

	Subject:	Madison Park Homeowners' Association Meeting	
	Date:	July 13, 2015	
	Time:	7:00 p.m.	
	Location:	Pinewood Elementary Media Center	
	President:	Douglas Welton	Attendance:
	Presenters:	Tim Porter, Interim City Arborist, City of Charlotte	45 attendees 4 CMPD officer 1 Code officer

Welcome

President Welton, opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance

Recognition of Visitors

There were several Madison Park residents who were first time attendees living on Murrayhill.

Membership Reminder

Dues are \$20 / year / household 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/>. Please help improve the quality of life in Madison Park by paying your dues and encouraging your neighbors to pay theirs.

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Announcements

- Freedom School Partners still needs volunteers for the summer session at Pinewood, which runs through July 29th. To sign up or find out more info, follow this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e48a8af29ab9-pinewood2>
- Park Road, between Seneca and Cortland, will be reduced to one lane this weekend to accommodate utility work in the southbound lanes.
- Mark October 3rd on your calendars. We will need lots of volunteers for several neighborhood cleanup-related projects. We will be doing our semi-annual roadside cleanup on Tyvola. We will be doing an entire-park cleanup at Madison Central Park; and we will be implementing our Keep Charlotte Beautiful grant project as well.
- Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Park and Recreation Month. Events include a jazz concert at Freedom Park on July 18 and live music every Wednesday night at Romare Bearden Park.
- The Madison Park Book Club is reading *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty. They will meet to discuss it on July 28th (fourth Tuesday) at 6:30 pm in the side room of Charlotte Café in Park Road Shopping Center.
- The Tyvola Senior Center is offer programs on cooking (July 21st), Chair Yoga (Thursdays starting August 6th), and Pilates (Tuesdays starting August 4th). For more information on what's available, check out this link: <http://charmec.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Facilities/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx>
- The Madison Park Parents group is looking for parents to help plan and coordinate group activities. If you'd like to be a part of the fun, contact Emily Bartlett at emilyannebartlett@icloud.com
- On Sunday, June 28th about 25 neighbors met at Madison Central Park for a pickup Kickball Game; fun was had by all and the game ended in a tie (7-7). Look for possibly another game to occur when the weather is cooler.

- The next 2nd Friday Social for August will be at ??? on Friday August 14th starting at 5:30 pm. (hopefully Cantina 1511.....**NOT YET CONFIRMED**) Look for more information on our web page: <http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/activitiesevents/>

Community Reports

Dennis Whittington from Code Enforcement asked if anyone had any questions regarding codes; one resident asked about trees hanging over street /sidewalks. If trees / shrubs are on homeowner's property and branches are impeding walking on a sidewalk then Code Enforcement can request the branches be trimmed back by the homeowner as this is a violation of the city codes. If the tree is on city property, (not private property) then one should call 311 for the city arborist to handle. For more information regarding code enforcement contact Dennis at dwhittington@ci.charlotte.nc.us.gov

Officer Shabeer Mohammad from CMPD also brought Captain Tonya Harrington, Officer Mitchell, and Lieutenant Caviness to our meeting to introduce and address concerns. Lt. Caviness asked each of us to think about and report the TOP THREE concerns we have for our neighborhood to the board so the BOD may report them to him. The police are also trying to start a monthly dialogue for our area....more details to follow once all logistics are finished. The crime report for the last month was provide and noted we had not had anything since (all reports by BLOCK area, not actual address):

Incident Type	Frequency
Residential Burglary	7
Larceny from Auto	4
Auto Theft	1
Total	12

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20150609-1753-02	09-JUN-2015	1100 MOCKINGBIRD LN	Residential Burglary
20150610-2020-01	10-JUN-2015	4800 GILMORE DR	Residential Burglary
20150617-1558-06	17-JUN-2015	4900 ZEPHYR LN	Residential Burglary
20150625-1430-03	25-JUN-2015	700 COOPER DR	Residential Burglary
20150625-2137-01	25-JUN-2015	5600 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary
20150629-0726-04	29-JUN-2015	5200 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny from Auto
20150629-0735-00	29-JUN-2015	5300 MURRAYHILL RD	Auto Theft
20150629-0904-09	29-JUN-2015	5200 FURMAN PL	Larceny from Auto
20150629-1335-05	29-JUN-2015	4900 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny from Auto
20150701-2117-02	01-JUL-2015	800 MONTFORD DR	Residential Burglary
20150701-2308-01	01-JUL-2015	1000 MONTFORD DR	Residential Burglary
20150709-1148-01	09-JUL-2015	5500 WEDGEWOOD DR	Larceny from Auto

The officers stressed that they have a few leads on the burglaries and how important it for us to be aware of suspicious behavior / vehicles / persons in the area and to immediately report such to 911. They emphasized the importance of reporting details (dented vehicle, tattoos, and physical attributes) of anything that looks suspicious. Some tips on **How to reduce your chances of being the next victim:**

- Don't leave your garage door or storage sheds unsecured, even when you are at home. Thieves can remove items quickly without your knowledge.

