

## Madison Park HOA –Sept. 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Valerie Delby, HOA President, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance, including first time attendees who were asked to introduce themselves.

### Crime Statistics

**(Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location)**

Madison Park CMPD community representatives, Officer Shabeer Mohammad of the Westover Division was in attendance. Officer Mohammad presented the following monthly crime statistics for our community from Aug. 11 through Sept. 7, 2014:

Area	Madison Park, Madison Park, Pinewood ES
Layer	Reported Incidents
Category	Index Offenses (Part I)
Data	For Public Release
Date Range	8/11/2014 - 9/7/2014

### Summary

Incident Type	Frequency
Larceny from Auto	3
Larceny-Other	2
Auto Theft	1
Larceny of Bicycle	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

### Listing

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20140812-0711-00	12-AUG-2014	5200 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny from Auto
20140812-1645-05	12-AUG-2014	4800 GILMORE DR	Auto Theft
20140813-1314-04	13-AUG-2014	5400 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny-Other
20140818-0039-01	18-AUG-2014	1800 TYVOLA RD	Larceny from Auto
20140820-0803-00	20-AUG-2014	4900 GILMORE DR	Larceny from Auto
20140902-1130-00	02-SEP-2014	5800 WEDGEWOOD DR	Larceny-Other
20140903-1510-02	03-SEP-2014	900 E WOODLAWN RD	Larceny of Bicycle

Officer Mohammed also introduced Lamar Williams from CDOT which gave more information to our residents regarding some of the traffic questions involving the streets in our neighborhood.

### **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Leash Law**

The City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have strict leash laws that apply to all animals except cats (see the nuisance animal section for laws pertaining to cats). Animals must be on a leash, contained within a fence or an **operable and marked** invisible fence. The invisible fence company should give owners a sign to place at the mailbox to indicate that there is an invisible fence present.

An animal may be loose in its own yard if there is an adult (18 years or older) immediately next to the animal **and** the animal responds to direct verbal commands of the person. ALL dog owners that take their dogs for walks in their neighborhoods and/or public parks (**not** designated as a dog park) are required to keep their dogs on leash and under physical restraint at ALL TIMES. If owners are found walking their dogs

with a leash but not under physical control, or their dogs loose with the leash around the owner's neck, the owner **will** be found in violation and can be fined. All regulations aim to protect the health and safety of our citizens.

Please be a responsible pet owner and abide by the law. Violations will be investigated and stiff fines may be applied. Fines range from a \$50.00 citation for the first violation and up to a \$500.00 citation and permanent seizure of the animal for a fifth violation. To report an animal at large, please call 311. Please note that it could take up to 4 hours for an officer to respond. Any information about where the owner lives would help greatly. Owners that have not been in violation before, or dogs that are not visibly seen loose by an AC&C Officer will receive a warning citation before violation citations will be written.

For more information visit,

<http://charmec.org/city/charlotte/CMPD/organization/Support/AnimalControl/Char-MeckLaws/Pages/Leash%20Law.aspx>

Additional Crime Mapping and Prevention Information

For an additional listing of crime in the area, the following Crime Mapping link is available:

<http://www.crimemapping.com/map.aspx?ll=-8998793.12186394,4194774.886228889&z=14&mc=world-street&cc=AR,AS,BU,DR,DU,FR,HO,VT,RO,SX,TH,VA,VB,WE>

This Crime Mapping link may also be found on the Madison Park HOA website on the Main page under External Links, Crime Mapping Tool. [http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison\\_Park](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park)

***If you notice and suspicious behavior in your area please contact 911 immediately!***

For additional information please contact Officer Mohammad at [smohammad@cmpd.org](mailto:smohammad@cmpd.org) .

***The following information has been presented by CMPD at previous meetings and we will continue to post this to the Minutes throughout 2014:***

- CMPD suggested to keep blinds, shades and curtains closed at night as well as to secure your outdoor sheds and electrical boxes to help avoid crime.
- Residents should **keep an inventory** of their electronics, jewelry and other personal items (including serial numbers where applicable). Pictures and serial numbers help the police find stolen items faster especially when they are pawned so be sure to take an inventory and keep it in a safe location.
- Residents are to be aware that there are people who come into the neighborhood and stand in front of homes to connect to residents Wi-Fi internet. Be sure to **Password protect your Wi-Fi connection** and report anyone suspicious in the area by calling 911.

### **Safety Starts At Home What You Can Do To Keep Madison Park Safe**

1. Make sure your house is well lit. Turn on outside lights, spotlights, motion lights, etc. Leave several inside lights on timers while you are away to give your home that lived in look.

2. All exterior doors should be steel or made with a solid core. Deadbolts should be used to lock and secure your doors. A good deadbolt should have a 1" throw. If you have glass within 40" of the lock a burglar could reach in and unlock the door. A double cylinder lock (this type needs a key on both sides to unlock) should be used if glass is near the lock.

3. With sliding glass doors a pin through the frame, a locking device or broomstick in the track will help prevent the door from being opened from outside.

4. Do not leave a spare key hidden outside your house. Do not leave extra keys to your home or vehicle inside any of your vehicles, even if they are parked inside your garage.

5. Landscaping should not create hiding spaces or block windows or doors of your residence. Trees and shrubbery should be properly pruned to keep them from providing access to upper floors and creating blind spots.

6. Secure windows with locks or pins for both closed and partially opened positions. Use blinds and curtains for privacy.

7. Remove anything an intruder could use to gain access to your home i.e., ladders, wood, tables, chairs, lawn tools and children toys.

8. As an added since of security some residents have installed alarm systems. Consult with alarm companies for differences in the systems and decide which would benefit you. The alarm system can only help if it used. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department requires that alarm systems be registered with the police department.

### **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Code Enforcement**

Dennis Whittington, CharMeck Code Enforcement Officer updated the community on recent violations in the area and reminded attendee's that any signs (including but not limited to For Sale/Rent) must be placed beyond 11 feet from the curb. His territory goes from South Boulevard at Woodlawn down to Sharon Lakes. He reminded us he looks specifically for problems that hurt our property values and issues that affect health and sanitation. For more information regarding CharMeck residential codes visit, <http://charmack.org/city/charlotte/nbs/codeenforcement/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Guest Speakers**

#### **Sam Perkins – Catawba Riverkeeper**

Catawba Riverkeeper organizational mission: We educate and advocate protecting the Catawba-Wateree River Basin's lakes, rivers and streams for everyone who depends on and enjoys them. These basins cover 5000 square miles from the mountains outside of Asheville, NC to Columbia, SC.

Mr. Perkins reviewed his organization and their finding on the water quality in Charlotte and invited everyone interested to join as volunteers for opportunities throughout the year. Charlotte's water supply comes from Mountain Island Lake. He reminded us to NEVER FLUSH old/unused medications down the toilet, because the medications have negative long-term effects to our water quality.

The Catawba River has been designated as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers three times (#1 in 2008, #5 in 2013 and #13 in 2000). The Southern Environmental Law Center in 2010 and 2012 listed it as a Top 10 Endangered Places in the Southeast. In 2011, Union of Concerned Scientists listed it as the 4th most stressed river in the U.S. from power plants. Recent fish advisories for unsafe levels of metals and PCBs highlight the need to do more to protect our water. We hope that you will look at the information on our website and help us protect our water.

For more information and donation opportunities visit, <http://charmack.org/mecklenburg/county/assessorsoffice/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **Andrew Gale – Holiday Light Ball Event**

Mr. Gale spoke to the attendee's to let them know that this year's Event will be held at Madison Central Park and is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8, 9:00 – Noon (rain date is Sunday, Nov. 9, Noon – 3). All proceeds will go to a local Charlotte charity.

For more information please contact the HOA at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com)

## **Pat Taft – Queens University**

Ms. Taft, Director, Center for Active Citizenship at Queens University of Charlotte introduced herself to the audience as a partner with Madison Park HOA and Pinewood Elementary on a the upcoming Marketing and Communications grant slated for Feb. 2015.

We look forward to working with Ms. Taft in this pursuit!

**Speakers for next months HOA meeting will discuss floodplain issues.** There are five streets in our neighborhood that are partially located in the Little Hope Creek floodplain (Wentworth Place, Wedgewood Drive, Barkley Road, Mockingbird Lane, and Montford Drive). The planned speakers are:

Bill Tingle from CharMeck Storm Water, Flood Zoning

Nationwide insurance – Tips for insurance needs when living in a flood plane area

DryPro – Manufacturer and installation specialist of SmartVents which are approved by FEMA.

## **Neighborhood and Community**

### **Treebanding Grant**

The 2014 Treebanding grant application has been submitted and we should receive any follow-up questions from the Neighborhood Matching Grant review team over the next few weeks. Grant approval will likely take place in November.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the grant application and we will update the community upon approval/denial/

### **Madison Central Park - Trash Collection**

-Rebecca Wooten (resident) has volunteered to be Lead to supply the trash receptacle with HOA supplied bags through the end of 2014...thank you! Monthly trash removal has been covered for Sept and Oct but we need volunteers for Nov-Dec. Please contact the HOA at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to remove debris from the container this year!

### **Little Free Library – Grant application**

Madison Park HOA has decided to pursue a Neighborhood Matching Grant for a Little Free Library to be installed in the neighborhood. Deadline for the grant application submission is Sept. 15 and the site location is to be determined.

#### *What is a Little Free Library?*

It's a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. You can, too!

### **2015 HOA Board Elections**

We will hold elections for board positions that will become open for 2015 in Nov. There is an open period to nominate yourself for a Director role from Oct. 1 – 31. We have several Directors whose terms are ending and therefore there are Director roles which needs to be filled. Director positions represent a 2-year commitment and if you would like to run for an open position please contact the HOA at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com).

### **Newtown Memorial Playground at Park Road Park**

In honor and remembrance of the victims and families of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown, CT, Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation and the Partners for Parks Foundation have raised funds to build a playground in memory of the students and teachers who were lost.

The next step to the project will be the **Construction which is slated for Mon., Oct. 27 through Fri., Oct. 31**. There will be **2 shifts per day (8:00 – Noon and 1:00 – 5:00)** and there is a need for approximately

250 volunteers to roll up their sleeves and help complete the project on time. There will be opportunities for trained and untrained construction volunteers so if you are interested please use the link below to Sign Up:

[https://apm.activecommunities.com/mecklenburgparks/Activity\\_Search?txtActivitySearch=memorial&clear=rue](https://apm.activecommunities.com/mecklenburgparks/Activity_Search?txtActivitySearch=memorial&clear=rue)

Thanks in advance for assisting in this project!

### **2014 Neighborhood Upcoming Events**

#### **SEPT 18 - (NEW) Madison Park Mom's Group** - Valerie Delby (lead)

-Come out and join your fellow new or stay at home Mom's and Dad's for a social meet-up Thur., **Sept. 18 from 10:30-11:30 at Caribou/Brueggers** (Park Road Shopping Center).

The first meeting will be held at this location but we hope to have someone from the group step in and lead future meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Note:** We have received feedback from the community expressing an interest for after-hours events for parents and this will be discussed at the meet-up Sept. 18 to expand to evenings as well.

#### **SEPT 27 – ADOPT- A- STREET Roadside pickup Tyvola Road** – Margaret Sexton (lead)

-We have semi-annual pickups (March / September) of Tyvola from Park Road to Wedgewood Dr. The more hands we have helping to pick up, the faster we get done. Cleanup will start at 9AM and depending on the number of people that show up we could be finished in an hour. We will meet at the Parking Lot at Marion Diehl Center close to Tyvola. Please bring gloves and wear appropriate shoes. Pickup tongs, brightly colored vests, and trash bags will be provided.

#### **OCT 17 - Social Meetup @ Strike City Bowling (uptown)** - Valerie Delby (lead).

-To keep the momentum of our social meet-ups bringing neighbors out to meet other neighbors, we will hold our next event at Strike City Bowling, **Friday, Oct. 17 from 5:30 – 8:00!** Come out and join the fun for a night of bowling at one of Madison Park's community event supporters! **Madison Park will receive discounted bowling** so we hope you can make it out!

We plan to have events in Nov and Dec as well and will announce location and time at the HOA meeting.

Thanks to everyone who came out to Cantina 1511 (new Park Road location) on Sept. 8 for a night of good food and fun!

#### **OCT 18 - Hope Builders 5K & Stroller Roller 5K**

-Come out and join or sponsor fellow Madison Park residents, Terry & Emily Bartlett, for the Hope Builders 5K and/or Stroller Roller 5K walk/run on **Sat., Oct. 18 (leaving the Start line at 7:50 AM)** supporting Levine's Children's Hospital of the Carolinas HealthCare Foundation (CHF). If you wish to participate in the run please visit the CHF site below and if you would like to support the Bartlett family you may do so at

To join "Team Bartlett" go to [www.hopebuilders5k.org](http://www.hopebuilders5k.org), click on Join A Team. Under "Team Name" type Parent Financial / Fit4Mom (note: there is a space before and after the /).

For more information on the event visit,

[http://events.carolinashealthcarefoundation.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1560&pg=entry#.VBJAeVaCZuY](http://events.carolinashealthcarefoundation.org/site/TR?fr_id=1560&pg=entry#.VBJAeVaCZuY)

#### **OCT 18 – Community Fall Festival at Pinewood Elementary** (details in school/HOA partnership section)

#### **OCT 25 - Trunk or Treat**

-We will have the annual Trunk or Treat at the Madison Central Park parking lot **on Sat., Oct 18 from 10-11**. This is a BYOT (bring your own treat) event so feel free to bring wrapped goodies to share with everyone there. We will setup in the parking lot and invite everyone out to join.

### **Senior Center Activities and Events:**

#### **Health Corner**

-**Every Fourth Thursday of the month from 1:00 – 2:00, presented by the Alzheimer's Association.**

-Sept. 25 – Holistic alternatives for body and mind.

-Oct. 3 – Good nutrition, Good health. Learn the benefits of a proper diet.

Thanks to everyone who supported the **Bake Sale (08/28)** and **AARP Smart Driver Course (08/29)**.

For a full list of events/classes for September visit,  
<http://www.cmseniorcenters.org/tyvolaclasses.htm#September>

### **Landlord Property Management Class presented by CMPD**

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department will be conducting a **free Landlord/Property Manager Training Class on Wednesday, September 24th 2014**, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. The location of the Training will be at the **Charlotte Police and Fire Training Academy** located at **1770 Shopton Road, Charlotte, NC 28217**.

Various presenters will cover topics such as Charlotte's Rental Ordinance, eviction proceedings in NC, code requirements and fire safety tips. Please make plans to attend this training opportunity for all owners and managers that have rental properties in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

For further information and/or if interested in attending please contact the rental analysts at 704-432-6044 or [rentalunit@cmpd.org](mailto:rentalunit@cmpd.org). Please RSVP by September 17th.

### **Wedgewood Farmers Market**

Located at 4800 Wedgewood Drive (intersection of Tyvola Rd and Wedgewood, the Farmers Market is open **Wednesday Noon-6:00 and Saturday from 9:00-2:00**. Come out and enjoy local food and vendors!

### **Disc golf tournament and Movie in the Park**

Since the August HOA meeting we have had interest in moving forward with a disc golf tournament in the fall so we will continue to keep you updated once we have sponsors and a date/time for the event!

Due to the lack of sponsorship we will have to table the Movie in the Park until Spring-Summer 2015. As a reminder, cost for this event will be \$1,500-2,000 (covering the movie license, rental space at Madison Central Park, Required liability insurance, CMPD participation from 2 officers, and the event provider for the screen). The HOA Board will revisit this as an option next year should sponsorship become available.

Thanks to those who were willing to support and volunteer...we will reach out again next year!

If you would like to sponsor either event please contact us at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com) with the subject "Event sponsor" and we will be happy discuss options.

Thanks in advance!

### **Pinewood Elementary & Madison Park Partnership**

**Community Fall Festival (Saturday, October 18, 10:00 – 2:00)** As stated at previous HOA meetings, Madison Park HOA has partnered with Pinewood Elementary PTA to co-host this years Fall Festival at Pinewood Elementary. The Fall Festival will include local arts and crafts vendors, school tours, local business providers, banking educational offerings, as well as the "fun stuff" - bouncy houses, games and outdoor activities for the entire family.

We invite individuals and business to Sponsor and Volunteer for the event so please contact Valerie Delby at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com) for more information.

Also needed are:

- 1) Small toys and/or school supplies that may be used as Prizes for the games. Please contact Valerie Delby at the email above to setup a location for pickup/drop off of any donated items.
- 2) Any local craft vendors who would like to display and sell their work at the event.

As stated at previous HOA meetings, this will be our first combined event which incorporates elements of National Night Out and the schools Fall Festival into one community event and we hope to hold it annually! It will be an afternoon of fun for everyone!

### **School Supply Drive**

Though the school year has started, Pinewood Elementary continues to run their supply drive and would like to invite Madison Park to participate! Please take a look at their supply list (link below) to see what is needed. You may drop off purchases at the school in the in the office.

[http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/pinewoodES/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/25/Pinewood\\_School\\_Supply\\_List\\_2014-2015.pdf](http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/pinewoodES/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/25/Pinewood_School_Supply_List_2014-2015.pdf)

Thanks for your continued participation!

**For volunteer opportunities during the standard school year** please reach out to the administrator at 980-343-5825 and they will be happy to assist!

**Thanks again to the Madison Park community for supporting all of the events and school programs!**

### **Membership Dues**

You may pay dues via **PayPal, Postal Service on in person** at the monthly HOA meeting. For new members, please fill out the application (link below) and email or mail back to the HOA for processing. Membership is only \$20 per household per year.

Thanks to everyone who has updated their memberships this year and thanks in advance to those who will have it on the way soon!

#### ***Application and PayPal (payment option):***

##### ***On-line through PayPal:***

[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison\\_Park/pages/522222](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/pages/522222) (hold "ctrl" key down before clicking).

Note: membership is \$21 through PayPal.

##### ***Postal Service:***

Madison Park HOA, PO Box 242432, Charlotte, NC 28224

Please include a member application, which you will find at [http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison\\_Park](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park) (hold "ctrl" key down before clicking) then click on "2014 HOA Membership Application" under Documents & Pages.

For questions please contact us at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com)

### **Treasurers Report**

For August 11, 2014 through September 7, 2014, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 3,603.43
Deposits	240.36 dues
Deposits	250.00 sponsorships
Payments	- 43.65
Ending balance	\$ 4,050.14

Traffic Calming Funds in the amount of \$1,253.80 continue to be held by CDOT. The funds are earmarked for vinyl replacements on our signs in the future.

### **In Closing**

The floor was open to any follow-up questions/concerns from the attendees and none were presented therefore we adjourned the meeting.

There were 24 residents in attendance, including a Officer Mohammad.

Thanks to everyone who attended!