



# Neighborhood Newsletter

May 2010

## President's Message

By Jeanne Woosley

Spring is the time of year that finds us emerging from our homes to sweep the pollen off the porch, fertilize our lawns, and begin walking around the neighborhood and socializing with our neighbors. One of the most pleasant things I've found is the lack of cankerworms dangling from our trees! I don't know about anyone else, but I don't miss those little green pests eating our tree canopy and attaching themselves to myself and my dog during an evening stroll.

There are some changes to the neighborhood association board taking place. I would like to thank Katie Parks and Jennifer Vick for their service since both have resigned due to changes in their households. They will be missed and we all appreciate their willingness to help our community. Please wish them well if you see them! In addition, Chuck Allen of Park Rd has been nominated to serve as vice-president and unless he has some secrets, we should be welcoming him at the next neighborhood meeting on May 11th. If anyone out there would like to join our merry band, please let me know because there is always room for more.

One of my favorite things in spring is Sedgefest which will be taking place on Saturday, May 22nd at Sedgefield Park. This is the 5th annual Sedgefest and should be better than ever! There will be games, exhibits, great prizes, delicious food, and a good time to be had by all. We are in need of volunteers to do everything from set up, clean up, and staffing the games and concessions. Please let one of the board members know if you can help out or contact Mary Beth Fields directly at 704-529-5035 or mbfields@carolina.rr.com. I personally plan on being an official taster of the BBQ to make sure that only the finest product is available for my friends and neighbors. (It's a tough job, but I'm willing to make the sacrifice.)

There are a couple of issues that we continue to follow such as the City's Neighborhood Improvement Project, the planned survey for Park Road, and the redevelopment of Strawn Towers, among others. The latter doesn't impact us directly, but the decisions made by City Council in regards to the height of the towers and the density bears watching since it could impact the future plans for redevelopment of Savanna Woods. Please keep the Board informed of any concerns you might have or topics that you would like to hear more about. We want to hear from you to keep Sedgefield the best place to live in Charlotte.

Don't forget to save the date May 22nd and I look forward to seeing everyone at Sedgefest!

## Sedgefield Neighborhood Association General Meeting

7pm Tuesday, May 11th

St Paul UMC Fellowship Hall - 2930 Dorchester Place

*Neighbor Greetings • Community Officer Report*

*Planning and Volunteer Organization for*

**SEDFEST**

*coming up on Saturday, May 22nd from 10am til 2pm*

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## Meeting Calendar

### General Meetings 2010

May 11, August 10

### Board Meetings 2010

June 15, July 13

Sedgefest is May 22

Meetings are at 7pm on 2nd Tuesdays. Meeting location is the Fellowship Hall (lower entrance, Sanctuary building) of St Paul United Methodist Church 2830 Dorchester Place

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## Sedgefield Middle School News

by Dr. Mark Robertson, Principal

I appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself and the changes being experienced at Sedgefield Middle School to the Sentinel audience. My name is Dr. Mark Robertson. I am a Charlottean by birth (an Independence HS grad), and have worked for CMS for longer than I care to admit. I have been a principal for the past 12 years. Interestingly enough, my last assistant principalship was right here at Sedgefield Middle School. Despite the changes to the building since I left in the mid-90's, it feels like coming home.

Sedgefield Middle School has made as much or more progress in student learning than perhaps any middle school in CMS over the past 5 years. However, based on the rules of No Child Left Behind, we are required to "re-structure," i.e., find new ways to approach continuing challenges. One aspect of re-structuring is the new Montessori middle school magnet program that will open here in August 2010. Montessori adolescent education is about continuing to "follow the child," a Montessori mantra, into adolescence and towards adulthood. It is about allowing a child's natural inquisitiveness about adulthood and the world of work to lead the study of the world around her or him. It is about adults being there for a child as he or she begins to enter the adult world and discovers what makes her or him a unique and worthwhile individual. I cannot tell you how excited I am to have been asked to help create the environment in which these discoveries can take place.

We will also be re-structuring our traditional approach to middle school grades, the middle school's relationship with parents, and the focus of our students' work. We look forward to opening the Sixth Grade Academy and 7/8 Preparatory Academy in August in addition to the Montessori magnet. Our Sixth Grade Academy will endeavor to help our 6th graders more successfully make the transition from elementary to middle school. We will switch from six person teaching teams to three person teaching teams to lower the number of student-teacher relationships necessary for a child to maneuver. And, we will offer parent education to first help calm fears about middle school, then to help stress the need for continued involvement in a child's life even as he or she works to push the parent away.

The Sedgefield 7/8 Preparatory Academy will help ease the transition to high-school through better preparation. Rather than have students aiming to pass a grade, we want to use the Prep Academy to help students aim towards graduation from college through more rigorous coursework and an emphasis on higher order coursework in all subject areas. Our students must prepare for the new world ahead, and it is our intent to help them do so. We believe that without suffering the

academic losses sixth graders experience across the United States and with a re-emphasis on critical thinking rather than fact memorization in our upper grades, we can do just that. I invite neighbors to come visit Sedgefield Middle School, or to contact me at [mark.robertson@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:mark.robertson@cms.k12.nc.us) if they have questions or concerns. It is nice to be back home at Sedgefield.

## Thank You Neighbors

St Paul UMC Missions committee wishes to thank neighbors Chris Byers, Charlie Ashford, and Sally Shannon who helped our group serve a hot meal at the Men's Shelter this winter. This is a long-standing mission of the church and we love having the participation of the neighborhood! The shelter will be open year-round beginning this year. St Paul is committed to one date each month. The upcoming dates are 5/27, 6/20, 7/18, 8/29. The time commitment is from about 5:15 pm until 8 pm. The shelter is located on Statesville Ave near I-85. If you would like to join us for one of these dates, please contact Mary Beth Fields or email [sedgefieldneighbor@hotmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldneighbor@hotmail.com) for more information.

## St. Paul United Methodist Church

### Mothers Morning Out!

Begins June 21, 2010

Days: Monday - Thursday

Cost: \$175/2 days, \$195/3 days, \$215/4 days

Time: 9am - 1pm

Ages: 6 weeks - 5 years old

Registration fee: \$25 per child - fee waived for active St. Paul members

### Vacation Bible School

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When: June 14-18; 9am - noon

(Drop off starts at 8:45 am)

Ages: 4 years (must be potty trained) - 5th grade

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Registration due May 15th (for T-shirt orders)

For these programs, contact Karie Barbieri at the church 704-523-0077 or

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722 Belton St	900-1100	2/1	\$159,900
316 Melbourne Ct	900-1200	3/1	\$179,900
3331 Dexter St	800-1100	3/1	\$189,500
304 Hartford Ave	900-1200	3/1	\$189,900
409 Marsh Rd	800-1100	2/1	\$194,900
332 Melbourne Ct	900-1100	2/1	\$200,000
3317 Anson St	900-1100	3/1	\$209,900
312 Dover Ave	900-1100	2/1	\$219,900
3201 Auburn Ave	1500-1900	4/2	\$225,000
607 Belton Rd	1700-2100	3/2	\$229,800
617 Greystone Rd	1000-1300	3/1	\$229,900
550 Hartford Ave	1100-1400	3/1	\$229,900
3231 Auburn Ave	1200-1500	3/1.5	\$234,000
3118 Auburn Ave	900-1200	3/1	\$234,900
3239 Auburn Ave	1200-1500	3/1	\$234,900
611 Greystone Rd	1300-1600	3/1.5	\$239,900
3215 Auburn Ave	1100-1400	3/1	\$239,000
3237 Sunset Dr	1000-1200	3/1.5	\$254,900
1100 Sedgefield Rd	1200-1500	3/1.5	\$269,900
3215 Cambridge Rd	900-1200	3/1.5	\$273,900
820 Poindexter Dr	1100-1400	2/1	\$274,900
1028 Sedgefield Rd	1000-1300	3/1	\$284,000
616 Poindexter Dr	1200-1500	3/2	\$295,000
722 Poindexter Dr	900-1200	2/1	\$299,900
315 Marsh Rd	1600-1900	3/2	\$309,000
1040 Sedgefield Rd	1300-1600	3/1.5	\$309,900
907 Sedgefield Rd	1200-1500	3/1	\$310,000
1000 Sedgefield Rd	1700-2000	3/2	\$324,000
626 Marsh Rd	1700-2100	3/3	\$324,000
3124 Mayfield Ave	1300-1600	4/2	\$329,000
3121 Sunset Dr	1300-1700	3/2	\$359,000
2920 Windsor Ave	1100-1400	2/2	\$369,500
1020 Habersham Dr	1500-1800	3/2	\$384,999
1069 Sedgefield Road	1500-1900	3/2	\$390,000
2820 Park Rd	2200-2700	3/2.5	\$399,500
748 Wriston Place	1800-2200	3/2	\$399,900
659 Marsh Rd	1800-2200	3/2	\$439,900
2842 Sunset Dr	2400-3000	4/2	\$430,000
1108 Sedgefield Rd	1800-2200	3/2	\$435,000
<b>Contract Pending:</b>			
629 Greystone Rd	1100-1400	3/1.5	\$149,900
516 Poindexter Dr	1000-1300	2/1	\$209,900
501 Poindexter Dr	1300-1600	4/2	\$250,000
938 Habersham Dr	1300-1600	3/1.5	\$250,000
3300 Auburn Ave	1400-1700	3/2	\$285,000
3019 Sunset Dr	1700-2100	3/2	\$495,000
<b>Sold:</b>			
432 Marsh Rd	1000	3/1	\$170,000
600 Marsh Road	1120	3/1	\$182,500
301 Cambridge Avenue	1159	3/3	\$492,000
1047 Guilford Road	3286	4/3.5	\$536,500
2905 Windsor Ave	3362	4/3.5	\$565,000
3144 Sunset Drive	2800	4/3.5	\$620,000

Real Estate information provided by association board member Michael Miles Seaton of ReMax Executive Realty. Going the Extra 'Miles' for You!

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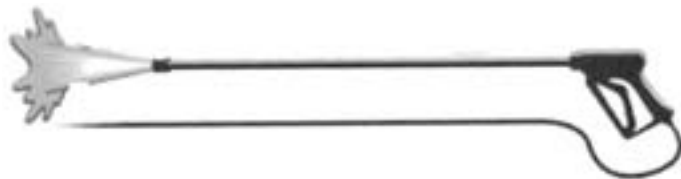
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Sedgefield is happy to finally have Bloom open in the former Bi-Lo space at 2226 Park Road. Grand opening festivities began on Tuesday, March 16, with a "Shop Happy Hour" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by an official grand opening on Wednesday, March 17 at 8 a.m. This is Bloom's ninth store in Charlotte and surrounding areas and is the first near Uptown Charlotte. The store offers some new Bloom features such as a salad bar, full floral department, and pharmacy drive-through. Store hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays. Georgia Habit is the store manager. Sedgefield residents can easily access the Bloom store through Sedgefield Park over to McDonald Avenue. If only we could persuade the City to build a walk bridge over the rip-rap in the drainage basin behind Bloom.

The Bloom mission is focused on children-mind and body-supporting them academically through primary and secondary education, contributing to nutritional programs, and providing aid for medical advancement. Consistent with that mission, the following gifts were given by Bloom upon opening the Dilworth store:

- \$3,200 donation to Sedgefield Middle School,
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The Sedgefield Neighborhood Association has sent representatives to many annual Neighborhood Symposiums sponsored by the City of Charlotte. The annual Neighborhood Symposium brings together neighborhood residents and leaders who share the goal of building a better community. Workshops are held on topics such as community safety, neighborhood projects and events, economic development, creating place and spaces, sustainability and energy efficiency.

This year was a little different from years past. The 15th annual Symposium for Neighborhoods was the centerpiece of a month of "Creating Community" activities hosted by the City of Charlotte and its partners. The Symposium took place at Central Piedmont Community College's (CPCC) central campus in partnership with its Charlotte Clean and Green and Sensoria events. Saturday, April 17th was indeed a beautiful day to be on the CPCC campus and the event was a huge success!

