

Madison Park HOA –Oct. 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Valerie Delby, HOA President, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance, including first time attendees who were asked to introduce themselves.

Crime Statistics

(Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location)

Madison Park CMPD community representatives, Officer Shabeer Mohammad of the Westover Division was in attendance. Officer Mohammad presented the following monthly crime statistics for our community from Sept. 8 through Oct. 12, 2014:

Area	Madison Park, Madison Park, Pinewood ES
Layer	Reported Incidents
Category	Index Offenses (Part I)
Data	For Public Release
Date Range	9/8/2014 - 10/12/2014

Incident Type	Frequency
Larceny from Auto	11
Residential Burglary	3
Larceny-Other	2
Commercial Burglary	1
Residential Burglary-Storage Bldg	1
Total	18

Detail Listing

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20140912-0719-03	12-SEP-2014	900 DENT CT	Larceny from Auto
20140912-0729-00	12-SEP-2014	800 FAIRBANKS RD	Larceny from Auto
20140912-0731-01	12-SEP-2014	4700 WEDGEWOOD DR	Larceny from Auto
20140912-0733-00	12-SEP-2014	800 FAIRBANKS RD	Larceny from Auto
20140912-0754-00	12-SEP-2014	5000 PRENTICE PL	Larceny from Auto
20140912-0824-00	12-SEP-2014	5000 PRENTICE PL	Larceny from Auto
20140912-0854-04	12-SEP-2014	4900 PRENTICE PL	Larceny from Auto
20140912-0940-03	12-SEP-2014	900 STANFIELD DR	Larceny from Auto
20140912-1052-05	12-SEP-2014	800 STANFIELD DR	Larceny from Auto
20140912-1424-03	12-SEP-2014	4900 HORTON CT	Residential Burglary-Storage Bldg
20140918-1726-00	18-SEP-2014	5700 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary
20140920-1549-02	20-SEP-2014	5200 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny-Other
20140925-1027-03	25-SEP-2014	700 STANFIELD DR	Larceny from Auto
20141002-0907-00	02-OCT-2014	4600 HUNTER CREST LN	Larceny from Auto
20141006-1903-06	06-OCT-2014	5000 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary
20141008-2024-02	08-OCT-2014	4900 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny-Other
20141010-0449-03	10-OCT-2014	4400 PARK RD	Commercial Burglary
20141010-1810-01	10-OCT-2014	4500 FENWICK CT	Residential Burglary

For an additional listing of crime in the area, the following Crime Mapping link is available:

<http://www.crimemapping.com/map.aspx?ll=-8998793.12186394,4194774.886228889&z=14&mc=world-street&cc=AR,AS,BU,DR,DU,FR,HO,VT,RO,SX,TH,VA,VB,WE>

This Crime Mapping link may also be found on the Madison Park HOA website on the Main page under External Links, Crime Mapping Tool. http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park

If you notice and suspicious behavior in your area please contact 911 immediately!

For additional information please contact Officer Mohammad at smohammad@cmpd.org .

The following information has been presented by CMPD at previous meetings and we will continue to post this to the Minutes throughout 2014:

- CMPD suggested be sure to keep blinds, shades and curtains closed at night as well as to secure your outdoor sheds and electrical boxes to help avoid crime.
- Residents should **keep an inventory** of their electronics, jewelry and other personal items (including serial numbers where applicable). Pictures and serial numbers help the police find stolen items faster especially when they are pawned so be sure to take an inventory and keep it in a safe location.
- Residents are to be aware that there are people who come into the neighborhood and stand in front of homes to connect to residents Wi-Fi internet. Be sure to **Password protect your Wi-Fi connection** and report anyone suspicious in the area by calling 911.

Safety Starts At Home

What You Can Do To Keep Madison Park Safe

1. Make sure your house is well lit. Turn on outside lights, spotlights, motion lights, etc. Leave several inside lights on timers while you are away to give your home that lived in look.
2. All exterior doors should be steel or made with a solid core. Deadbolts should be used to lock and secure your doors. A good deadbolt should have a 1" throw. If you have glass within 40" of the lock a burglar could reach in and unlock the door. A double cylinder lock (this type needs a key on both sides to unlock) should be used if glass is near the lock.
3. With sliding glass doors a pin through the frame, a locking device or broomstick in the track will help prevent the door from being opened from outside.
4. Do not leave a spare key hidden outside your house. Do not leave extra keys to your home or vehicle inside any of your vehicles, even if they are parked inside your garage.
5. Landscaping should not create hiding spaces or block windows or doors of your residence. Trees and shrubbery should be properly pruned to keep them from providing access to upper floors and creating blind spots.
6. Secure windows with locks or pins for both closed and partially opened positions. Use blinds and curtains for privacy.
7. Remove anything an intruder could use to gain access to your home i.e., ladders, wood, tables, chairs, lawn tools and children toys.
8. As an added since of security some residents have installed alarm systems. Consult with alarm companies for differences in the systems and decide which would benefit you. The alarm system can only help if it used. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department requires that alarm systems be registered with the police department.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Leash Law

The City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have strict leash laws that apply to all animals except cats (see the nuisance animal section for laws pertaining to cats). Animals must be on a leash, contained within a fence or an **operable and marked** invisible fence. The invisible fence company should give owners a sign to place at the mailbox to indicate that there is an invisible fence present.

An animal may be loose in its own yard if there is an adult (18 years or older) immediately next to the animal **and** the animal responds to direct verbal commands of the person. ALL dog owners that take their dogs for walks in their neighborhoods and/or public parks (**not** designated as a dog park) are required to keep their dogs on leash and under physical restraint at ALL TIMES. If owners are found walking their dogs

with a leash but not under physical control, or their dogs loose with the leash around the owner's neck, the owner **will** be found in violation and can be fined. All regulations aim to protect the health and safety of our citizens.

Please be a responsible pet owner and abide by the law. Violations will be investigated and stiff fines may be applied. Fines range from a \$50.00 citation for the first violation and up to a \$500.00 citation and permanent seizure of the animal for a fifth violation. To report an animal at large, please call 311. Please note that it could take up to 4 hours for an officer to respond. Any information about where the owner lives would help greatly. Owners that have not been in violation before, or dogs that are not visibly seen loose by an AC&C Officer will receive a warning citation before violation citations will be written. For more information visit, <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CMPD/organization/Support/AnimalControl/Char-MeckLaws/Pages/Leash%20Law.aspx>

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Code Enforcement

Dennis Whittington, CharMeck Code Enforcement Officer, updated the community on recent violations in the area and reminded attendees that any signs (including but not limited to For Sale/Rent and Election) must be placed beyond 11 feet from the curb. He also reminded us that bulky items need to be called for pickup. For more information regarding CharMeck residential codes visit, <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/nbs/codeenforcement/Pages/default.aspx>

Mr. Whittington also discussed the proper placement for yard waste, reminded us leaves can only be placed in CLEAR bags; not Black ones and directed everyone to the city's website below for a full description.
Yard Waste Site: <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/SWS/CurbIt/YardWaste/Pages/Home.aspx>

Guest Speakers

Bill Tingle – Mecklenburg County Floodplain Administrator for Storm Water-Flood Mitigation

Mr. Tingle has worked for the last 20 years in the County Storm Water Services where he ensures safe and environmentally conscious development in or near floodplains by administering the floodplain development regulations. He manages floodplain remapping, mitigation planning and floodplain property buyouts. He spoke to us about the Little Hope Creek Floodplain which runs through our neighborhood and encompasses parts of 6 neighborhood streets: Montford Drive, Wentworth Place, Bradbury Drive, Wedgewood Road, Terrence Place and Mockingbird Lane. He explained how the floodplain maps will be changing in early 2015 due to data collections and continued development of the area. He passed out maps showing which properties were included in the floodplain and which parcels had changed. For more information go to <http://stormwater.charmeck.org> or email him at Bill.Tingle@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov

Lance Land & Mark Steiner – DryPro Systems Charlotte (New HOA Silver-level Sponsor)

Mr. Land and Mr. Steiner discussed the importance of protecting your home from flooding by the installation of SmartVents. Smartvents are the only floodvents certified by FEMA and installation can significantly reduce flood insurance premiums. By installing floodvents into a crawlspace the floodwaters are allowed to enter the crawlspace thus reducing the water pressure around the foundation and preventing collapse of the foundation. They showed us two models of floodvents, one for sealed crawlspaces and one for ventilated spaces. Both models of floodvents have floatation devices which control the opening and closing of the vents allowing water to enter / leave the crawlspace. The ventilated model has louvers / mesh vents which is controlled by temperature.

Dry Pro Foundation and Crawlspace Specialists is the **Authorized Basement Systems dealer in North Carolina** and has a full range of patented products available to meet your foundation, crawl space, basement waterproofing and mold removal needs, whether you're building a new home or you already have a home with water problems in Greater Charlotte, NC. For more information visit, <http://www.dryprosystems.com>

Lisa Hargett – Nationwide Insurance The Angel Agency (New HOA Silver-level Sponsor)

Ms. Hargett has been in the insurance industry for 35 years both on the company and agency side of the business. She has a thorough knowledge and understanding of underwriting requirements, especially regarding flood insurance. Her office is located in our neighborhood at the Graham Office Park located at 4523 Park Road, Suite 103A. Did you know that any property can flood; a flood can happen any season, anywhere and all properties are available for flood insurance? When your property is in a floodplain you have a higher chance of flooding. Being in a hundred year floodplain means there is a 1% chance of flood in any given year; NOT that it will only flood once every one-hundred years. Flood insurance is NOT covered by your homeowners, business or other property policies. 25% of all claims occur in low-moderate risk flood areas; and in the US, flooding is the #1 natural disaster. Over a 30 year mortgage, there is a 26% chance of flooding compared to 9% chance of fire in high risk zones. If you live in a flood plain, have a mortgage you are required to purchase flood insurance. One way to mitigate your damage due to flooding is installation of FEMA-approved SmartVents which can reduce your insurance flood premium up to 85%. For more information on FEMA Flood Insurance please visit, <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program> and www.floodsmart.gov. Contact our neighborhood flood insurance specialist at lhargett@theangelagency.com

Stephen McClure – President, Spectrum Properties

Mr. McClure represents Spectrum Properties, developer for the pending Abbey Place project. He spoke to the attendee's to supply an initial review of the proposed project plan that has been submitted to the city and opened for questions and suggestions for the space. Mr. McClure stated that his company hoped to be a long-term partner with Madison Park and would work with us during the planning phase to help reduce noise and traffic during and after construction. The goal is to have a high-end apartment complex replacing the current complex which stands today while adding members to Madison Park community.

Spectrum Properties will be a Guest Speaker at the Nov. 10 HOA meeting and welcome questions and comments prior to the meeting to allow for quicker follow-up. You may direct any initial questions to the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com. Parking (street & facility), improved lighting, trash collection, traffic calming, and pedestrian-friendly access to Park Road are part of the overall discussion for the next meeting.

For more information visit, <http://www.spectrum-properties.com>

Neighborhood and Community

Treebanding Grant

The 2014 Treebanding grant application was approved by the Neighborhood Matching Grant committee! Contracts were signed by President Delby at a Grant workshop on Oct. 2 making the grant officially open. SilverDuck Treebanding will be in contact with residents who participated in the application to schedule the first phase of the project, which is anticipate to begin late Oct to early Nov.

For those who were unable to participate in the grant, SilverDuck Treebanding is offering Madison Park residents a rate of \$30 per tree, which reflects a volume discount for our neighborhood and 2013 rates! Please contact the company direct at info@treebanding.com and reference that you live in Madison Park.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the grant and for helping to band the neighborhood!

