

	Subject:	Madison Park Monthly Association Meeting	
	Date:	Monday, November 9th, 2009	
	Time:	7:30 p.m.	
	Location:	Wedgewood Baptist Church – Activity Center Annex –	
	Presenters:		
	Meeting Chair: Ken Davis	Attendee Count:	
		28 members	
	1 CMPD officer		
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/charlotte/madisonpk/			
Agenda:			

The officers and directors of the Madison Park Homeowners Association extend their condolences to our President, Ken Davis, on the death of his mom.

Welcome: Meeting brought to order by Ken Davis, President at 7:30pm

1. Crime Report – given by Officer Hairston

NOTE: Addresses where reported crimes occurred are denoted in the “hundred block of” the street.

- a. 5100 Grice Ct. Breaking and entering of shed – listed items stolen (11/1)
- b. 5100 Furman Pl. Breaking and entering of shed – listed items stolen (11/6)
- c. 5300 Glenham Dr. Hit and run damaged fence (11/7)
- d. 600 Woodlawn Breaking and entering of residence – security alarm sounded, intruder fled (10/13)
- e. 600 Ebb Pl. Breaking and entering of shed – listed items stolen
- f. 5100 Murrayhill Larceny from vehicle – GPS and firearm stolen (10/29)
- g. 5400 Murrayhill Larceny from vehicle – interior ransacked, nothing of value taken (10/29)
- h. 5100 Murrayhill Larceny from vehicle – interior ransacked, nothing of value taken (10/30)

Officer Hairston asked the neighborhood to report suspicious persons. He noted that a lack of such reports has deterred the ability of police to fight crime in the neighborhood. Specifically, be on the lookout for folks who are scoping out residences by driving by slowly more than once in fairly short intervals.

Officer Hairston noted that the crime rate in the Yorktown Apartments has declined substantially after two significant arrests: one involving a couple charged with breaking and entering apartments and another involving a man charged with rape.

Note to residents:

Cover the windows of your sheds with blinds or curtains.

Note to residents:

PLEASE do not leave valuables in your car, regardless of whether it is locked or not. This includes cell phones, i-Pods, GPS devices, CDs, etc. These items are easily portable for you, and also for thieves. If you must leave them in your car, please make sure they are not in plain sight; do everything you can to keep them from being visible to someone who walks up and looks in your car. Lock them in the trunk; put them in the glove box, or even better, take them inside your house and **always** lock your car! It takes only a few seconds to smash a window, unlock a door, and grab an item out of a car.

Cars parked on the street are especially vulnerable. But, items have been taken from cars parked in carports and driveways. So, no one is immune. Safeguard your property. If there are no items in your car to steal, eventually they will either stop trying or move to another neighborhood where people are more careless.

If you leave items in your car, or visible in your car, you are basically assuring that you will be the victim of a crime. We live in a very safe neighborhood; but, for anyone who is looking for something to steal, it takes very little temptation to make them do it!

1. Neighborhood Updates

a. All-Stops Update

In early October, CDOT completed their own mailing which informed residents [who received the initial (Wedgewood HOA) mailing] of the opportunity to appeal the installation of all-stops at Wedgewood and Murrayhill. Ken checked with Chip Gallup at CDOT and as of 11/03, there had been no responses from their mailing. Unless numerous objections are received in the next few days, the installation of the all-stops will proceed.

NOTE: Any additional “all-stops” requested by the neighborhood will have to be sponsored. Considering that the HOA spent in excess of \$80 to put together its mailing – postcards plus postage, and, considering that the HOA’s annual budget is around \$800 (i.e., the HOA expended 10% of its annual budget on one mailing), the HOA cannot continue to underwrite such expenses. If residents want to request an “all-stops” installation at a particular intersection, they will have to sponsor the mailing, at least in part.

b. City-wide Electronics Recycling Drive – Saturday, November 14th

The Charlotte Junior Chamber is teaming up with Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont to host a city-wide electronics recycling drive on November 14th.

Do you have an old computer stashed in your closet? What about an old cell phone, radio, or printer? Chances are you’re keeping them around simply because you don’t know what to do with them. Now’s your chance to rid your home of the clutter, help the environment, and help your friends and neighbors with the training they need to be successful in this tough job market.

This is a unique opportunity for the residents of Madison Park to help their neighbors find jobs, and save our landfills from growing waste.

Who: Charlotte Junior Chamber & Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont

What: City-wide Electronics Recycling Drive

Where: Park Road Shopping Center and 20+ Goodwill retail stores and donation sites in the Charlotte area

When: Saturday, Nov. 14th 9am – 9pm

Why: To support job training & keep electronics waste out of our landfills.

Items Goodwill accepts:

Monitors	Fax Machines	Printers	Old TVs
Keyboards	Typewriters	Stereo Systems	
VCRS	Photocopiers	Cell Phones	

All proceeds from donated items will help fund Goodwill’s employment and training programs, and all donations are tax deductible. You can learn more and also find a complete list of collection sites at www.goodwillsp.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jen Coates at jcoates43@gmail.com or (540) 664-6469. They would appreciate your support.

c. Rent Due to Woodlawn Baptist Church

Quarterly Rent is due to Woodlawn Baptist Church in the amount of \$75; I have asked Sue Valentine-Plyler to please issue a check to cover our rent for October, November & December.

d. Queens University Sports Complex – Loudspeaker Noise Complaint

Ken received an email from Jennifer Matz at Queens University, regarding a noise complaint that was received by the CMPD last week. CMPD showed up at the complex during an event, responding to a complaint that the loudspeaker system was too loud. This was the first event that we’ve had anyone have concerns – Ken was also able to hear the sound from his yard, but not inside his house. The HOA hopes that this is an isolated incident and that someone had just turned the system up too loud. Past events have not been a problem.

e. Norfolk-Southern Railroad Crossing – Recent Rework

The Norfolk-Southern Railroad Crossing between South Boulevard and Old Pineville Road has been updated. Repairs were made in the early summer to resolve issues with potholes. But, those repairs resulted in a 'hump' which required cars to slow down to a near stop before crossing the tracks, or risk becoming air born. Ken noticed on Saturday that work had been done sometime Thursday or Friday that leveled out that crossing; it is much improved. The entire crossing is scheduled for replacement in 2010; hopefully any needed maintenance will continue to be done until the crossing can be properly replaced.

f. Yorktown Apartments

Yorktown Apartments is cleaning up their act – painting and 'sprucing up' of the property appears to be taking place – we certainly welcome the new image.

g. Melrose Place/Woodlawn House Property

Ken received an email from a local resident as well as one from Board Director Matt Magnasco. Both expressed concern about an article in the Charlotte Business News regarding the Woodlawn House/Melrose Place properties near the intersection of Park Road and Woodlawn Road. The story stated that the properties were being sold by the developer who purchased Woodlawn House two years ago – Fairfield Development who had initially planned to demolish the structures on both properties and build a 302-unit apartment complex with pool, courtyard and five-level parking deck. As a result of the decline in the housing market, Fairfield dropped the project (along with letting their option for Melrose Place lapse) and started seeking a buyer for Woodlawn House.

Note: City Council voted on Monday night (11/9) to approve a request by The Charlotte Housing Authority for borrowing authority to acquire the Woodlawn House property and convert it into low-income housing for seniors.

The CHA has stated that it has no plans for this property to house anyone other than seniors.

h. Holiday Social – December 14th, 7:00 pm

Our Holiday Social will be held next month, on Monday, December 14th, at 7:00pm at Wedgewood Baptist Church Activity Center Annex. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. Please bring a dessert, appetizer or other holiday food to share. The HOA will provide a ham, potato salad, rolls and drinks. We do need a volunteer or two to help procure party favors, as well! Please come for fellowship and festivities and free food (your own !) and music and singing and . . . oh yes, come early to help set up or stay late to help clean up ! This is YOUR neighborhood association. Everyone is WELCOME – Renters and Homeowners alike. So, "Y'all Come. Hear?" Please do spread the word that THIS IS A PARTY, not a meeting.