The City Neighborhood Development staff asked neighborhoods to create and staff an exhibit at this event. They offered to create an exhibit board with photographs and information about our neighborhoods. Mary Beth Fields submitted photos from our Sedgefield Park Dedication to highlight the successful partnership of Sedgefield, Parks and Recreation, and Storm Water

Department in renovating the rundown park during the early 2000s. Sedgefield neighbors Meg Cashman and Chuck Allen assisted at the Sedgefield exhibit table while Mary Beth attended the workshop Partnering for Energy Efficiency and Conservation. Neighbors will be hearing more on this in the near future as the City kicks off the Neighborhood Energy Challenge.

### Sedgefield Elementary Walk to School

*by Keisha Lyles, Family Advocate SES*

Some of us may recall a time when walking to school was not a big deal, but for many students today it is a treat. Promoting healthy lifestyles, Sedgefield Elementary held its 5th annual Walk to School Day on Friday, April 23. However, this was not your traditional "walk to school." Along the route there were teachers and staff directing students to ensure their safety. The students carried a huge Walk to School Day banner. Upon arrival they were treated to a continental breakfast to remind them it is important to refuel your body after physical activity. With a 21% participation rate, the school felt the event was a success! Sedgefield Elementary would like to thank all of the community volunteers who helped make this event possible. If you would like to volunteer at the school please call 980-343-5826 and ask for Ms. Lyles or email Keisha1.lyles@cms.k12.nc.us.

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**Update on the Scaleybark Library**

*by Debra Clancy, Youth Specialist*

If you visit the Scaleybark Branch Library, you'll notice that our hours have changed. The new hours are 10 AM to 7 PM Monday through Wednesday, closed Thursday, and 10 AM to 5 PM Friday and Saturday. Even though there is less staff and shorter hours, the library will continue to offer programs for children.

Preschool Story Time is every Wednesday at 10:30, and our Spanish program, Connections That Count, is every Tuesday at 10:30.

The summer reading program returns in June and this year's theme is "Make a Splash at Your Library." Scaleybark will kick off the program on June 14, with a luau from 2 to 4 PM. Kids can sign up for summer reading and enjoy refreshments and activities during this program. There will also be a program on June 23 at 2 PM called "Make a Splash with Goldfish," where kids can enjoy the story Not Norman: A Goldfish Story and make a pin out of a wooden spoon. The whole family will enjoy the movie Up on June 30 at 2 PM.

We have a new program for adults in May. Global Café premiers on May 3 and will occur every Monday from 10:30 to 12:00. Join us for coffee and conversation in a fun, informal setting.

Also, please visit the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library on the web at [www.cmlibrary.org](http://www.cmlibrary.org) for information on the current budget cuts.

*Sedgefield lost three long time residents of Poindexter Drive this year. Mr. J.W. Morgan and Mr. Clint Maxey in February and Mrs. Sylvia Spain in April. They will be truly missed in Sedgefield.*

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## Go Green for Charlotte, Recycle It!

Beginning in July, Recycle It!, Charlotte's Residential Recycling program will be improved. Recycle It! Program Improvements Include:

### New Recycling Cart

This spring, you will receive a new, City-issued 96-gallon wheeled cart to collect recyclables. This cart will replace the current 16-gallon red bin. If you prefer not to have a 96-gallon recycling cart, please call 311.

### New Recyclable Items

With the improved Recycle It! Program, you'll be able to recycle more items. In addition to the materials currently accepted in the recycling program, the City will begin accepting aerosol cans and all plastics except No. 6 in the recycling carts. The following items will be accepted in the improved Recycle It! Program:

Aerosol cans **NEW!** • Aluminum • Cardboard  
Glass • Juice boxes **NEW!** • Steel cans  
Milk and juice cartons **NEW!** • Paper  
Plastics 1-5 & 7 **NEW!** • Spiral paper cans

Reminder: According to state law, plastic numbers 1 and 2 and aluminum should always be recycled and never discarded in the garbage.

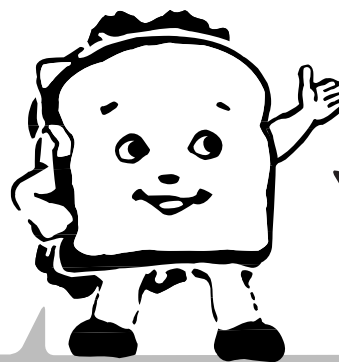
### New Collection Schedule

Recyclables will be collected every-other-week beginning in July. Recyclables will still be collected on the same weekday as garbage and yard waste; however, the day of collection for garbage, recyclables and yard waste will change for many residents. Residents will receive information regarding service changes by mail in the spring.