Madison Central Park - Trash Collection

-Rebecca Wooten (resident) has volunteered to be Lead to supply the trash receptacle with HOA supplied bags through the end of 2014 thank you! Monthly trash removal has been covered for Sept and Oct but we need volunteers for Nov-Dec. Please contact the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to remove debris from the container this year!

Madison Central Park – Rose Garden – Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help support the maintenance and upkeep of the Rose Garden. If you could like to volunteer please contact the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com

2015 HOA Board Elections

2015 HOA Board Nomination Period is Now Open (Begins Oct. 1 and ends Oct. 31)

- To be eligible to run for a board position, you must be a Homeowner residing within the boundaries of Madison Park and be current with HOA annual dues (\$20 per year).

Positions on the ballot are:

Vice President - serves 1-year term with eligibility to run for a consecutive 1 year term.

Secretary - Serves 1-year term with eligibility to run for a consecutive 1 year term. *Incumbent - Margaret Sexton*

Treasurer - Serves 1-year term with eligibility to run for a consecutive 1 year term. *Incumbent - Mitch Jackson*

Director (3 open positions) - serves 2-year term with option for a consecutive 2-year term (max)

Note: President role will become open for 2015 as President Delby has completed her 1-year term. The President role is a 1-year term with eligibility to run for a consecutive 1-year term. This position must come from the current board and is not eligible for the Community election process per the bylaws, therefore the Board nominates and votes to approve the candidate. **Douglas Welton, current HOA Board Vice President, has been nominated for the President role for 2015. The Board will vote at the November 10 meeting to confirm and approve.**

The Nomination Review Committee consists of: Martin Doss, Valerie Delby and Sam Perkins. The committee will review each nomination for consistency with bylaws and make recommendations to the HOA Board.

To nominate yourself or a neighbor, please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com with: Name, Address, Email, Phone# and a brief description of why you would like to be on the board.

We welcome all interested parties to participate! If being on the board is not something you wish to do at this time but would like to be involved in the community there are several Project Lead roles available for 2015. Feel free to reach out via the email listed above and we will be happy to discuss the options! This is also a great way for Renters to participate so don't be shy in contacting us we would love to have you part of the team!

Thanks in advance for your interest!

2014 Neighborhood Upcoming Events

OCT 17 - Social Meetup @ Strike City Bowling (uptown) from 5:30 – 7:30 – Valerie Delby (lead).

To keep the momentum of our social meet-ups bringing neighbors out to meet other neighbors, we will hold our next event at Strike City Bowling! Come out and join the fun for a night of bowling at one of Madison Park's biggest community event supporters! **Madison Park will receive discounted bowling** so we hope you can make it out!

We plan to have an event in **November at Libretto's Pizza** so stay tuned for date and time!

Thanks to everyone who came out to Cantina 1511 (new Park Road location) on Sept. 8 for a night of good food and fun!

OCT 18 - Hope Builders 5K & Stroller Roller 5K – Emily Bartlett (lead)

As announced at the Sept. HOA meeting: Come out and join or sponsor fellow Madison Park residents, Terry & Emily Bartlett, for the Hope Builders 5K and/or Stroller Roller 5K walk/run on **Sat., Oct. 18 (leaving the Start line at 7:50 AM)** supporting Levine's Children's Hospital of the Carolinas HealthCare Foundation (CHF). If you wish to participate in the run please visit the CHF site below and if you would like to support the Bartlett family you may do so: To join "Team Bartlett" go to www.hopebuilders5k.org, click on Join A Team. Under "Team Name" type Parent Financial / Fit4Mom (note: there is a space before and after the /). For more information on the event visit, http://events.carolinashealthcarefoundation.org/site/TR?fr_id=1560&pg=entry#.VBJAeVaCZuY

OCT 18 – Community Fall Festival at Pinewood Elementary from 10:00 – 2:00 (details in school/HOA partnership section)

OCT 25 - Trunk –or-Treat from 10:00-11:00 – Valerie Delby (lead)

We will have the annual Trunk or Treat event at the Madison Central Park parking lot on **Sat., Oct 25th from 10- 11**. This is a BYOT (bring your own treat) event so feel free to bring wrapped goodies to share with everyone there.