- Make sure your house is well lit. Turn on outside lights, spotlights, motion lights, etc. Leave several lights on timers when you are away to give your home that lived in look.
- Keep all shrubbery trimmed. Do not allow shrubbery to conceal windows and doors.
- Remove anything a burglar could use to gain entry or to knock out a window or door: ladders, wood, tables and chairs, etc.
- If you are going away contact a trusted neighbor or friend to pick up your mail, newspaper and other deliverable items.
- Don't advertise new gifts or purchases. Break up cartons before leaving them at the curb or dispose of them another day.
- Document all serial numbers and description of items of value. Without this information your chances of recovery if stolen are significantly reduced.
- Call the police (911) if you notice anything suspicious
- If you see a burglar in action, get a good description of the burglar, the car and tag number. Write it down and call 911 immediately.

Treasurer's Report

For June 9 through July 13, 2015, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$4,131.83	
Deposits	200.36	membership dues
Deposits	1,037.27	Matching grant receipts
Payments	-777.66	Matching grant disbursements
Payments	- 40.00	Public Storage
Payments	-50.00	5-K Run permit
Ending balance	<u>\$ 4,501.80</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.

President's Report

- The Melrose Apartments, near the intersection of Park Road and Woodlawn, are being redeveloped. Members of the board and several neighbors met with the developer last month. I have asked the developer to come give an overview at an upcoming HOA meeting. I'm waiting for a response.
- Neighborhood and Business Services is holding a pre-application workshop for the annual fall Tree-banding grants. I'll be there on Wednesday to 15th to see what's up.
- Anyone interested in being on the board next year, contact me at president@madisonparkcharlotte.org.
- As a part of the Madison Park & Pinewood marketing and communications grant, we purchased yard signs to let folks know about our meetings. I have distributed 15 of the 20 signs.
- A RED CROSS Blood Drive will be held in connection with Community Fall Festival on October 17th at Pinewood Elementary.

Speaker

Tim Porter, Assistant City Arborist, City of Charlotte addressed the group about the importance of banding our trees against canker worm infestation. The worm's favorite food is the city's willow oaks but they will eat other deciduous tree leaves as well. The fall cankerworm is an insect native to North America. It is typically found from Georgia to Nova Scotia and west to Texas. It has a four stage life cycle: egg, pupa, larva (caterpillar) and adult. After mating in December, the female moths crawl up trees to lay their eggs on twigs and mall branches. As the trees leaf out in the spring, the eggs hatch leaving small green caterpillars to feed on the leaves. In most cases, the cankerworm will not kill the trees; however repeated defoliation can weaken trees and make them more susceptible to other stresses, such as age, drought, other insects and disease. Once they hatch in the spring, the cankerworms can balloon to other nearby trees. They are very light and can be blown from one tree to another. This is why it is important for neighbors to organize or "band together" when applying tree bands.

For the past 20 years, the cankerworm population in Charlotte has continued to grow. Natural controls have not been adequate to bring the cankerworms to a level that isn't harmful to our tree canopy. Aerial spraying in 1992, 1998 and 2008 and other natural factors reduced the population for several years. Entomologists cannot explain why the cankerworm populations continue to increase but the City's large concentration of old willow oaks may promote the infestation. Tree banding in November and December is an effective way of controlling the cankerworm. By applying a glue barrier to the tree trunk, the wingless cankerworm moths are trapped as they climb the tree. For best results, trees should be banded around the last week of November. It is important to wait until most leaves have fallen from the trees so they don't get stuck to the tree bands. He also instructed us to cut off the bands in early spring (early March). Last year staff discovered there is a beetle in the area which feeds on cankerworms. The predator is the Fiery Searcher Beetle, which grows to more than an inch long and will climb trees to get to the caterpillars. These beetles have been known to eat hundreds of caterpillars a day. For more information about tree banding and cankerworms, you may contact Tim at tporter@charlotte.nc.gov or: <http://www.charmeck.org/city/charlotte/epm/Services/Landscaping/Pages/fall%20cankerworm.aspx>

July Meeting reminders

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, August 10th at 7:00 pm. Speakers will include someone from Animal Care and Control.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM