



Neighborhood Newsletter

November 2010

President's Message

By Jeanne Woosley

Now that the weather is becoming more pleasant, I love walking my dog through our tree-lined streets and admiring the Halloween decorations that adorn peoples' yards. Orange lights, pumpkins, and cobwebs are popping up everywhere and it always makes me smile. No matter what the season is, we always have such a nice sense of community and I'm proud to be a part of it. I can't wait to see the Christmas lights!!

Over the years I've participated in many events to help those less fortunate than myself, and I would like to reach out to all of you to help some kids in our community. We've been contacted by and agreed to assist the Sedgefield Elementary School in their Bookbags for Weekend Hunger Program. This provides food for kids to take home with them over the weekend because they may not get anything to eat otherwise. My heart breaks when I think of children who only get a meal when they go to school! We can so easily help alleviate this situation. Please come to the next Sedgefield neighborhood meeting Tuesday November 9th and bring any of the food items on the list which is on page 7. Our board will complete the bags with the items needed and deliver as soon as possible after the meeting.

While I was on the phone with the school, I asked if it would be possible for us to adopt two families for Christmas as well. The economy has been extremely harsh on all of us and again, my heart breaks when I think of a child with no presents to open on Christmas morning. She'll be forwarding information on two families that include the age and gender of the children, clothing sizes, and any wishes they may have for gifts. There won't be another Sentinel issue before the holidays, so please look for a flyer in your mailbox with information on who we'll be helping and where to drop off any donations. If you'd like to contact me directly, please either shoot me an e-mail at jeannewoosley@yahoo.com or give me a call at the house 704-525-8434.

I'd like to invite everyone to join SNA to "Kick the CankerWorm Out of Sedgefield" party on Saturday, December 11th! We'll be banding trees, sharing some laughs, and just having a good time in general. More details on page 11. Hope to see you there!

After all of this community spirit I hate to broach this topic, but I must. There have been several buglaries in our neighborhood lately and we need to watch out. Please keep your eyes open for any suspicious cars, people, or anything out of the ordinary. Please call 911! Did you know that CMPD allocates resources (i.e. patrol cars) based on 911 calls & reports?

Sedgefield Neighborhood Association General Meeting

7pm Tuesday, November 9th

St Paul UMC Fellowship Hall - 2930 Dorchester Place

Neighbor Greetings • Community Officer Report

Tracy Montross, Sedgefield Elementary Freedom School Partners

Collection of Weekend Food Bag Items (see p7)

Drawing for \$20 Duckworth's Gift Certificates!

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Meeting Calendar

General Meetings 2011

February 8, May 10

Board Meetings 2011

January 11, March 8, April 12

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

Check us out online!

www.neighborhoodlink.com/sedgefield

Join the Sedgefield Neighborhood Facebook Group!

Rock, Read & Lead

by Jon Davis

On Saturday, September 18th, the Friends of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library held the first annual Rock & Read 5K Run/Walk. The event raised over \$10,000 for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library System. Music, recorded and live, all along the way was the power behind the 500 participants on a course around parts of Colonial Village and Sedgefield. We thank all the Sedgefield residents for being so patient with us on race day and helping with the traffic. We could not have done it without you! Special recognition goes to our Race director, Amanda Anderson, and hundreds of amazing volunteers who led Friends of the Library to such a successful event.

The Rock & Read 5K is just another way the Friends organization is raising awareness of the struggles of our community libraries. Three branches were closed earlier this year and the book collection budget was cut by almost 50%. Did you know that over 29,000 people use the branches everyday and library visits are up almost 40% in the past six years. The Friends of the Library take great pride to support efforts in developing literacy for all ages but especially for young children in the elementary educational years. Don't forget the Library System is also the community's largest supplier of free internet access and provides vital educational support for all ages. As you can see, the libraries are more than just a home for books!

You may recall that Friends board president, Harriet Smith headed a "Save the Library" campaign earlier this year that raised over \$400,000 in three months. This success would never be possible without the support and generosity of our Charlotte community.

At this writing, the Friends book sale is about to start on October 21st and runs until the 29th at Quail Corners Shopping Center.

Thanks and appreciation to Jane McNeary, a Friends member who has coordinated the largest ever book sale in Charlotte. Some 15,000 books were culled from over 100,000 books coming mostly from the closed library branches.

Fundraisers and book sales can help our libraries in the short term, but real success comes from transformational leadership in the community. Charlotte is full of amazing leaders like Amanda, Harriet, and Jane, who stand out because of their selfless character and their common love to see others succeed.

For more information on the Friends organization, please visit <http://cmlibraryfriends.org> or contact Sedgefield neighborhood resident Jon Davis at jonathan.n.davis@gmail.com.

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We invite our neighbors to a community Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, Nov. 21st at 7pm. The service is preceded by a covered dish supper at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall, lower level of sanctuary building. Come give thanks and fellowship with your neighbors and enjoy the guest choir from St Mark UMC.

Don't miss a meaningful service on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th at St Paul UMC. Festive holiday music will begin at 5:30 pm followed by the Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:00 pm.

Please visit soon to see the amazing craftsmanship of Sedgefield neighbor Ruth Mauldin in our sanctuary. Perhaps you saw the news story "Sewing the glory of God" in the Oct 3 Charlotte Observer. The banners look like stained glass and tell a story of faith. Each one is 18 in wide and 7 ft high and contains some 120 squares of fabric. Pastor AJ Thomas wanted color in the sanctuary and is a big proponent of using art in worship.

St Paul United Methodist Women will again sell the bags of fancy Georgia pecans known as "mammoth halves" beginning later in November. Available date and price TBA. Contact Mary Beth Fields 704-529-5035 or mbfields@carolina.rr.com. I will deliver to your door!

Real Estate Activity in Sedgefield

Active:	Sq. Ft	BR/BA	Price
533 Melbourne Ct	1000-1200	2/1.5	\$139,900
304 Hartford Ave	900-1200	3/1	\$169,000
312 Dover Ave	900-1100	2/1	\$169,000
311 Dover Ave	1400-1700	3/2.5	\$194,000
3239 Auburn Ave	1200-1500	3/1	\$214,900
3201 Auburn Ave	1500-1900	4/2	\$219,000
611 Greystone Rd	1300-1600	3/1.5	\$199,000
617 Greystone Rd	1000-1300	3/1	\$199,900
820 Poindexter Dr	1100-1400	2/1	\$235,000
616 Poindexter Dr	1200-1500	3/2	\$239,900
3320 Mayfield Ave	1300-1600	3/2	\$239,900
527 Poindexter Dr	1200-1500	3/1	\$285,000
2849 Dorchester Pl	1100-1400	3/1	\$285,000
2812 Park Rd	1600-2000	3/2	\$299,000
2829 Dorchester Pl	1400-1700	3/2	\$329,900
659 Marsh Rd	1800-2200	3/2	\$349,500
1009 Habersham Dr	1500-1800	3/2	\$399,000
2900 Sunset Dr	1900-2300	4/3	\$472,500

Contract Pending:

829 Wriston Pl	2300-2800	3/2	\$509,900
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Sold:

409 Marsh Rd	951	2/1	\$175,000
3237 Sunset Dr	1120	3/1.5	\$185,000
3321 Auburn Ave	1415	3/1.5	\$214,000
2809 Sunset Dr	1590	2/1.5	\$233,750

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

Sedgefield Top Ten

10. Help keep storm drains clear
9. Take care of sidewalks bordering your property
8. Don't let trash containers block sidewalks
7. Pick up your pets' waste
6. Arrange for pickup of curb trash items
5. Park in street not on right of way or in yards
4. Your property condition has impact on others
3. Dog owners should monitor dog barking
2. Be respectful of your neighbors and
1. Keep a watch and report suspicious activities!

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Avery Maharaja Imperial IPA (Boulder, CO)
Ayinger Oktober Fest-Marzen (Aying, Germany)
Bell's Lager (Comstock, MI)
Bell's Oberon (Comstock, MI)
Bell's Two Hearted (Comstock, MI)
The Bruery Trade Winds Tripel (Placencia, CA)
Duck-Rabbit Barleywine (Farmville, NC)
Duck-Rabbit Rabid Duck (Farmville, NC)
Duck-Rabbit Schwarzbier (Farmville, NC)
Dupont Organic Foret (Tourpes-Leuze, Belgium)
Foothills Bourbon Barrel Aged People's Porter (Winston-Salem, NC)
Foothills Hoppyum IPA (Winston-Salem, NC)
Foothills Oktoberfest (Winston-Salem, NC)
Foothills Seeing Double IPA (Winston-Salem, NC)

Foothills Torch Pilsner (Winston-Salem, NC)
Founders Breakfast Stout (Grand Rapids, MI)
Founders Red's Rye P.A. (Grand Rapids, MI)
Founders Curmudgeon (Grand Rapids, MI)
Founders Dirty Bastard (Grand Rapids, MI)
Founders Porter (Grand Rapids, MI)
Franziskaner Hefe-Weisse (Munich, Germany)
Great Divide Chocolate Oak Aged Yeti (Denver, CO)
Great Divide Espresso Oak Aged Yeti (Denver, CO)
Great Lakes Eliot Ness (Cleveland, OH)
Green Man ESB (Asheville, NC)
Lagunitas A Little Sumpin' Sumpin' (Petaluma, CA)
Lindeman's Framboise (Vlezenbeek, Belgium)
Mother Earth Dark Cloud (Kinston, NC)
Moylans IPA (Novato, CA)
New Belgium Ranger (Fort Collins, CO)
New Belgium 1554 (Fort Collins, CO)
New Holland Dragons Milk (Holland, MI)
New Holland Sundog (Holland, MI)
Olde Hickory Death By Hops (Hickory, NC)



Olde Hickory Irish Walker (Hickory, NC)
Olde Hickory Summer Ale (Hickory, NC)
Ommegang Zuur (Cooperstown, NY)
Original Sin Hard Cider (New York, NY)
Oskar Blues Gordon's Ale (Lyons, CO)
Oskar Blues GUBNA (Lyons, CO)
Oskar Blues Mama's Little Yella Pils (Lyons, CO)
Oskar Blues Old Chub (Lyons, CO)
Oskar Blues Stranahan's Whiskey Barrel Aged Ten FIDY (Lyons, CO)
Petrus Aged Pale Ale (Harelbeke-Bavikhove, Belgium)
Skull Coast Maelstrom (Fort Mill, SC)
Smuttnose Baltic Porter (Portsmouth, NH)
Stone Oaked Arrogant Bastard (Escondido, CA)
Stone Sublimely Self-Righteous Ale (Escondido, CA)
Stone Ruination (Escondido, CA)
Troubadour Magma (Ursel, Belgium)
Unibroue La Terrible (Chambly, Quebec, Canada)
Unibroue Maudite (Chambly, Quebec, Canada)
Unibroue Trois Pistoles (Chambly, Quebec, Canada)
Van Diest Fruli Strawberry (Melle, Belgium)

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Allagash Black (Portland, ME)
Allagash Confluence (Portland, ME)
Allagash Curieux (Portland, ME)
Allagash Fluxus (Portland, ME)
Allagash Hugh Malone (Portland, ME)
Allagash Interlude (Portland, ME)
Allagash Odyssey (Portland, ME)
Allagash Victor (Portland, ME)
Allagash Victoria (Portland, ME)
Almaza Pilsner (Beirut, Lebanon)
Aspall Perronelle's Blush (Suffolk, England)
Avery Depuceuse (Boulder, CO)
Avery Maharaja (Boulder, CO)
Ballast Point Sculpin (San Diego, CA)
Bell's Consecrator Doppelback (Comstock, MI)
Birrificio Del Ducato Verdi Imperial Stout (Roncole Verdi Di Busseto, Italy)
Birrificio Montegioco Demon Hunter (Montegioco, Italy)
Blue Moon (Golden, CO)
Boulder Beer Mojo Risin' (Boulder, CO)
Brewdog/Mikkeller Collaboration Devine Rebel (Fraserburgh, Scotland)
The Bruery Coton (Placencia, CA)
Chimay Grand Reserve Blue (Baileux (Chimay), Belgium)
Chimay Tripel White (Baileux (Chimay), Belgium)
Corona Extra (Mexico City, Mexico)
Corona Light (Mexico City, Mexico)
De Dochter Van De Korenaar Finesse (Baarle-Hertog, Belgium)
De Glazen Toren Jan De Lichte (Erpe-Mere, Belgium)
Dieu Du Ciel Aphrodite (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)
Drie Fonteinen Schaarbeekse Kriek (Beersel, Belgium)
Duchesse De Borgogne (Vichte, Belgium)
Duck-Rabbit Rabid Duck (Farmville, NC)
Dupont Organic Foret (Tourpes-Leuze, Belgium)
Dogfish Head Squall IPA (Milton, DE)
Founders Imperial Stout (Grand Rapids, MI)
Gouden Carolus Cuvee Van De Keizer Blauw (Mechelen, Belgium)
Gouden Carolus Cuvee Van De Keizer Blauw (Mechelen, Belgium)
Great Divide 16th Anniversary Wood Aged IPA (Denver, CO)
Great Divide Chocolate Oak Aged Yeti (Denver, CO)

Great Divide Espresso Oak Aged Yeti (Denver, CO)
Green Flash Imperial IPA (Vista, CA)
Guinness (Dublin, Ireland)
Hanssens Oudbeetje Limited Edition 2000 (Dworp, Belgium)
Hanssens Oude Kriek (Dworp, Belgium)
Highland Auld Asheville Vintage Ale (Asheville, NC)
Heavy Seas Bourbon Barrel Aged Below Decks (Baltimore, MD)
Heavy Seas Siren Noire (Baltimore, MD)
Hoppin' Frog Hop Master's Abbey Belgian Style Double IPA (Akron, OH)
J.K. Scrumpy's Hard Cider (Flushing, MI)
Jolly Pumpkin Bam Biere (Dexter, MI)
Jolly Pumpkin E.S. Bam (Dexter, MI)
Jolly Pumpkin Calabaza Blanca (Dexter, MI)
Jolly Pumpkin La Raja (Dexter, MI)
Jolly Pumpkin Oro de Calabaza (Dexter, MI)
Kiuchi Hitachino Nest Commemorative Ale (Ibaraki-ken Naka-gun, Japan)
Kiuchi Hitachino Nest White Ale (Ibaraki-ken Naka-gun, Japan)
Lagunitas Brown Shugga' (Petaluma, CA)
Lagunitas Hop Stoopid (Petaluma, CA)
Lagunitas Little Sumpin' Extra! (Petaluma, CA)
Lagunitas Lucky 13 (Petaluma, CA)
Lindemans Framboise (Vlezenbeek, Belgium)
Lindemans Peche (Vlezenbeek, Belgium)
Mad River Jamaica Red (Blue Lake, CA)
Mad River Mad Belgian (Blue Lake, CA)
Monk's Café Flemish Sour Red (Ertvelde, Belgium)
Mother Earth Dark Cloud (Kinston, NC)
Mother Earth Sisters Of The Moon (Kinston, NC)
Mother Earth Tripel Overhead (Kinston, NC)
Mother Earth Tripel Overhead Bourbon Barrel-Aged (Kinston, NC)
Mother Earth Weeping Willow Wit (Kinston, NC)
Moylan's Ryan Sullivan's Imperial Stout (Novato, CA)
Newcastle (Newcastle, England)
New Belgium Fat Tire (Fort Collins, CO)
New Belgium Mighty Arrow (Fort Collins, CO)
New Belgium Ranger (Fort Collins, CO)
New Holland Imperial Hatter (Holland, MI)
New Holland Pilgrim's Dole (Holland, MI)

North Coast Brewing Le Merle (Fort Bragg, CA)
North Coast Brewing Old Rasputin XI (Fort Bragg, CA)
Olde Hickory Bardstown Brand Ale Aged in Bourbon Barrels (Hickory, NC)
Olde Hickory Doppelback Lager (Hickory, NC)
Olde Hickory Hickory Stick Stout (Hickory, NC)
Olde Hickory Irish Walker (Hickory, NC)
Orval Trappist Ale (Villers-devant-Orval, Belgium)
Otter Creek Imperial IPA (Middlebury, VT)
Oud Beersel Oude Gueuze Vieille (Beersel, Belgium)
Oud Beersel Oude Kriek Vieille (Beersel, Belgium)
Petrus Aged Pale Ale (Harelbeke-Bavikhove, Belgium)
Pisgah Solstice (Black Mountain, NC)
Pisgah Valdez (Black Mountain, NC)
Raccoon Lodge Cascade Kriek Ale (Portland, OR)
Rocheport Trappistes 8 (Rocheport, Belgium)
Rocheport Trappistes 10 (Rocheport, Belgium)
Rogue Dad's Little Helper (Newport, OR)
Samuel Smith's Yorkshire Sting (England)
Ska Nefarious Ten Pin Imperial Porter (Durango, CO)
Smuttnose Baltic Porter (Portsmouth, NH)
Smuttnose Wheat Wine (Portsmouth, NH)
St. Bernardus Abt 12 (Watu, Belgium)
St. Louis Gueuze Fond Tradition (Ingelmunster, Belgium)
St. Louis Premium Kriek (Ingelmunster, Belgium)
Stillwater Artisanal Stateside Saison (Baltimore, Maryland)
Stone 14th Anniversary Imperial IPA (Escondido, CA)
Stone Imperial Russian Stout (Escondido, CA)
Stone Old Guardian (Escondido, CA)
Stone/Dogfish Head/Victory Collaboration Saison Du BUFF (Escondido, CA)
Stone Sublimely Self-Righteous (Escondido, CA)
Terrapin Side Project Boom Shalalager (Athens, GA)
Unibroue La Fin Du Monde (Chambly, Quebec)
Unibroue Quelque Chose (Chambly, Quebec)
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Weyerbacher Heresy (Easton, PA)
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Yuengling (Pottsville, PA)



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Swine and Dine

by Rob Ford

Swine and Dine Cooks (formerly Sedgfield Swine Cookers Union) was at it again on Saturday, September 11 on the grounds of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Rob Ford, Frank Fields, Preston Cornett, and Mike Bonn who make up the Swine and Dine Cooks were up early putting their world-famous rub on 450 lbs. of pork butt and firing up the charcoal and oak logs on the grill - just like they do every May for Sedgfest.

The Swine and Dine Cooks want to expand their fan club and satisfy the demand from Sedgfest patrons who just can't wait until next May to have some of their superb swine. The recent event, in response to Pastor AJ's request to bring together folks from our great neighborhood at St. Paul, proved to be an extremely successful endeavor. Even a little rain didn't keep patrons away from enjoying the fine smell of the "Q" wafting through the neighborhood. It has been rumored that the Swine and Dine Cooks will be in business again real soon, so save some place in your fridge. Look out for a notice on the Sedgfield Neighborhood Facebook page and the Sedgfield website (www.neighborhoodlink.com/Sedgfield/home). If you would like to be added to the Swine and Dine distribution list, just email fof57@hotmail.com and we'll get you hooked up next cook time.

Oh, and a big apology to the 20 people still standing in

line when the last plate of "Q" had been served. The demand was so strong that we ran out in 2 hours! We'll just have to cook more next time!!

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The NEW Greystone

by Mary Beth Fields

One of our board members suggested that we hold our October 12th board meeting at Greystone. Imagine my surprise when I walked in to see a complete renovation! I didn't even know it. Owners accomplished all this in 6 weeks prior to reopening on Thursday, October 7th. What a handsome, modern decor for our neighborhood diner! The important things haven't changed even though the menu is redesigned. Same great coffee and breakfast served from 5am until 3pm. Same daily specials, favorite veggies, the best sweet tea, and a great selection of sandwiches and burgers. I took 4 kids there last Saturday evening and they loved it! Greystone now has large screen TVs in the bar area and has extended its hours until midnite Sun-Thurs and until 2am on Fri and Sat. Why even close when you open again at 5am? Whew! On Saturday nights there is live music from 9 until midnite. Come check out the new digs and the patio. Tell owner Tommy or manager Brandy that I sent you!

Sedgefield Elementary Food Bags

The SNA board hopes that members and neighbors will help with making up food bags for children at Sedgefield Elementary. The children are identified by the school staff and sent home each weekend with a food bag. As you can imagine, it requires many churches, organizations, and individuals to make this happen throughout the school year. Our board members will supply items in addition to your donations to make up as many complete bags as possible. Please bring your food donation to the general meeting on November 9th. Or, if you cannot attend, drop off at St Paul, lower level entrance, Mon-Thur 8am - 1pm.

The items must be exactly as specified below. For safety reasons, the items are ready to eat, must not require heating or refrigeration, and any cans must have flip/pop top lids. You can contribute several items or just one. Some items, such as raisin boxes, are a pak of 6 and single serve cereals are a pak of 10. Each weekend food bag will contain the following 16 items:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 8oz peanut butter OR | 2 cereal bars |
| 1 8oz grape jelly | 2 single serve cereal |
| 2 juice boxes | 1 sleeve saltine crackers |
| 1 pasta or soup bowl OR | 1 pkg graham OR |
| a canned meat | animal crackers |
| 1 can vienna sausage or tuna | 1 medium raisin box |
| 1 white or choc milk (non | 2 pkg snack crackers |
| refrig) | 1 fruit snack |
| 1 pudding cup | |
| 2 fruit cup OR apple sauce | |
| (or combination) | |



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Update from the SNA Zoning Group

by Katie Zender

Strawn Apartments Property Re-Zoning

The Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA) requested rezoning of almost 17 acres surrounding Strawn Apartments. This property is bordered by S. Blvd, S. Caldwell, Templeton Avenue, Euclid Avenue and Rensselaer and the original proposal requested up to 1.3 million square feet of housing, offices and retail, equal to the size of Carolina Place Mall.

The Dilworth Community Development group voted to drop their opposition to the re-zoning after extensive negotiations. CHA made numerous modifications in meetings with the Dilworth group, including down-sizing the amount of leasable/sellable space, specifying the percentage of space allowed for office uses, increased set-back requirements along neighborhood streets, specific minimums for various design elements, traffic management - especially during construction and open space and water management. City council approved the re-zoning at their meeting on September 20, 2010.

Epicurean Lot Re-Zoning

This property sits at the corner of East Blvd and Scott

Avenue, and the owners requested a re-zoning to allow for a parking lot that would be leased to nearby restaurant owners who do not have enough parking for their businesses. The lot has been vacant for 12 years, is in violation of City ordinance and is in violation of the East Blvd Pedscape plan, which was designed to enhance the walk-ability of East Blvd. The Dilworth Neighborhood Association opposes the re-zoning. City Council is scheduled to vote on October 18th, which is after press-time for this newsletter, so we'll share the outcome at the November general meeting.

2020 Vision Plan Workshop

The final workshop has been postponed until Thursday, November 18th when it will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center. The time is yet to be determined. Details are available here: <http://www.centercity2020.info/>

Savanna Woods Redevelopment

After more than a year after this project was pulled, a new plan for redevelopment has surfaced. It is possible that the corner parcel at Marsh and Park could be purchased and incorporated into the overall project. Watch our website and Facebook group for notifications of neighborhood and public meetings to come on this and related subjects.

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Neighbor Disputes

by Officer Matt Montgomery, mmontgomery@cmpd.org

What can be more exciting than moving into a new home and getting to know your new neighbors, or anticipating if a friendship may develop with the new person that moved in next door? In the work place or our personal lives we can normally choose who we associate with and make our friends; however, what happens if our new neighbor seems to have come from a different planet? When living in close proximity to someone it's not always easy to avoid a neighbor. There is no walking away because you're already at your "safe haven."

Unfortunately there is no easy solution. The best solution is for both parties to simply ignore each other whenever their paths cross. If only things were so simple. Often times these situations take a turn for the worse at some point and manifest from hard feelings into exchanged words, damaged property, and even criminal charges. How can this be prevented?

When the police become involved our response is usually "Ignore each other", which is not so simple. But the underlying problem will persist. Unless a threat is conveyed, property is damaged, or an assault occurs the police department's involvement in neighbor disputes is very limited because in the law's eyes your home is sacred, and so is your neighbor's. No contact orders (restraining orders) can be issued through the Sheriff's Department to prevent contact from another party; however, these are just pieces of paper. Often times the threat of arrest if the order is violated is sufficient to prevent further encounters, but these obviously don't create a barrier around you and your home. Often times the problem continues until one party succumbs and moves.

Basically no one says we have to like everyone else, we just have to get along, and this is especially true with neighbors. Unfortunately sometimes we have to suck it up and just be neighborly, then hope for the best. City/county services including code enforcement and the Sheriff's Department can be accessed through www.charmeck.org and 311.

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A Fall & Winter Seasonal Maintenance Guide for our Sedgefield Neighbors

With the fall and winter months upon us, now is the time to do some routine maintenance around your home to prepare for the changing weather ahead. Taking the time to do some work now may save on some major expenses later on. We have compiled a checklist of the top 5 fall and winter home maintenance tasks to prepare your home (and your family) for the colder temperatures ahead.

1. Schedule checkups for all home heating systems.

Regular maintenance can help furnaces, wood stoves, chimneys and other home heating components stay in top working order. Most experts recommend that you schedule an annual inspection by a qualified professional for each system, but service intervals may vary from one system or manufacturer to another, so play it safe and check your owners manual or contact each heating system manufacturer for guidance. By performing this routine maintenance measures now, you can prevent possible problems later on during the cold months. If you have to have repair work done during the colder weather, it could be more costly than having the maintenance work done now.

2. Clean your gutters. In North Carolina, you're less likely to have ice form in your gutters than in other parts of the country. Nevertheless, debris in your gutters can easily divert water onto the roof or siding, setting the stage for mold and rot and dramatically shortening the lifespan of shingles and paint. Inspect and clean your gutters in the late fall after leaves have dropped.

3. Put away lawn and garden equipment. Pick up anything in the yard that could be damaged by cold or snow, such as garden tools, hoses and nozzles, and patio furniture and accessories. Run your lawn mower until it's out of gas, if possible; if you leave gas in the tank over the winter, it can degrade and lose some of its combustion ability. Worse, gas can react with the air in the tank and oxidize; forming deposits that affect the machine's performance; worse still, moisture can condense inside the tank and cause rust that blocks the fuel lines.

4. Trim back vegetation. In some areas of the South plants grow year-round, so it's important to keep an eye on whether they're encroaching on the roof and walls. Trim trees so that branches don't hang over the roof, and keep heavy, dense growth away from siding. A good rule of thumb is to trim back bushes and shrubs so that there's enough room to walk easily between plantings and your house.

5. Pick up a paintbrush. Fall is a good time to do interior and exterior painting. Painting the exterior will seal all surfaces before winter's moisture has a chance to do damage. When painting the interior the weather will still be warm enough outside to leave windows open to ventilate during painting. Most of your professional painters are not as busy in the fall months as the rest of the year, so doing the work now may save you in the long run.

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Still Fighting the Cankermoth

This year, as in the past, the City of Charlotte will band the large street trees around Sedgefield. You may recall in 2008 the City conducted aerial spraying as an added assault on the cankerworm. Banding will be our only protection this year. The tree canopy in Sedgefield is our most prized asset. Banding must be done at the right time to stop the female moth from crawling up the tree and laying eggs. The moths hatch from the ground upon the first heavy freeze which is usually late November or early December. Trees most at risk are the willow oaks. Property owners must take steps to band trees on their property (not street trees). In years past, the Sedgefield Neighborhood Association has purchased banding materials and volunteers have banded the most vulnerable trees mostly on vacant properties.

The Sedgefield Neighborhood Association is planning a volunteer day on Saturday, Dec 11th to band identified trees. This year we will provide banding service to our senior and disabled residents for an attractive fee of \$10 per large tree (24" diam) and \$5 per smaller tree. You can email to sedgefield-neighbor@hotmail.com with your name and address. We will confirm receipt of your request and collect payment upon completion. Checks may be payable to Sedgefield Neighborhood Association. Volunteers are encouraged to meet at St Paul UMC at 9am to break into work groups. If you plan to volunteer, please email to the address above. SNA is buying the banding material and some of the supplies needed (gloves, spreaders, razor knives, scissors, staple guns, etc.) If you want to volunteer

and can bring your own work or disposable gloves, it would be appreciated. The dry crew will place batting, roll & staple the bands. The wet crew gets to spread the muck (Tanglefoot). It is easiest to drag a wagon of supplies and walk from place to place. Wear your grubby clothes and appropriate shoes. Please bring your cell phones to facilitate communication. This event has always been big fun for us and a great way to meet neighbors.

FYI some general information for residents. Several banding methods and materials are available with prices ranging from \$1.50/ft DIY to \$7.00/ft professionally installed. Prior to purchasing your banding materials, survey your trees (not street trees) and estimate the material Measure the circumference of your trees at chest height. Bug Barrier material is a complete product and does not involve spreading any sticky substance. This product is practical for use on larger trees with uniformly round trunks. To ensure effectiveness, plastic wrap is also required to secure the top and bottom edge of Barrier to the tree trunk. On very small trees or irregularly shaped and multi-trunk trees, the standard banding method (batting, roll roofing, Tanglefoot glue) will be required. When using the Tanglefoot method, you can place the insulation and the band now, but wait a day or so after the first freeze to spread the glue. Many tree and landscape services can come to your home and band your trees, usually with a minimum per residence. A very important part of tree protection includes removal of the material in late spring.

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