportunities
        - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: Advise Council that a group should participate in Lakewood's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to promote dog bite prevention with children. This would be a great event to distribute the coloring books. Can this be championed by LASWAB members? Or can we advise CCLAS (Citizens Committee for Lakewood Animal Shelter) volunteers participate in distributing the coloring books?
    - Another area the committee wanted to focus on this year was overall community dog bite prevention education
      - Have designated educational materials available to the public on dog bite prevention tips
        - Add to LASWAB's Content Calendar for June to push out materials on Facebook
        - These materials should also be posted on the onelakewood animal page
        - Have literature and handouts available at key Lakewood events. Possible events include:
          - Meet the Trucks: June 3, 10am - 2pm
          - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: July 4, Lakewood Park, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
          - Summer Melt Down: July 14, 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
          - Lakewood Arts Festival: August 4, 10 am - 6 pm
          - Spooky Pooch: October 20, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
          - There is a possibility to tag on to other future events LASWAB will be recommending regarding community education on responsible dog ownership
            - The discussion came up on staffing volunteers at these community events. Mary recommended CCLAS as a good resource to provide volunteers

### AR's (action required)

**All members:** Will research and provide recommendations at next meeting of possible educational material to post and distribute

**Kara Vlach Lasher:** Will look into Walmart's Community Organization Grants, will discuss with Melissa Garrett how to proceed with getting a Dog Bite Prevention "float" in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

**Sue Speer:** Will look into getting donations of crayons

**Nancy McDonald:** Will look into getting a car for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, will also be our go-to resource for parade design

**Mary Bank:** Will secure Duck Tape donations, will get a coloring book from Leah to share with the group to see if these are the right materials to possibly distribute, will look into Safety Town and how we could advise a partnership with this community outlet, will get the next meeting on the calendar and notify Melissa

## Information on Safety Town from Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation & Education Department

**Section:** Community Education

**Category:** Summer Camps

**Ages:** Children Entering Kindergarten in Fall

**Instructor:** Lakewood City Schools Recreation Department Staff

**Location:** Hayes Elementary School, Cafeteria, 16401 Delaware Ave.

This summer program is open to children entering kindergarten in the fall and features an actual town setup, complete with streets, crosswalks, stop signs and traffic signals that will help prepare children for school. Music, crafts and visits from community helpers such as police and firefighters will help reinforce the valuable safety lessons. Concludes with a parent/family visitation day. Class limit 25.

### ***Dates and Times for Safety Town***

Ses 1 - Monday-Friday	6/11-6/15	8:30am-10:30am
Ses 2 - Monday-Friday	6/11-6/15	11:00am-1:00pm
Ses 3 - Monday-Friday	6/18-6/22	8:30am-10:30am
Ses 4 - Monday-Friday	6/18-6/22	11:00am-1:00pm
Ses 5 - Monday-Thursday	6/25-6/29	8:30am-10:30am
Ses 6 - Monday-Thursday	6/25-6/29	11:00am-1:00pm
Ses 7 - Monday-Friday (No Class 7/4)	7/2-7/6	8:30am-11:00am
Ses 8 - Monday-Friday (No Class 7/4)	7/2-7/6	11:30am-2:00pm
Ses 9 - Monday-Thursday	7/9-7/12	5:15-7:45pm