

	Subject:	Madison Park Homeowners' Association Meeting	
	Date:	August 10, 2015	
	Time:	7:00 p.m.	
	Location:	Pinewood Elementary Media Center	
	President:	Douglas Welton	Attendance:
	Presenters:	Kalei Salazar, Animal Care & Control, City of Charlotte	43 attendees 3 CMPD 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 from Murrayhill, Farmbrook, Wedgewood and Furman.

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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Community Reports

We have yet to the feedback from Lt. Caviness regarding the top 3 concerns of the neighborhood. Officer Shabeer Mohammad from CMPD began by introducing Officer Lopez who also works in our neighborhood and speaks Spanish. She will be a great help with the South Boulevard corridor. He then gave us the following crime report for the neighborhood. Two of the residential burglaries (Wedgewood & Halstead) were copper thefts from homes being renovated in the neighborhood.

He reminded us **IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY**. When the theft is not reported until hours later, the chances of catching a perpetrator is dramatically decreased. There was also a reminder that homeowners with alarm systems need to register the alarm system with the police department so the police are aware when the alarm has been activated.

All reports are reported by Street Block and NOT the actual street address.

Incident Type	Frequency	Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
Residential Burglary	6	20150714-1145-02	14-JUL-2015	400 SENECA PL	Residential Burglary
Armed Robbery	1	20150714-2218-06	14-JUL-2015	500 E WOODLAWN RD	Armed Robbery
Larceny from Auto	1	20150717-2221-02	17-JUL-2015	4600 BAYBERRY DR	Residential Burglary
Larceny of Bicycle	1	20150724-0849-01	24-JUL-2015	5000 WEDGEWOOD DR	Residential Burglary
Total	9	20150727-2249-04	27-JUL-2015	800 E WOODLAWN RD	Larceny of Bicycle
		20150731-0120-00	31-JUL-2015	5000 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary
		20150731-0941-04	31-JUL-2015	4400 HALSTEAD DR	Residential Burglary
		20150806-1739-00	06-AUG-2015	1000 MOCKINGBIRD LN	Larceny from Auto
		20150806-2352-01	06-AUG-2015	5000 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary

President Welton reminded us to attend some of the remaining “Cops and Barbers” town hall meetings around the city. If we, as citizens, are interested in learning more about what the police department does for our community, we are encouraged to attend the fall 2015 Citizens Academy. For more information: <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CMPD/organization/Administrative/PoliceTrainingAcademy/Pages/Citizens%20Academy.aspx> or call 704-432-1655 or email at mwilliams2@cmpd.org for more information.

Announcements

- Erik Turner, the new principal at Sedgefield Middle School attended our meeting to say hi and introduce himself. Erik is a native Charlottean and the son of two principals, both his mother and father were principals in CMS. He holds a master's degree and originally became a 7th Grade Social Studies teacher after graduating from college. He left teaching to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a fireman and later went back into the education field. He has worked for Communities in School where he taught kids work force readiness skills. He also worked for Citizens in School where students identify what they want to do in life and then work with a professional in that profession for ten weeks. He realized he could do more for kids if he became an administrator in the school system, he believes kids need BOTH a safe and rigorous learning environment. He has hired a number of teachers and has restructured the classes to eliminate opportunities for kids to leave the campus. Sedgefield also houses Montessori program for 6-8th grade and operates as a school within a school. His goal is for Sedgefield to become a premier Middle School of Choice. In Charlotte, kids may attend a public school of choice, a charter school or a private school. For more information you may contact him at erikm.turner@cms.k12.nc.us
- CMS students return to class on August 24th. If you are driving in the neighborhood, please be aware of buses, as well as students biking and walking to school.
- Madison Park is again applying for Neighborhood Matching Grant for Tree Banding. The grant is limited to \$3000, in order to allow 300 Madison Park trees to be banded; the HOA Board will allow homeowners to send application for grant funds BEFORE **AUGUST 21st** on a first come, first serve basis. Silver Duck Tree Banding Service will charge \$40/tree for banding, applying the glue (tanglefoot) and removal of the band in the spring. The grant will cover \$10/tree and the homeowner is responsible for the remaining \$30/tree (**25% saving**). Each homeowner is limited to two trees for grant payment (others may be banded at the \$40/tree rate). The needed form may be downloaded here: <http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Treebanding-Interest-Form-Final.pdf>
- Mark October 3rd on your calendars. We will need lots of volunteers for several neighborhood cleanup-related projects. Work will begin at 9 AM and the more volunteers we have the faster we will finish with the work. We will be doing our semi-annual Adopt A Street 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.
- **Saturday, October 17th** is the date of our annual **Community Fall Festival** held in partnership with Pinewood Elementary. The event will be held at the front entrance of Pinewood Elementary and Madison Central Park from 10AM until 2 PM. There will be games, sponsor booths, raffles, food and fun for the entire family. Come out and learn about some of our neighborhood businesses and services, let the kids play some games, enter in some of the raffle drawing, meet your neighbors and grab a bite to eat. This FUN event replaces the HOA's past participation in National Night Out with proceeds going to Pinewood PTA.....Looking forward to seeing you there! If your business is interested in helping to sponsor this GREAT neighborhood event, please contact Valerie Delby, vdelby@hotmail.com; Heidi Dopp, vp@madisonparkcharlotte.org; or Margaret Sexton, secretary@madisonparkcharlotte.org

