

Welcome

of attendees: 25

Recognition of Visitors: 1 first time visitor from Wedgewood

Membership Reminder Announcements

- The Madison Park Book Club is reading The Submission by Amy Waldman. They will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday, July 25th at 6:30 pm in the side room of Charlotte Cafe in Park Road Shopping Center
- The Madison Park Running group meets in the parking lot at Pinewood on Tuesdays at 6:30 for a sweat filled romp thru the neighborhood. Runners and walkers of all skill levels are welcomed.
- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at Sir Edmund Halley's in Park Road Shopping Center on Friday July 14th starting at 6:00 pm
- Ruth Tansill announcements:
 - **THANK YOU** to the most generous, kind neighborhood in Charlotte!! More than \$1,000 was raised to support flags throughout the neighborhood for the 4th of July holiday. You're awesome!
 - Go to <https://way2gocht.com> and look for the Madison Park team to log your clean commutes between June 1 and July 31, 2017.
 - Be on the lookout for information regarding a book drive benefiting Habitat for Humanity and Luminaries for the holidays.

Community Reports

2 residential burglaries

1. 6/23 – Tyvola Rd. – House was broken into through a window.
 - a. Between Madison Park and Starmount there have been 6 burglaries in the past 28 days that are being investigated.
2. Brockbank – House under renovation. General contractor there and resident not. Resident came back and the side door was open and a gun was also missing. The key box was also unlocked at the scene so they are still evaluating.

#MoTip: Keep track of your serial numbers on TVs, Weapons, etc. If something is stolen this helps track merchandise that may be handled through pawn shops.

Note: Brian Skeslock – Brookdale Ave. (Starmount) warrant served on this gentleman for burglary. Because Madison Park and Starmount neighborhoods are so close they are will not rule him out on cases Police are actively investigating. Also, the names of the 3 suspects from last month's B&Es in Madison Park will also be used to compare prints or details for future events.

1 larceny from auto

2 vehicles broken into on Wedgewood. The report was made through the non-emergency police service (NEPS) – online report – so the scene was not processed.

#MoTip: Call 911 to report any crimes in our neighborhood to ensure that appropriate processing can be completed.

#MoTip: Double check that your car is locked each night. Hit the lock button once from inside your house before your go to bed. Take your keys with you to bed. If anyone did break into your home in the middle of the night you can hit the panic button on your car to draw attention to your residence.

Panhandlers: **Request for neighbors: do not** give these folks money, please. If you want to help these folks out, give them a bottle of water or food. Do not give them money.

#MoTip: To make your home a less desirable target for criminals install cameras or alarm systems, get a dog or two, keep shrubbery clean around your home, do not leave windows open.

One neighbor requested Londonderry be added as a hot spot for vehicles running stop signs. Officer Mohammad will pass this along.

You may contact Officer Mohammad at smohammad@cmpd.org.

Dennis Whittington – Code Enforcement

Update on Murrayhill property discussed at June 2016 meeting. Currently waiting on Superior Court hearing.

You can contact Dennis Whittington anytime at dwhittington@ci.charlotte.nc.us.

Treasurer's Report

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| WF Balance | | 3339.18 |
| June 2-30 | | |
| | 2-Jun Dues Received | 261.17 |
| | 3-Jun Dues Received | 40 |
| | 13-Jun Dues Received | 40 |
| | 5-Jun Public Storage | -55 |
| | 30-Jun Monthly Service Fee | -14 |
| | 12-Jun Fatcow | -155.4 |
| | 13-Jun Eric Stenstrom | -142.09 |
| MP Balance | | 3313.86 |

Note from Carly: We do have the check in hand from the city for the 2016 tree banding efforts. Carly will have that deposited and available as part of the August meeting minutes. Carly will be attending the 2017 tree banding seminar on Wednesday, July 12 to prepare us for submitting an application for this year's tree banding initiative.

President's Report

- Jason Roberts, the Organizer of the Better Block Project - an organization focused on helping local communities use their ideas, talents, and resources to make positive changes in their neighborhood will be speaking tomorrow July 11th at the McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square at 345 North College Street. The event starts at 6:00 pm.

Speakers

- Laura Reid Dukes, Assistant City Arborist

Laura did open her discussion fielding questions from neighbors about canker worms and the tree banding efforts across the city. We did have a very mild canker work population in 2017 and entomologists believe this is due to the mild winter we had followed by the freeze in February. It is still important that we continue banding efforts to keep the canker work population in our neighborhood at bay.

The heart of Laura's talk was about the Emerald Ash Borer. The federal government recently confirmed that pockets of Charlotte are positive for Emerald Ash Borer beetles.

This beetle was first found in 2002 in Detroit, MI. It's a small beetle that is bright metallic green. They only lay eggs on ash trees. The baby grubs eat or "girdle" the nutrient dense layer of the tree and the tree can't move water and nutrients from the roots up or from the leaves down. Once infested it takes 8-10 years for the tree to die. It dies from the top down.

This beetle is native to Japan and China. In their native countries this beetle isn't killing trees like they do here because the trees have natural defenses and they have wasps that keep the species in check. Wasps have been released in the U.S. to help combat these beetles. Woodpeckers will eat them, but it isn't enough to impact the beetle population.

If you do have an ash tree in your yard, there are insecticides that can be used to treat the tree. There are 2 modalities for treating your ash trees; one method is having a certified arborist inject the pesticide in the tree and the second neighbors can do on their own. You can get the materials at your local Lowe's or Home Depot.

This year's tree banding grant application process will also include funds for the Emerald Ash Borer beetle. Neighborhoods will still get \$3,000. Money can be split between both canker work and emerald ash borer treatments or neighborhoods can pick a single population (canker worm or Emerald Ash Borer beetle) to treat. Carly will learn about this new option at this week's tree banding grant seminar. (Thank you Carly!!!!)

More details about the beetle and management of ash trees at risk can be found here:

<http://charlottenc.gov/Engineering/LandscapeManagement/Trees/Pages/EAB.aspx>

August Meeting reminders

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, August 14th at 7:00 pm. Speakers will include the candidates for Charlotte Mayor, City Council District #6, City Council At-large and CMS Board of Education District #5.

Our July 14th Friday Social will be at Sir Edmund Halley's in Park Road Shopping Center starting at 6:00 pm.