

	Subject:	Madison Park Monthly Association Meeting	
	Date:	Monday, June 8th, 2009	
	Time:	7:30 p.m.	
	Location:	Wedgewood Baptist Church Annex	
	Presenters:		
	Meeting Chair: Ken Davis	Attendee Count:	
	Guest Speaker: Bill Nichols, VP of Facility Planning, Queens University (Sports Complex Update)	23	
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/charlotte/madisonpk/			
Agenda:			

Welcome

1. Crime Report- given by Officer Lim

5/12 - 4800 block of Currituck – theft of bike

5/14 - 4900 block of Baylor – home break-in, victim reported no loss other than damage to property.

5/17 - 4700 block of Old Woods – auto theft, victim reported that keys were left in friend's unlocked car. Officer Lim reported that vehicle was sighted by police across town and sped away upon approach by officers. Vehicle yet to be recovered.

5/29 - 800 block of Woodlawn – burglary, victim reported that security alarm sounded and stopped a burglary in progress as the victim returned home. Items were taken as the burglar exited home through bathroom window (entry gained through same window).

5/29 - 5000 block of Wedgewood – theft of lawnmower from carport.

Officer Lim's crime report included a member asking for an update of a past incident where a larceny was thwarted by alert neighbors and neighborhood dogs in the Seacroft/Chedworth/Londonderry section of the neighborhood. Officer Lim stated that he would follow up with the near-victim after consulting with fellow Community Service Officer Hairston. The neighbors who witnessed the theft in progress called 911.

6/5 - 4 auto break-ins within the space of 4 hours (7:42am – 11:44am)

- Baylor Drive, car window broken, items removed from vehicle
- Furman, car window broken, items removed from vehicle
- Furman, car unlocked, items removed from vehicle
- Gilmore, car unlocked, item removed from vehicle.

Officer Lim noted that as schools are closing for the summer, the property crime rate is expected to rise.

In opening the floor to questions, a member asked whether the officer had observed any discernable pattern to crime in the neighborhood given, for example, the rash of car break-ins in the northwest quadrant of the neighborhood (bounded by Woodlawn and South Blvd.). He answered that he had observed no apparent concentration of crime in any one area of the neighborhood.

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 none of us are 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 ensuring 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!

2. **Speakers:**
Bill Nichols, Vice President for Facility Planning,
Queens University – Sports Complex Update

The first phase of construction is completed. Major contractors have left the work site and punch-list items are being addressed. Team coaches will be the first weekday occupants of the complex's offices. The Welcome Center and the Field House buildings contain substantial meeting space, audio/visual rooms, locker rooms, press box and an adjoining 500-seat grandstand.

In that the Sports Complex equates to running a separate campus, overall security has been outsourced to Allied/Barton Security service for the time being. To date, the highest frequency incidents of crime have been break-ins of vehicles of students attending sporting events. [Athletes are generally transported by bus.] The parking lot currently holds 200 spaces. Gates to the complex will close at 11pm and reopen at 7:00am. Signage reflecting the joint nature of the project has been negotiated and is scheduled for installation during the summer. The contract between the University and the Parks department calls for the completion of all phases of the complex by 2014 – including yet-to-be-installed tennis courts, baseball fields and cross-country course.

Matt Connolly, Pike Properties - Open House Invitation Extended

Matt Connolly of Pike Realty extended an invitation to the neighborhood to view their first renovation of a Madison Park property – 1031 Keystone Ct. – this Saturday, June 13th from noon until 2:00pm. Keystone Ct. is located off Wedgewood Dr. (between Tyvola and Seneca).

3. **Neighborhood Updates**

a. **Spring Picnic**

- Our Spring picnic was quite a success – we ended up with between 60 and 70 people in attendance, even though it was threatening rain (and did rain later in the event). Quite a few people pitched in to help set up, purchase and prepare food, and clean up. A special thanks goes out to all of the following:

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| • Cheryl Furr | • Matt Magnasco |
| • Dee McCandlish | • Richard Akers |
| • Debra Campbell | • John Oslakovsky |
| • Eudora Alston | • Brian Crutchfield |
| • Lisa Roberts | • Everyone who brought side dishes! |
| • Ingrid Lachner | |

b. Also a special thank you to the companies that provided raffle prizes:

- **Showmars on Emerywood** - George Pistolis - Thanks, George!
www.showmars.com
- **Andrew Blairs Restaurant** (Thanks to Andy Henson & Blake Hartwick)
<http://www.andrewblairs.com/>

- **Wachovia Corporation** -Thanks to Jim Staley & Brian Crutchfield)
- **Pepsi Cola Bottling Company** – Thanks to Dane Almassey with Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Charlotte for providing drinks for the event
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Parks & Rec** - Thank you for providing the shelter & utensils for the event.

c. Update on All-Stops in the neighborhood

We will begin the petitioning process for the 4-way stop at Murrayhill and Wedgewood, as well. Residents who live around that intersection will all receive a postcard announcing the change and with contact information to voice any support or concerns.