- Neighborhood and Business Services is now taking nominations for the 2015 Neighborhood Leadership Awards. Nominations will be accepted thru August 19th. Awards are given in several categories. Contact Elizabeth Mitchell at enmitchell@charlottenc.gov for more details.
- The Madison Park Book Club is reading *Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League* by Jonathan Odell. They will meet to discuss it on August 25th (fourth Tuesday) at 6:30 pm in the side room of Charlotte Café in Park Road Shopping Center. For more information about the book club, contact Gay Hurst at Gay.hurst@gmail.com
- The Tyvola Senior Center is having a sing along with Celia on Wednesday August 19th at 1:00 pm; a picnic at the Marion Diehl Pavilion of August 26th); and a sightseeing cruise at Lake Norman on the Catawba Queen. For more information on what's available, check out this link: <http://charmec.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Facilities/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx>
- Yard Art Day is September 7th. For more info: see <http://www.yardartday.org/>
- Beginning this week, Madison Park and Montclair neighbors south of Tyvola will have collection of trash, yard waste, and bulk on Thursdays. On the north side of Tyvola, trash will be picked up on Wednesday. Neighbors on the South side of Tyvola will have the new Thursday pickup.
- The Mecklenburg Cooperative Extension offers the class "Build Your Own Raised Bed" on Thursday, August 20th from 5:30 till 7:30 pm. The class will be held in the Demonstration Garden @ 1418 Armory Drive. Preregistration is required. For more information: <http://mecklenburg.ces.ncsu.edu/events/> or https://apm.activecommunities.com/mecklenburgparks/Activity_Search/build-your-own-raised-bed/19601
- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at The Roasting Company on Friday August 14th starting at 5:30 pm

Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Mitch Jackson, gave the following accounting of funds:
For July 14 through August 10, 2015, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 4,501.80	
Deposits	\$ 220.27	membership dues
Payments	- 47.00	Public Storage
Payments	<u>--93.31</u>	Admin expenses
<u>Ending balance</u>	<u>\$ 4,581.76</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

- Diane Gunter, a long-time support of the Madison Park HOA died on August 1st. She had long been a tireless volunteer for our annual Holiday Social. The HOA has made a donation in her name to the Humane Society of Charlotte.
- The Melrose Apartments, near the intersection of Park Road and Woodlawn, are being redeveloped. The developer has a required community meeting on August 5th. I have asked the developer to come speak to the HOA at the September meeting.

- Grubb Properties has filed for a rezoning of the block of Park Road between Abbey Place and Mockingbird. I met with the developer last week. Their rezoning has been filed, but is not currently available online. I have asked the developer to come speak to the HOA at the September meeting.
- Sedgefield Middle School Partners. Need a volunteer to help with road cleanup project. The volunteer would be in charge of completing the Adopt A Street reports and filing with the city of Charlotte as well as making sure all volunteers have pick up sticks, bags, gloves and safety vest and collection of the items after the pickup.
- Blood Drive - I met with Gary Shuey and Pinewood principal Ms. Pegram to try and set up a blood drive to coincide with the Community Fall Festival on October 17th. Unfortunately, that date was already booked for another Red Cross Blood Drive. I'm investigating a date in the spring.

Speakers

Kalei Salazar, with Animal Care & Control which is part of CMPD. She is from Hawaii and has lived in Charlotte for a number of years. The department's main concern is the control of rabies in our community. Make sure your animals (dogs, cats, ferrets) are vaccinated and licensed.

Animal Control was established in Charlotte-Mecklenburg in 1944. In 1983, the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County consolidated the animal control agencies, and a new agency began functioning. In 2007, City Council renamed the department to Animal Care & Control Division to better reflect community outreach efforts towards animal welfare. Some of the services it provides are:

- FREE Spay and Neuter Services by appointment
- FREE Rabies vaccinations on the second Saturday of every month
- LOW Cost microchip clinics available throughout the year
- Pet Food Bank which assist families experiencing financial difficulties with food for their pets, so they may keep their pets
- Humane Education offers programs on bite prevention and responsible pet ownership
- Organization partners with 124 rescue group to promote pet adoption

Officer Salazar also offered information on local ordinances and laws. The leash law REQUIRES all dogs to be on a leash when NOT on the owner's premises. Invisible fencing is required to be posted and working so passersby are assured an animal is contained within the premise. Permits are required for livestock and when 3 or more animals live outside on a property. For more information you may contact her at dsalazar@cmpd.org

September Meeting reminders

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm. Speakers will include representatives from Grubb Properties and the folks doing the Melrose Place re-development.

Our September 2nd Friday Social will be at the Tiki Hut on Woodlawn Road (underneath Jason's Deli) on September 11th starting at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM