



S E N T I N E L

Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2012

President's Letter

by Jeanne Woosley



Mark your calendars everyone because Sedgefest will be happening on Saturday, May 5th at the Sedgefield Neighborhood Park! We'll have live music, games, awesome bbq, and plenty of fun and sunshine for all. This year we will be making lighted balls for our trees which will look great in December so come on over to the booth and make some holiday magic! We're always looking for ideas and volunteers so please let me know if you have a desire to help with either.

I recently participated in a "Community Leaders" meeting put together by CMPD. The attendees were composed of board members from neighborhoods around us - like Colonial Village - and the purpose was to provide a forum for all of us to discuss issues and concerns common to all of us. It was a wonderful chance to meet the folks that live right around us and share ideas. Each quarter there will be a guest speaker from various county entities so if there is a topic you'd like to learn more about, let me know

and I'll see if we can't get them to come to one of our general meetings. We all appreciated the effort that Lt. Lontz and Officer Montgomery put into organizing the event and look forward to those in the future.

I'd like to give a shout out to the St. Luke's Lutheran Men's Group who graciously donated tickets so that 4 families could attend their Mad Madness barbeque at the church on March 31st. We got them in touch with the principal at Sedgefield Elementary who gave them to 4 families to go watch basketball and have some fun. Stories like this remind me of the wonderful neighborhood we live in.

The board has a meeting with CHA at the beginning of May. I have no idea what it will be about, but will make a post on the neighborhood Facebook page if it's anything urgent. Janelle has asked me to be brief this time - she probably wants to get a start on lighted balls for her house - so I'll sign off now. I hope to see everyone at Sedgefest!

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Summertime at YWCA Central Carolinas

by Ashley Sherry

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Tickets can be purchased online, www.StAnnCharlotte.org, at the door, or after Mass at the parish office, call 704-523-4641 ext. 221 for additional information.

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2849 Dorchester Pl	1100 – 1400sf	3br/1ba	\$269,900
527 Poindexter Dr	1200 – 1500sf	3sf/1	\$259,000
517 Poindexter Cir	1000 – 1300sf	3br/1	\$229,900
500 Poindexter Dr	1300 – 1600sf	3br/1.5ba	\$224,900
917 Poindexter Dr	900 – 1200sf	3br/1ba	\$222,000
925 Sedgefield Rd	1300-1500	3br/2ba	\$210,000
319 Hartford Ave	900 – 1200sf	3br/1ba	\$179,900
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509 Poindexter Cir	2000 – 2400sf	3br/3ba	\$425,000
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Your Neighborhood

At Work

SNA PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

by Katie Zender

So, you might be wondering what the Sedgefield Neighborhood Association has been doing lately? Well, here's an update on some of our activities and accomplishments over the last few years. Projects do not move quickly and we've learned that constant attendance and vigilance is all that's really required. Squeaky wheel syndrome still rules!

- Ongoing involvement with the Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA) so we can impact the re-development of Savannah Woods and along with what happens with the corner parcel next to it, at Marsh & Park Road.
- Reminding the school system of their promise to us to tear down the old elementary buildings and create a neighborhood park. If you'd like to

join the group dedicated to the design of this area, please let Janelle Travis know. This summer, the buildings come down!

- Closing down the old Carrousel Club on South Blvd!
- Neighborhood infrastructure improvements along Poindexter, Sedgefield Rd, Wriston & Dorchester.
- Stop signs on Hartford in 2009, slowing traffic for those who live on that former "raceway."
- Road humps throughout the neighborhood – Greystone Avenue is the latest recipient.
- Tree banding for elderly in our neighborhood each November.
- Every May we celebrate our neighborhood with Sedgefest, held in our beautiful neighborhood park. Redevelopment of the park was long-term SNA project, working with the Parks and Recreation Department and

Stormwater Department for years, to finally reach completion.

Various SNA members have been participating in numerous stakeholder groups, currently called Citizen Advisory Groups (CAG):

- o Height In Residential Districts (HIRD), concluded
- o Park Road Corridor Study, concluded
- o Park Woodlawn Area Plan, ongoing
- o Incentive Based Inclusionary Housing (IBHI), ongoing
- o Assisted Multi-Family Housing at Transit Stations, almost complete

We also have a wish list and would love any other ideas from neighbors:

- Pedestrian-height street lights.
- Petition for a "road diet" for Marsh Road and Poindexter.
- Petition to stop the continuation of Poindexter beyond Youngblood.



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Park Woodlawn Plan

by Debbie Robinson

This month's Park Woodlawn Area Plan meeting addressed green space, parks and the tree canopy throughout the area.

If there are areas where you would like to see parks or needs for connectivity to existing parks, please let us know.

Replacement of the tree canopy through Park Woodlawn is a priority. Is there a spot where a public or private tree can be placed, please email us the address and homeowner's name. We will do our best to add this to the city's tree planting plans.

The next meeting will be May 10 at 6 p.m. At the YWCA. The topic will be the business, retail and services needs throughout the area.

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Voices

by Janelle Travis

Walking up the stairs into the Government Center recently, I realized someone always climbs those perfectly spaced steps with me. Many times Gordon Freeman and Mahlon Adams, our Freedom Park neighbors, come along too.

Gordon passed away a few years ago [still can't remove her email address] Mahlon just recently passed away. Both women devoted years caring about Charlotte, participating in many, many "Stakeholders Groups", now called "Citizens Advisory Group."

They both worked to help form the 1992 Park Road Corridor plan. This plan kept density within tolerable limits. I won't begin to try to list all of their accomplishments here, suffice it to say Charlotte is a better place because of their work.

Gordon moved to Princeton Road as a child, when it was a narrow dirt road. She was an incredible teacher, if you can believe her students and we do !! Both women were strong, hard working and not afraid to use their voices. Their memory travels with me up those steps everytime !! I miss both of them, am profoundly lucky to have known them.

All of this is to say..... YOU, too have a voice, use it..... get involved. It is amazing what can be accomplished by speaking up and caring.

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New Playground for the Elementary

by Janelle Travis

After eight years CMS' Applications Center is moving out of the old elementary school buildings on Marsh Road! The building is scheduled to be demolished sometime after school is dismissed for the summer. Only the front parking lot with the huge tree will stay.

The fun thing is...we will be able to participate in developing a new playground available for the neighborhood children and grown-ups to enjoy. Currently, the school uses that tiny playground on Hartford. Imagine the fun these kids will have running and playing....screaming !! Letting off steam then be able to go back in their classrooms ready to learn.....or take a nap!!

So put your thinking caps on...I have thought of selling bricks from the old school folks could use in their yards for borders, door props, souvenirs for former students, etc... as a fundraiser, what do you think? There are possibly grants available for us. I'm thinking Queens College, Park Road Baptist, St. Paul UMC, and other groups will have ideas. Perhaps use this as a teaching tool.

Looking online I found a group called Peaceful Playgrounds, they have hard surface areas to use for organized play. Still looking for the costs involved; doing more research for options and asking for your ideas.

I expect with ALL the talented people who live in our neighborhood, there is someone with experience, ideas and a wish list for this project.

Of course, we don't have an unlimited budget for this once in a lifetime opportunity, But I think we could have a really exciting time working together for a REAL community event, to be enjoyed for many years to come. Are you in?

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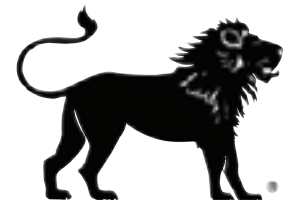
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New Neighbors Coming Soon!!

by Janelle Travis

According to Planning Staff's Allen Goodwin, we will be getting lots of new neighbors soon along the light rail line..

1. On New Bern street behind 3030 South, Profit Dickson Partners are building 208 new apartments named the Fountains.

2. Across South Blvd.. facing the Healthy Home Market/Sedgefield Shopping Center, Colonial Grand is beginning construction, parking deck in the center. (I had hoped that area would be left for green space.) This project will be home for 341 apartments.

3. Woodfield Silos crossing the train tracks behind Colonial will have 277 units with surface parking. Greatly downsized from the original project on this parcel, thankfully.

4. Coming on up north along the train line at Remount and Dunavant corner, South Line townhouse are going up. Cherokee South Line are the developers for 281 townhomes.

So it looks like we will soon be sharing our streets with 1,107 new residents. Home office anyone?

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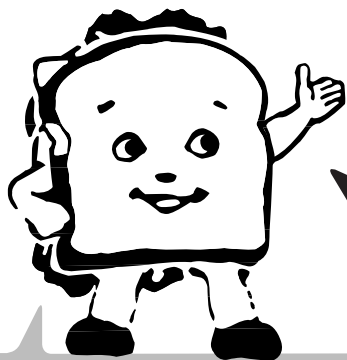
by Jean Siers

Please come visit us at the Sedgefield Garden Club tent at Sedgefest! We are there every year with plants that we have lovingly transplanted from our gardens, and we love to share our bounty with our neighbors. We offer lots of advice and very low prices on plants we know will grow in the Piedmont! Look for Lenten roses, bulbs, herbs, ground covers, and lots of other plants for your yards.

In April, a group from the Garden Club helped the kindergarten classes at Sedgefield Elementary School clean up and plant two pretty garden beds right outside their doors. We added some herbs and some perennial flowers, and the children will plant marigolds and vinca. We look forward to a "budding" relationship with the school and hope to be able to add vegetables to mix when the children return in the fall.

Our program on vegetable gardening, provided by master gardener Don Boekelheide, inspired us to get out and grow our dinners! This month we're looking forward to spring planting tips from our friends at Rountree Plantation, one of the few local greenhouses in the neighborhood!

We are a neighborhood garden club, and a part of the larger Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs. We welcome visitors and prospective members! We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m., although we take the summer off. If you're interested in finding out more about the club or would like to visit, please email sedgefieldgc@gmail.com, and someone from the club will contact you.



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