We will also be sending the initial letter to CDOT/Chip Gallup this month, from the Madison Park and Montclair associations, relaying the requests from the neighborhood to implement all-stops on some of our more heavily-travelled streets. Please refer to a list of identified intersections noted on the NeighborhoodLink website.

d. Update on Pinewood Elementary School Facility:

Update on the Pinewood Elementary – at the May meeting, a resident inquired as to the status of the Pinewood School facility on Seneca Place, and what future plans are for this facility since it has been closed. The space was designated as “swing space” to be used when another area school is closed for renovations, but has not seen any use in recent months. Jane Childrey contacted CMS and here is the response:

Old Pinewood Elementary is carried in our ten year plan as an alternate location for the pre-k center that is currently housed at Starmount, allowing Starmount to become an elementary school again, thus providing relief for the surrounding elementary schools.

The facility would have to be renovated to provide this use. It is not a funded project at this point, nor is it a part of any existing bond referendum. So it may be subject to change based upon our future facility needs and the County's ability to continue to fund our building requirements. Today the Child Nutrition department uses several rooms as a training site.

The old Pinewood facility also may serve in the interim as a temporary administrative facility, as it did for the South Learning Community offices several years ago. We have no immediate plans to use the entire building prior to its ultimate renovation as a pre-k center.

Hope this helps. Should you have additional questions, please contact me.

Mike Raible
Executive Director
Planning and Project Management
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

The subject of the large pile of dirt behind the school was raised and the question was asked about what the plans are for that. A resident also asked after the meeting what the plans were for the retaining fence that has fallen over and rusted. I will follow up with Mike directly to see if he can provide any answers.

e. National Night Out –Tuesday, August 4th –

Plans continue around National Night Out; we still need sponsors, desperately. We have approached Target, as well as the stores at Park Road Shopping Center and the surrounding business. Talking with Charlotte Parks & Rec to discuss their sponsorship and what they can provide, if anything, this year. If you or your business would like to pick up a sponsorship, please let Ken, Deborah or Dee know ASAP! We have varying levels of sponsorship available, and will feature our sponsors in our newsletter and online, as a way of thanks for their support.

4. Old Business

- a. Ted Peters has graciously accepted the Secretary position on our Board of Directors – and we are very happy to have him! April Mays has done a wonderful job for us over the past two and a half years, and we are all very appreciative of the work she has done. She has volunteered to continue to manage the email list and send out the notes from our events, and we certainly wish her and Matt all the best with their anticipated addition in July!

5. New Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: We currently have \$1,288.79 in our account with three reimbursements outstanding for the May picnic, and we have 46 paid members. If you have not already done so, please pay your 2009 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/>. You may complete an application at your convenience and mail it and your check to Madison Park HOA, PO Box 242432, Charlotte, NC 28244.

6. Open Discussion:

- a. A member asked whether the HOA might approach Queens with regard to using the facilities of the Sports Complex for the 2009 Holiday Social. April Mays noted that there is a certain familiarity with the Wedgewood Baptist location and its parking and its security. Eudora Alston noted that the novelty of a new venue might attract more members to the event. [Secretary' note: There is a lot to be said for police squad cars along with officers in attendance at the Holiday Social in addressing the issue of security at whatever venue is chosen.]
- b. A resident brought up the fact that the street sign at the corner of Park & Montford is missing. Marty Doss put in a request to Meck311 to have this addressed. He entered the request immediately following the meeting:

Confirmation of your Service Request

Thank you for your submission. Your Service Request is being directed to the appropriate department for resolution. A staff member will be in touch with you. You can call 311 (What's [311](#)?) with this Reference Number to track the status of your request.

Reference Number:EW152175

Service Request: STREETS - Street Sign Repair

Forwarded To: Charlotte Department of Transportation

No New Members/First Time Attendees

Adjournment: Time: 8:24 pm