

	Subject:	Madison Park Homeowners' Association Meeting	
	Date:	Monday, March 12, 2012	
	Time:	7:30 p.m.	
	Location:	Wedgewood Baptist Church – Activity Center Annex –	
	Presenters:		
	Meeting Chair: Jo Ann Means	Attendee Count:	
	Jacobi Jones, Liberty Mutual Insurance Trevor Fuller, County Commission at Large Candidate	31 members 2 speakers 2 CMPD officers	
<u>http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/home/</u>			

Welcome: Meeting brought to order by Jo Ann Means, Vice President at 7:30 pm

Vice President Means thanked everyone for coming and then turned the meeting over to CMPD Community Service Officer Katie Schwartz who provided our monthly **Crime Report** covering the period from 02/14/2012 to 03/12/2012. CMPD Sgt. Don Belz attended tonight's meeting.

16-FEB-2012	800 FAIRCREST DR	Residential Burglary	Entered by smashing glass window and reaching in to unlock door, lap top, iPod and jewelry targeted
18-FEB-2012	4900 CURRITUCK DR	Larceny from Auto	Car in driveway, unlocked doors, a jacket taken
18-FEB-2012	5300 MURRAYHILL RD	Non-aggravated Assault	Domestic situation between father and son
20-FEB-2012	5600 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny-Other	Victim stated a year ago, CFD was putting out his neighbor's fire which resulted in his shed catching fire and CFD removed a propeller from his shed. Later the victim watched a suspect from his window take the propeller and put it in the back of his truck and drive away. Victim called and made report in 2012
21-FEB-2012	500 E WOODLAWN RD	Residential Burglary	Attempts only made at this residence – screens targeted
21-FEB-2012	900 FAIRBANKS RD	Other Criminal Charge	Harassing phone calls – victim made a report should this behavior continue or worsen
22-FEB-2012	4800 GILMORE DR	Other Non-criminal Incident	Intoxicated male attempted to harm himself with a cutting instrument, irrational behavior and officers aided in getting help for this individual

24-FEB-2012	5200 WEDGEWOOD DR	Larceny from Auto	Victim advised a small engine was taken from a boat parked at this residence
28-FEB-2012	1400 MOCKINGBIRD LN	Aggravated Assault-Knife	Domestic situation between two cousins
07-MAR-2012	4848 GILMORE DR	Larceny from Auto	Victim stated his medication was stolen from his vehicle

NOTE: Addresses where reported crimes occurred are denoted in the “hundred block of” the street.

Officer Schwartz was asked questions from residents concerning:

- A possible incident on Farmbrook. Officer Schwartz indicated that no report has been filed.
- Gas stolen from a pickup truck on Woodlawn. Again no report has been filed. Officer Schwartz urges everyone to report incidents when they happen.
- Officer Schwartz provided an update on resident’s concern about traffic coming out of the Montclair Elementary School at 5801 Farmbrook Drive. She indicated that CMPD had addressed this with the school staff. Residents indicated that this issue still happens about once a week. Officer Schwartz indicated that they would continue to follow-up with the school staff in an effort to get this issue corrected.

Officer Schwartz also discussed the new sidewalks being installed on Murrayhill Road and reminded everyone that you cannot block the sidewalk by parking on it. It is illegal and can result in owners being cited. When residents see sidewalks blocked they can report this to 311. If this is happening repeatedly residents can call 911 or send an email to Officer Schwartz or Lt. Hursley to address.

Speaker

Jacobi Jones Liberty Mutual Agent, discussing - Security At Home

Madison Park HOA welcomes Jacobi Jones back as a National Night Out 2012 Sponsor.

Mr. Jones referred to the example of a reported burglary where the intruder entered through a second story unlocked open window in the back of the house. Specific things that residents should do are:

- Do not leave windows or doors unlocked.
- Do not leave valuables out where they can be seen.
- Lock garage doors and side garage door entrance. Do not leave garage entrance door to the home unlocked even if the garage door is down.
- Meet and get to know your neighbors and look out for each other.
- Don’t broadcast that you will be going out of town.
- When traveling out of town either have a neighbor pick up your mail or stop delivery of the mail. You can go online at the USPS website to do this. The same holds true for your newspaper as well.

- Always document incidents. If not emergencies report the incident to 311.

All of the following statics can be found on the CharMeck website (this link can be found on the Madison Park website). January 2012 compared to January 2011:

- 5 more homicides
- 153 robberies compared to 108 robberies in 2011
- 228 aggravated assaults compared to 168 aggravated assaults in 2011
- 15.4% increase in burglaries

Mr. Jones also reminded everyone that Madison Park residents receive a discount on their Auto and Homeowners insurance through Liberty Mutual Insurance.

A resident asked how they arrived at replacement value of a home. Mr. Jones indicated that land is not included in this replacement cost. Things that are included are how the home was built, type of flooring, year the roof was installed, garages, and square footage among other things are used to determine the replacement cost. He also indicated that if a homeowner has had any upgrades to the home that they should update their homeowner policy.

Candidate for Mecklenburg County Commissioner at Large

Trevor Fuller is running for Mecklenburg County Commissioner at Large and attended our meeting tonight to introduce himself to the Madison Park residents. He is a local attorney who has his own firm, is a family man with 2 school age children. He is running for this seat because he believes that we need strong capable leadership. His focus is on education, job creation through business incentives linking incentives to jobs created here, and efficient and effective use of public funds on social services. He indicated that May 8th is the date of the primary election and asked everyone to vote.

Madison Park joins National Association of Town Watch

Madison Park joined the NATW for the first time this year. The membership cost was \$35.00 for the year. There was a special offer to join which provided us a \$25.00 gift certificate to be used at the National Night Out Super Store. On top of that we will get 10% off any purchases at the store. So the membership was basically a wash not costing us any more than the item we intended to buy for NNO from the store. You can find out about the NATW a non-profit at www.natw.org.

Dogs @ Madison Central Park

President Doss had two different residents complain to him in one week because of dogs off leash at Madison Central Park. One resident had concerns for her child and the other for her dog who was on a leash. The HOA requests that residents be respectful of their neighbors and please have your dogs on leash at the park. This is not a dog park. Also please pick up after your dog. To help reinforce this issue we are looking at purchasing a couple of signs to install. One sign found has both dogs on leash and pick up after your dog on it.

An example of the sign is shown below. Motion was made to purchase two signs at \$19.95 each; a vote was called and was adopted unanimously. Residents expressed concern that CMS also be in agreement with the installation of the signs. The association will contact and obtain their approval.



Parking On Sidewalk or Across Sidewalk

We are already hearing complaints from residents out walking about certain homes along Murrayhill blocking the sidewalks while parking in their driveways. In some cases residents could have clearly pulled forward and not blocked the walks. Residents blocking the sidewalks partially, parking across them, or parked on them as a driveway are breaking the law. The HOA will attempt to help educate just in case anyone is not aware through our web site and through our HOA meeting via these minutes. Pedestrians that find the walks blocked (especially on a regular basis can call 911 to have it addressed). Calling 911 will not take police away from more important calls. These type calls will be low priority and will be worked in after the current more important calls. Officers are in the neighborhoods now anyway. In past years CMPD has had to address this same type issue along Seneca Place and even Wedgewood when some homeowners chose to use the walks as their personal driveways. A few even ended up with tickets after they even ignored visits from the police.

If you do not have enough parking currently you have a couple of choices.

1. Enlarge your driveways or parking pads per the city ordinance.
2. Park on the street (all 4 wheels).

CDOT had told the HOA that they worked with individual homeowners that worked with them to maximize their parking in their driveways.

Also remember when you are parking on the street that all 4 wheels need to be on the street. Parking partially on the street and in the yard or planting strip is considering parking on the lawn. This is addressed by 311 and code enforcement and also can result in fines or even being towed.

Madison Park Welcomes AutoBell back for National Night Out 2012

They are returning once again at the \$1000.00 level. We also welcome as New Sponsors

Sausam Bakery and Mas Menos - Tienda Salvadorena. Madison Park resident Saul Flores owns these businesses. We appreciate his support. Visit his businesses on South Blvd.

Other 2012 Sponsors Confirmed

Target

Showmars

Liberty Mutual Agent Jacobi Jones

Sutton House (Dilworth East Blvd.)

Toppers Pizza

Direct link ay of these sponsors from their links on our web site.

If your business would like to join in this year's fun let us know ASAP at MadisonParkhoa@hotmail.com Sponsor levels start at a minimum of \$500.00

Madison Park produces the largest National Night Out in the Charlotte area. Every dollar of sponsor money goes back into the event.

3/1/12 Partners Meeting at Pinewood

President Doss attended the Pinewood Elementary Partners meeting and learned the school still has needs. They have an entire typewritten page of students waiting to have mentors. If you can help with this task contact the school at once. Just let the Principal know at trish.sexton@cms.k12.nc.us.

They also have some upcoming needs specifically funding for the 5th grade field trips. Being a title 1 school many of their students come from families without a high economic means. They wish for each of their students to be able to participate, in their field trip to Camp Thunderbird, located nearby on Lake Wylie. If any of you would be willing to sponsor a child through a donation of \$31.00, the school would be grateful for making this opportunity possible for everyone in the 5th grade. The amount is tax-deductible the schools tax identification number is 56-1684421. Mail your field trip sponsorship donation to:

Pinewood Elementary School Office
Attention: Field Trip Sponsorship Staff
805 Seneca Place
Charlotte, NC 28210

Or drop off the check at the office.

The school is in the process of setting up an on-line donation for the school's needs through Pay Pal but it is not up and running yet.

The 5th graders are working on their own Lowe's \$5000 grant to obtain Rain Barrels so they can water their school gardens. The barrels come with an irrigation system that will help get the water to the gardens from the barrels.

Pinewood Elementary will be holding two career fairs the first of which is The Schools Career Fair on March 14th, 2012.

The second career fair will be held on Mar. 26-28. The school needs volunteers to interview students for jobs for this Career Fair. Anyone with HR experience would be extremely helpful. They will have a format for volunteers to follow so anyone really could help with this task. If you'd like to help with the interview process, please email Fallon fallona.scianna@cms.k12.nc.us

Mentors and End of Grade testing volunteers will be needed for April and May 2012.

If you own a business and can provide lunch for their summer camp for up to 100 students let the school know at once. Dates of this year's Free Summer Camp are June 18-21 & 25-28.

The Pinewood Elementary PTA is hosting Bingo Night on Mar. 29th, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Cards are \$.25 cents each with a prize for each winning card. The final game is \$1.00 per card with a Grand Prize. Free popcorn and drinks will also be available.

Old Smith Language Academy School on Tyvola parking lot

Residents started asking why the parking lot was being torn up on 3/1/12. President Doss took a look and it appeared traffic medians and areas for trees were going in the area. He confirmed this with CMS. He received the following on 3/1/12:

Marty,

You are correct. When we changed the zoning from educational to office/administrative space the City required that we plant more trees. The cuts are being made for tree islands.

Guy Chamberlain, PE

Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services / Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

CDOT Digital Feedback Signs

Last month CDOT installed the requested 25 MPH additional signs near the digital feedback signs on Tyvola. CDOT also at some point reprogrammed the signs to show driver speeds above 40 MPH. The signs used to only strobe when a driver hit 40 or above. There are still some speeding issues with some cars. CMPD has been notified of the issue.

311 Online Code Reporting Issues

President Doss noticed 311 on-line reporting for code related issues were not working on 3/1/12. The links were all taking visitors to dead links. 311 were unaware as they use a different screen to enter calls to 311 from citizens. There is an on-line link to report dead

links. After 24 hours President Doss alerted the City Manager to the issue. He received e-mail from the Director of 311 Janice Quintana. He called Janice and walked her through what was happening. They were unaware the system was down. Janice responded she would work with the IT department, and alerted Beliverie Ross, the program manager for Charmeck Web site to the issue. The site was corrected later that day and was confirmed back to Marty Doss via e-mail on 3/2/12.

CDOT Ken Tippette Bike Route Missing Sign

Ken, with bike routes in CDOT, was unaware the directional bike route sign heading West Bound on Seneca Place between Lamont and Wedgewood was missing. This was one of the signs that were reported to 311 and CDOT that came down last fall when the telephone pole was broken and replaced on Seneca Place. CDOT did eventually get the other signs up. President Doss alerted Ken on 3/2/12 that this one sign for the bike route was never replaced. Hopefully, Ken will be able to have the sign replaced. Someone trying to follow a marked bike route could miss the turn on Wedgewood without this sign being up.

Rose Garden Work Day 3/4/12

Seven people showed up to prune the rose bushes on Sunday 3/4 including Councilman Andy Dulin. It took about 2 hours to complete the work. Hopefully, the spring will bring lots of roses. Andy also purchased an American Flag for the flagpole at the park. Andy also indicated he would purchase a solar spotlight so the flag would be illuminated at night.

Community Police Awards

Nominations are being sought for the 33rd annual Police Community Relations Awards sponsored by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations. The award recognizes officers and work teams from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department who are making outstanding contributions to the improvement of police community relations in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

Officers will be judged on their involvement in helping the community understand the police function and the citizens' role, demonstration of extraordinary efforts in the area of crime prevention, and involvement in aiding neighborhoods in handling special problems.

Nominations may be made by citizens in the patrol area, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools personnel, groups and individuals. Nominations may be submitted by writing, requesting a nomination form or [completing a form online](#). Deadline for submitting nominations is **Monday, April 2.**

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Newsroom/newsarchive/Pages/CommunityRelationsSeeksNominationsforPoliceAwards.aspx>

Online nomination form can be found at this link. Madison Park has great Community Officers. Many of you have told us how please you are with Officer K. Schwartz and how she has responded or handled issues for you. Officer R. Morell is also another community officer that has worked our area for years. Please consider taking a moment and

recognizing them individually by making a nomination through the on-line link. Both officers are assigned to the Westover Division.

A motion was made by members at tonight's HOA meeting to nominate Officer Schwartz, the motion was seconded and the vote passed unanimously with 27 in attendance for submitting a nomination for Officer Schwartz by the HOA.

Treasurer's Report

Cheryl Furr, Treasurer, reported that the checking account balance as of today was \$3,509.33

Additionally, \$1,441.70 remains in the CDOT Funds.

Membership:

As of today for 2012, we have 72 Paid Households (including an honorary membership for Susan Burgess in perpetuity). For 2013, we have 5 Paid Households. 2012 dues are now due. To those of you who have already paid your 2012 due – Thank You!

If you have not yet paid your \$20, you can send a check to:

Madison Park HOA

PO BOX 242432

Charlotte, NC 28224 Paid membership entitles you to one free neighborhood T-shirt.

You can also visit our web site and pay online through Pay Pal.

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park

OPEN DISCUSSION / ISSUES / CONCERNS

A resident who lives on Halstead indicated that two coyotes had killed a rabbit in his front yard at around 3:00am, Saturday morning and wanted to ensure everyone was aware of this potential threat.

New Members/First Time Attendees – there were two first time attendees tonight.

We welcome all new attendees.

Adjournment

8:23pm