## SEGEFEST 2010!

The date is drawing near for Sedgifest 2010 which is on May 22nd from 10 am - 2 pm at Sedgfield Park on Elmhurst Lane. Come out for a day with the family and your neighbors. Bring your blanket and enjoy live blues music, great food, amusements and exhibits. Be sure and stop by the Sedgfield Neighborhood Association table to enter the prize drawing. We have gift cards from many of our area restaurants and services. You will love the BBQ prepared by our own Sedgfield Swine Cookers Union as well as the grilled hot dogs.

The idea for Sedgifest was conceived by the Sedgfield Neighborhood Association to promote the spirit of community. It is entirely funded by generous sponsors and by Meck Co Park & Recreation. No



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member dues or newsletter advertising revenue is used for Sedgifest. We thank our generous community partners who have given cash gifts and those who have donated the drawing prizes. We need so many volunteers to help with set up before, supervise amusements and serve beverages during, and break down/clean up after the event. Can you give just one hour? Please call Mary Beth at 704-5295035 or email [mbfields@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mbfields@carolina.rr.com).

Soon you will receive in the mail the official Sedgifest announcement. Be sure to act quickly and mail in your order for our delicious whole, smoked pork butt, personally endorsed and recommended by City Council representative Patsy Kinsey. By the way, you can see photos from a past Sedgifest on our website at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/Sedgfield](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Sedgfield). Can't wait to see you there!

## Membership Drive 2010

Did you know that the original neighborhood association which included Sedgefield was formed in 1979? It was then called Sedgefield-Park Road Association. Through boundary and name changes, the mission of Sedgefield Neighborhood Association remains the same - to promote community involvement, improve the quality of life for residents, and to build and preserve a close working relationship with City/County government. The SNA is not aligned politically and promotes no platform or agenda except as dictated by neighborhood needs. It is also not defined as a Homeowners Association.

Some of the most noticeable accomplishments of your Association are the unique identity signs along our neighborhood streets, the traffic calming stops, speed limit signage, speed humps on Poindexter Dr., and the renovation of Sedgefield Park which began over ten years ago. In 2005 we started an neighborhood festival called Sedgifest to be held at our new park each spring. About 3 years ago, we were approved for a Neighborhood Matching Grant to improve the baseball field at Sedgefield Middle School. Your board is involved behind the scenes with planning, development, rezoning, promoting infrastructure and traffic improvements, government policy making, attending various City events and City Council meetings, as well as meeting with other neighborhood associations. Sedgefield needs more dedicated neighbors to step up and help direct and protect the future of this neighborhood.

Names of members are published in Sentinel issues May, August and November. Don't be left out...please complete and mail the application below with your dues TODAY. Thank you for your support.

## SEDFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2010 MEMBERSHIP

(as of 4/28/10)

Kathleen & Ben Aliff	Sandra & Jerry Meyer
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Robert Burns	Shirley Murdock
Dina & Rodney Butler	Leslie Glenn & Meredith Quinn
Dianna & Chris Byers	Deborah Robinson
Michelle Chiu	Eleanor & James Rodway
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Nancy & Ben Durham	Sally & Randall Shannon
Karen & Bob Elsen	Anne Sheffield
Anne & Richard Falcone	Dana & Richard Thomas
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Betty Jane Kirby	Jeanne Woosley
Ruth & Palmer May	Katie Zender
Jennifer & Jason McConnell	
Jennifer & Chad Melvin	

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### Sedgefield Neighborhood Association 2010 Membership Information

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk/M Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email:(please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests:    Newsletter    Neighborhood Watch    Community Improvement    Schools  
                 Planning & Development    Sedgifest/Socials    Infrastructure/Utilities

Please send complete application with annual dues of \$20 (check preferred) to:

**Sedgefield Neighborhood Membership Drive, PO Box 11633, Charlotte, NC 28220-1633**

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**See you at our next meeting!**

**7 pm Tuesday, May 11th**

**St Paul United Methodist Church**

**2830 Dorchester Place**

**Fellowship Hall**

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