

Welcome / Recognition of Visitors / Membership Reminder

Announcements

- The Madison Park Book Club (now Mad Book Club) will meet on Tuesday, January 23th at 6:30 pm at the Charlotte Cafe to select books for 2018. Bring a couple of selections that have read to present to the group.

For more info, contact Gay Hurst at gay.hurst@gmail.com

- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at The Old Mecklenburg Brewery, 4150 Yancey Rd, on Friday January 12th starting at 6:00 pm
- Update from Ruth Tansill:
 - Food Truck rally had 150 people approximately. Planning to do this again April – October 2018
 - Working on luminaries for New Year's Eve
 - There is a Go Fund Me page to raise the \$900 needed.
 - Plan to do LED lights vs. candles in the future

Community Reports

Summary

Incident Type	Frequency
Armed Robbery	1
Larceny from Auto	1
Larceny-Other	1
Total	3

Listing

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20171127-1743-06	27-NOV-2017	4700 LONGWOOD DR	Larceny from Auto
20171127-1921-01	27-NOV-2017	5800 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny-Other
20171129-1618-02	29-NOV-2017	4500 PARK RD	Armed Robbery

Tips from Officer Mohammad:

- Turn your blinds. It's getting dark earlier and folks driving through the neighborhood can see your tree and gifts and such through your windows.
- If you get a lot of packages from Amazon try the Amazon Drop Box/Lockers at the QT. Communicate with your neighbors if you're expecting anything big.

Treasurer's Report

Dec 1-Dec 31

4-Dec	Public Storage	-62
11-Dec	Dues	20.09
12-Dec	Tree Banding	1309.21
12-Dec	Dunkin Donuts	-6.16
12-Dec	Angel Tree	-221.79
MP Balance		8465.02
WF Balance		8465.02

President's Report

- About 20 folks showed up for the Madison Park Open House at Pinewood Elementary on the 14th of November. They met with the Principal Natasha Pegram and a number of the staff members and the PTA President. The visitors also got to tour the classrooms and see students "in action"
- Following presentations at our last two HOA meetings from Parks & Rec and the Queens University Sports Complex, I have reached out to Board of County Commission member Matthew Ridenhour to get his advice and influence on how to create a situation that works for the highest and best good of all parties.
- We are working with Kelsey Healey, the counselor at Pinewood Elementary, to provide contributions to

the Pinewood Angel Tree. We will be providing for 2 students, a boy and a girl. Using between \$200 and \$250.

- I have reached out to the neighboring communities of Montclair, Collingwood, Colonial Village, Freedom Park and Sedgefield in regards to creating a coalition of communities that may provide greater influence when addressing certain development and government issues.

Speakers

- Lee Keesler, CEO of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Libraries
 - Morrison library opens on December 16.
 - Lots of new amenities at this location including Starbucks coffee, multiple meeting areas that folks can rent/use, ample outdoor areas to sit and read/work, more electronics used to make your visit enjoyable.
 - Other features include co-working space, larger children's area on the bottom floor, larger teen area on the upper floor, automated materials handling (including RFID).
 - Next library to close is the North County library followed by the South County library for renovation and expansion.
 - Regarding the Scaleybank library. They rent that building and land now, but are looking for a much larger space for a larger library to support our area. Renovations will be coming in the future. Stay tuned....
 - Questions:
 - Total expense of expansion for Morrison library: \$800M total funding through a package approved in 2013
 - There is poor street lighting at the Scaleybank branch which makes it hard to visit as it's getting darker earlier now. He will mention that to the management company that owns the building.
 - When can we expect to see changes at the Scaleybank library? There is a large management company ready to renovate that whole corner. There will be disappointment if there isn't a solution for that branch in the next 12 months.
 - When will the Main library uptown be renovated? Work is being done now to redesign a new library in uptown to be built where the current library stands. Expect construction to start in early/mid 2020 and be in the new library in 2023.
- Chris Matthews, the Director of Mecklenburg County's Nature Preserves and Natural Resources Division
 - Coyotes are everywhere in Charlotte. Coyotes love the same type of environment that deer enjoy. There is no part of Charlotte where there are not coyotes.
 - Some fun facts:
 - The largest mammal predator on the east coast is your outdoor cat. Coyotes are bring things back into balance.
 - Coyotes are very smart – smarter than your average dog
 - They do not hunt in packs.
 - A female typically roams a 4 square mile radius while a male will roam a 15 square mile radius.
 - They find a mate and stick with them for life.
 - You are more likely to find a rabid cow in Charlotte than a rabid coyote (they are not likely rabies carriers).
 - We are actually the ones that opened the path for them to come here by building bridges across the Mississippi River.
 - Officer Mohammad confirmed that you cannot shoot a coyote in city limits therefore making their life expectancy in the city greater than those country coyotes. 😊
 - Coyotes are territorial. Once they are in an area their population stays pretty consistent. Chris doesn't expect them to become overpopulated like deer. When their populations start to max out for their range; females will have less pups.
 - There haven't been any reports of coydogs (coyote/dog mix) in Charlotte, but they are heard of. Coyotes are usually 35-50 lbs and coydogs are

usually 60+ lbs. If you think you've seen a coydog – call Animal Control.

- Myths about Coyotes:
 - You can expect to see coyotes only at night. This is wrong. You can expect to see them any time of day.
 - Coyotes hunt in packs. Wrong again. They hunt in singles or pairs.
 - Coyotes stalk folks in the neighborhood. This is likely untrue. They are not predators of humans. Throw something at them or make a loud noise and they will run away.
- Some ways to protect yourself and your pet:
 - If you run across a coyote make a loud noise, throw something at them. They are not looking to attack you.
 - Any indoor animals that you let outside become prey for the coyotes. There is no such thing as an “outdoor cat” that you want to keep. Keep your small/medium sized pets indoors and/or supervised when outside.
 - You can call a wildlife damage control agent if you feel that you have a coyote on your property.
 - CMPD Animal Control will respond to coyote calls if there is expected rabies or they ate a domestic animal.

January Meeting reminders

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, January 8th at 7:00 pm. Elections for the Board will be held at that time. Our speaker will include representatives from CATS to preview the opening of the Blue Line Extension and provide preliminary info about the CLT Airport connector.

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