

	Subject:	Madison Park Homeowners' Association Meeting		
	Date:	February 9, 2015		
	Time:	7:00 p.m.		
	Location:	Pinewood Elementary Media Center		
	Presenters:			
	President:	Douglas Welton	Attendance:	
		Perry Mixter, VP of Development Arts & Science Council Ken Joyner, Assessor for Mecklenburg County	32 attendees 1 CMPD officer 1 Code officer	
http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/				

Welcome

President welcomed all attendees to meeting and outlined meeting structure

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Doug asked for any new attendees to be acknowledged, none were noted.

Membership reminder

All were reminded that dues are **\$20 ANNUALLY** and cover January – December. Our membership dues pay for our expenses such as events, PO Box, postage, supplies, and rentals. Each resident is encouraged to pay in person or on-line via pay-pal from our webpage: <http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/membership/>

Sponsor Recognition

These businesses have donated to our organization to help offset expenses for events; don't forget to support them whenever you can.

Platinum: Auto Bell

Gold: Spectrum Residential, The Beth Smith Shuey Team @ Keller Williams Realty

Silver: Dry-Pro, Queens University, Carolina Pest Management and the Angel Agency

Announcements and Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt-a-Street Roadside Cleanup Days will be held semi-annually on the FIRST SATURDAY of March and October. Our first cleanup of the year will be March 7th beginning at 9:00 am. We will meet in the Marion Diehl parking lot that is closest to Tyvola. For more information, contact Margaret Sexton at secretary@madisonparkcharlotte.org Remember, the more people who show up and help, the quicker the job gets done.

The Scaleybark branch of the Charlotte Mecklenburg library has two book clubs that are of interest to our neighbors: The adult club is called "Between the Covers Book Club" and meets on 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30PM. The teen club is called "Journey into the Mystery Book Club" and meets on 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:30PM. For more info:

www.cmlibrary.org

AARP and the Tyvola Senior Center are partnering to provide no-charge tax assistance for those who qualify. Call 980.314.1320 for more info or on the web:

<http://www.cmseniorcenters.org/tyvolaclass.htm>

The Madison Park 2nd Friday Social will be this Friday February 13th at Librettos, 1600 Woodlawn starting at 5:30. Come out, meet your neighbors enjoy a beverage and some appetizers.

Pinewood Elementary needs donations for the school nurse, such as hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Lysol, etc. They are also in need of Office volunteers from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. More information can be obtained from their website:

<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/pinewoodES/Pages/Default.aspx>

During February you can adopt a Pit Bull for only \$10. See animals.cmpd.org for more details.

Registration for 2015 summer camps is now open. Camps are offered for youth and teens at affordable rates and include aquatics camps, nature camps, sports camps and much more. For more info www.parkandrec.com

Matt Magnasco will be heading up our efforts with the NeighborWoods Program. NeighborWoods is a community tree planting initiative aimed at keeping our tree canopy healthy and beautiful while achieving Charlotte's goal of having 50 percent tree canopy coverage by 2050. A collaboration between the City of Charlotte and TreesCharlotte, this community-based initiative is one strategy in a toolbox of measures intended to facilitate the planting of 15,000 trees in our community each year. If you are interested in helping Matt, send an e-mail to info@madisonParkCharlotte.org

Madison Park Book Club will hold an Inaugural meeting on February 24th (4th Tuesday) at Charlotte Café beginning at 6:30 PM. Gay Hurst informed us there is no cost to use the room at Charlotte Café; attendees should plan on eating dinner there to cover the costs of using the room. The organizational meeting will consist of introductions, with each attendee asked to bring a book. The group will decide on 10 books to read and discuss in 2015. This is open to all Madison Park residents both male / female. For more information, contact Gay at gay.hurst@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

For January 12, 2015 through February 9, 2015, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 6,365.53
Deposits	\$ 286.36 membership dues
Payments	- 151.05 Little Free Library supplies
Payments	- 55.91 Public Storage
Payments	- 250.00 Website maintenance – ½ year
Ending balance	<u>\$ 6,194.93</u>

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.

Community Reports

Officer Shabeer Mohammad presented the crime reports statistics from January 12 – February 9, 2015 from CMPD. He reported that CMPD had made 43 traffic stops in the area over the last month as well as a number of speed zone checks. He reminded us they are policing the community whether we actually see them or not. There was some discussion as to when to call 911; **if it looks suspicious call 911**, you can choose whether you want follow up.

Type	Select
Geography	Neighborhoods
Area	Madison Park, Madison Park, Pinewood ES
Layer	Reported Incidents
Category	Index Offenses (Part I)
Data	For Public Release
Date Range	1/12/2015 - 2/8/2015

Incident Type	Frequency
Residential Burglary	2
Larceny from Auto	1
Larceny from Building	1
Larceny of Bicycle	1
Total	5

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20150122-2224-04	22-JAN-2015	4600 HALSTEAD DR	Residential Burglary
20150125-1740-00	25-JAN-2015	5200 FURMAN PL	Larceny from Building
20150128-1948-00	28-JAN-2015	5000 FURMAN PL	Larceny of Bicycle
20150201-0758-02	01-FEB-2015	600 SANDRIDGE RD	Residential Burglary
20150205-1822-02	05-FEB-2015	700 BROCKBANK RD	Larceny from Auto

Dennis Whittington from Code Enforcement talked to us about what he does and how he canvases the neighborhood. He looks for signs to be 11' feet off the street, parking on lawns, dilapidated buildings, roll out containers violations, yard waste infractions, abandoned vehicles, neglect of property, bulky / junk items and tall weeds and grass.

Neighbors are reminded to take a look at the sign ordinance before posting anything in their front yard. More info:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/nbs/CodeEnforcement/Pages/SignOrdinanceFAQs.aspx>

President's Report

The Little Free Library was installed on February 7th at 615 Gentry Place. Thanks to Valerie Delby, Richard Todd and Russell Hodge. Go by, check it out and get a book to read.

Over 200 people attended the Cross Charlotte Trail meeting at Queens University field house on January 27th. Notes from the January 27th meeting are available online at

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/charlottefuture/CIP/Pages/Cross-Charlotte-Trail.aspx>

Storm Water Services held a meeting on January 26th to discuss the new Floodplain maps that take effect on February 24th. If you have questions about how this will affect your property, check out the following link: <http://mapserver.mecklenburgcountync.gov/fmr/>

Pinewood Partners met on February 5th. Irene Romero of Freedom School will speak to us in a few months about volunteer opportunities. More info: <http://freedomschoolpartners.org>

Heidi, Margaret and I met on February 8th to begin developing 2015 sponsor strategy.

Jim Sanders and I are beginning the process of streamlining and consolidating our different online communities. Stay tuned.

We have begun using MailChimp for our neighborhood-wide e-mail blast. When you receive one of these e-mails, please take time to update your subscriber settings (the link is at the bottom of the e-mail). With this additional information, we will be better able to bring you the most relevant e-mails possible with news about the neighborhood.

Several new development projects in the area will be affecting Madison Park over the next several years. Let's all be aware! Of particular interest, condo development at 620 and 700 East Woodlawn, Apartment development on Park Road, Office development adjacent to the Scaleybark Light Rail station.

I spoke with Chip Gallup to see if we can get an evaluation of what it would take to "tighten up" the intersection at Longwood and Bradbury. When resources are available, he'll see what he can find out for us. One attendee asked about the possibility of having a cross walk at the intersection; Mr. Gallup will have to see what will work best for the intersection.

Valerie is finishing up work on a Communications and Marketing grant that would support our partnership with Pinewood elementary. That grant is due on February 15th. More info to follow once the grant is approved.

Street light plan was briefly discussed, if you are interested in assisting on this project, please contact Douglas Welton at president@madisonparkcharlotte.org

Guest Speakers

Perry Mixer, Vice President of Development @ The Arts and Science Council

Mr. Mixer spoke to us about what the organization does, they donate over \$13,000,000 to 26 cultural partners in Charlotte-Mecklenburg that give everyone an opportunity to enjoy a vibrant cultural life. More than half the budget goes to provide operating funds for organizations that are essential to our cultural core; from helping to pay the salaries of professional performers to keeping the lights on in museums. Charlotte-Mecklenburg's cultural sector generates \$202.8 million annually, supports 6,240 full-time jobs, generates \$18.1 million in local and state government revenues and provides more than 3.9 million customer experiences.

With a \$50 contribution, you receive a Connect with Culture card which provides exclusive offers from various cultural organizations. For more information you may contact asc@artsandscience.org

Ken Joyner, Assessor for Mecklenburg County

Mr. Joyner spoke to us about the recently mailed out notices of valuation that had gone out to our residents. He has been employed as Mecklenburg Tax Assessor since October 2013; prior to that, he taught appraisal at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

He gave us a history of the 2011 Reappraisal. North Carolina General Statutes requires each county to conduct a county-wide reappraisal of all property every eight years. The process has two objectives: value properties at current market prices as of the date of the reappraisal, and equitably distribute the cost of local government among all property owners. Prior to the 2011, the last revaluation for Mecklenburg County was in 2003; thus the county was required by state law to have another no later than 2011. In response to concerns about 2011 property values (due to the Great Recession), the NC General Assembly required a total and complete review of all properties in Mecklenburg County. In September 2013 Pearson's Appraisal Services

was hired as an independent contractor to conduct the review. The review began in October 2013 and expected to be complete in February 2015.

Properties with an increase in value may receive a bill for additional taxes with no penalties. Properties with a decrease in value may be due a refund with interest from the date the original taxes were paid. The county has processed approximately 177,000 refunds and 64,000 additional tax bills.

Historically Mecklenburg County has conducted reappraisals more often than the required eight year period to avoid drastic property value changes that occur in the market over an eight year period. With the additional work required of the 2011 appraisal it is felt the next reappraisal for Mecklenburg County would not occur before 2018. One resident addressed the concern of flood zone properties in the neighborhood being unfairly valued at the same lot valuation of those parcels outside flood zones. Mr. Joyner requested the HOA secretary send email a list of which streets are in the flood zone and the office would review to verify that issue was addressed in the valuation.

Reminders

- Next General Meeting will be Monday March 9th @ 7:00 pm at Pinewood Elementary.
Scheduled speakers: Meg Fencil of Sustain Charlotte and Karen Howard from the Gifted Gardener Program.
- Next Neighborhood Social will be on March 13th at Jeff's Bucket Shop, 1600 Montford Drive, starting at 5:30 pm.
- For additional information see us on the web at www.madisonparkcharlotte.org

Closing

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM