

History of Sedgfield Neighborhood Association

The first organization representing Sedgfield was in conjunction with neighborhoods along Park Road, such as Freedom Park (across Park) and Ashbrook (behind YWCA). This organization was formed in the late 70's and chartered in 1982 as the Sedgfield-Park Road Association. The issue that united neighbors at that time was the plan to place a subsidized housing project near the corner of Park and Marsh Rd. The Housing Authority had begun to acquire land in outer lying neighborhoods to disperse the clusters of such housing in the center city.

This organization was also responsible for the placement of the Scaleybark Branch Library in 1985. In the next year or two, the Association would be active working with the rezoning of the very large EB Moore farm for planned development. That area is now known as Selwyn Farms and on the other side of Marsh, Stone Orchard. Toward the end of the 80s the organization became defunct.

In the early 90s, a group formed to start a new neighborhood organization to represent only Sedgfield. It would be called the Sedgfield Neighborhood Association. Officers and a board of directors were named and organization by-laws were established. A City Neighborhood Matching Grant funded a neighborhood newsletter delivered to residences throughout Sedgfield. Attendance at meetings began to grow. Membership dues of \$5 per household would fund the treasury so that the newsletter could continue. Various neighborhood businesses advertised to support the newsletter.

In 2000, after 10 years of struggling to build membership and meeting attendance, SNA was taking off. Another Neighborhood Matching Grant enabled Sedgfield to erect customized identity signs throughout the neighborhood.

Now with a multi-page newsletter and regular quarterly meetings featuring timely topic presentations, attendance was growing. By 2002, the Sedgfield Sentinel morphed into a professionally produced, fully self-supporting newsletter mailed to 800 homes, including those in Selwyn Farms.

In May 2005, our renovated Sedgfield Park was formally dedicated, with a family festival event following the ceremony.

In 2006, SNA partnered with Dilworth Youth Athletic Assoc and funded by a Neighborhood Matching Grant, to renovate the Sedgfield Middle School baseball field off McDonald Ave and contiguous with our new Sedgfield Park.

In 2007 SNA kicked off a website, made possible by NeighborhoodLink.com. Also in 2007 SNA membership set a record with 135 members! Attendance at recent meetings has grown to as many as 50!

In 2009 a neighbor created a Sedgfield group on Facebook.