2. Old Business**a. Installation of Speed Awareness Signs on Tyvola Road (near Smith Academy)**

The signs are scheduled to be installed within the next 2 weeks. They are a newer version and are programmable. They are capable of displaying different speed limits during different time periods. This means that they can remain active 24 hours a day. Previous versions were capable of displaying only one speed which restricted their "active status" to school zone times.

b. Street Lights for Baylor Dr. and Grice Ct.

[See details from 8/08 HOA meeting minutes.] The City of Charlotte Department of Transportation sent out post cards (11/9) to the residents on Baylor Drive and Grice Court alerting them that CDOT has authorized Duke Energy to install additional street lights on these two streets. The post card states that the work will be performed on the City of Charlotte's right of way. Residents are instructed to mark or flag any private object such as irrigations lines, invisible fencing, etc. Duke Energy or the City of Charlotte is NOT responsible for any damage caused to unmarked private buried objects during construction. You can view the streetlight design for Baylor Dr. and Grice Court at <http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/Transportation/About+Us/Streetlights.htm>

Click on Madison Park/Baylor Drive Lighting Plan...

Tags: [Street Lights](#)

3. New Business

- a. **Nominations for the 2010 Madison Park Homeowners Association Board of Directors and Officers:** Nominations in writing were received as follows:

President – Marty Doss
Vice President – Dee McCandlish
Treasurer – Cheryl Furr
Secretary – Ted Peters
Director – Jo Ann Means

Order of Elections:

Nominations from the floor were called and opened by the Secretary. Homeowners (i.e., per the Association bylaws, “voting members” of the HOA) in attendance did not present for nomination any further candidates. The Secretary then called for a motion to close nominations. So moved and seconded. The Secretary then called for a motion to vote on the slate of candidates for the positions as written above. So moved and seconded. Homeowners voted to accept the slate of candidates as written above as Officers (4) and Director (1) of the Madison Park Homeowners Association by acclamation. No dissenting votes as to a candidate or in general were recorded. The newly elected officers and director and continuing directors will assume their duties at the January 2010 meeting of the association.

- b. **Treasurer’s Report:** The HOA currently has \$1,134.20 in its account. The HOA has 14 paid members for 2010. If you have not already done so, please pay your 2010 dues – they are due each year, in January, but are accepted throughout the current year, renewing in January. Membership forms are available on the community resource table located at the back of the meeting room at each meeting, as well as online at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/charlotte/madisonpk/>. Payment of dues via credit card/Pay Pal through the neighborhoodlink website is \$21.00. In lieu of enrolling online, you may also complete an application at your convenience and mail it with your check for \$20.00 made payable to Madison Park HOA, PO Box 242432, Charlotte, NC 28244.

4. Open Discussion

- a. **Madison Park Street Signs**

Matt Magnasco sent an email to me earlier this month about the availability of ‘personalized’ street signs that are available for our neighborhood. Since we have no ‘signage’ of any type that denotes Madison Park’s boundaries, Matt suggested we consider applying for a Neighborhood Matching Grant that would cover the cost of installing signs along all of the streets that border our neighborhood. It would require approximately 35 signs – perhaps a few more, since some streets have signs on both sides. Costs would be as follows: For Large Signs – approximately \$2600; For Small Signs - \$1,225. This would help with our neighborhood identity and help instill a sense of community when people are driving through. Installation could be accomplished in stages. Neighbors might be willing to ‘sponsor’ their street and cover ½ the cost of the large sign. A generally positive discussion followed as photos of extant signs were passed to the members in attendance. [See attached photos of Colonial Village signs.]

- b. **Compost Bins for Sale – Saturday, November 21, 2009**

Association member, Lamar Gunter, spoke about the availability of compost bins for sale at the Hal Marshall Building. For details he referred interested HOA members to:
www.cboinc.com/mecklenburg.

- c. **Rain Barrels for Sale – Saturday, January 23, 2010**

Another member mentioned the quarterly sale of rain barrels also held at the Hal Marshall Building. For details see www.mecklenburgconservation.com. Look down the left side of the website page for “Rain Barrel Sale” and click on that link for full details of the sale.

Any New Members/First Time Attendees

2 new members were in attendance:

Mark and Kristi Feller – Seneca Place.

Adjournment: Time: 8:35pm