We will provide a **Prize for the best costume worn by an Adult** so be sure to come out in your best Halloween attire!

Note: ALL vehicles must be inside the Madison Central Park parking lot gate prior to 10AM gates will be closed to vehicles for the Safety of the attendees.

NOV 7 - Madison Park Mom's Group - Emily Bartlett (lead)

Our first meeting on Sept. 18 at Caribou Coffee had several parents in attendance and that meet-up has lead to our **next event to be held on Nov. 7**. Please see below for RSVP information. Thanks to the Bartlett family for opening their home for this event!

Next Event - Madison Park Family Dinner - November 7 from 4:30 – 6:30pm

1121 Seneca Place, Charlotte, NC 28210

Bring your kids and bring their dinner .lets enjoy some adult conversation and drinks over homemade chili while the kids eat and play. Please **RSVP by October 31st** so that we can plan accordingly. In your RSVP, please let me know if you have any food allergies or special diet restrictions.

RSVP by October 31st to Emily Bartlett at emilyannebartlett@icloud.com or 704-778-1658 (call or text). Let me know if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you and meeting some other parents around the neighborhood!

Senior Center Activities and Events:

Health Corner - Every Fourth Thursday of the month from 1:00 – 2:00, presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Oct. 23 – Good nutrition, Good health. Learn the benefits of a proper diet.

NC New Voting Laws

Oct. 23 - Learn about the new laws regarding voting and changes for the 2016 election with the emphasis on the New Voter ID requirements. You may also register to vote if your registration has expired.

Fitness Classes Register for classes at the reception desk or call 704-522-6222. For a full list of events/classes for October visit, <http://www.cmseniorcenters.org/tyvolaclasses.htm>

DEC 8 - Annual Holiday Social sponsored by Madison Park HOA

The HOA will hold our annual **Holiday Dinner Social on Dec. 8 from 7:00- 8:00** at the Wedgewood Church Annex Building (same location as HOA meetings). Ham, turkey, sides, rolls and drinks will be provided by the HOA (while supplies last). Residents are asked to bring a dessert to share with the community.

There will be **Raffles and Pinewood Elementary has offered to have a few of their students perform Holiday Carols** during the dinner and we would like to thank Principal Pegram and students for providing the musical entertainment!

So come out and meet your neighbors while enjoying food, raffles and music to celebrate the holidays!

Wedgewood Farmers Market

Located at 4800 Wedgewood Drive (intersection of Tyvola Rd and Wedgewood, the Farmers Market is open **Wednesday Noon-6:00 and Saturday from 9:00-2:00**. Come out and enjoy local food and vendors!

Pinewood Elementary & Madison Park Partnership

OCT 18 - Community Fall Festival (10:00 – 2:00)

The **Community Fall Festival on Oct. 18 from 10-2 at Pinewood Elementary** is almost here and we are looking for as many volunteers to help out as possible to make this a great event. Please use the web link below to sign-up for a time that best fits your schedule. If you have any issues with the site or link please feel free to email the HOA and we will input the information for you.

Volunteer Sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/18WdhDES67o72ZnVGFqGyiiM-J8JDXNc7dZl_87RzxcU/edit?pli=1

On the day of the event please visit the PTA booth to sign-in and they will be happy to provide directions to the booth location you will be working.

Update from previous minutes (Craft Vendors):

We had requested craft vendors in Madison Park to participate in the event to allow them to showcase their locally made products with a percentage of their sales going to the PTA. However, we were notified last week that CMS will only allow vendor participation if 100% of their proceeds go to the school and that is not something either vendor is in a position to do at this time. To help provide the 2 craft vendors who were planning to participate another opportunity to display and sell their products, the HOA has offered for them to be a Guest Speaker at an upcoming HOA monthly meeting with their topic being related to a charity of their choice that they will donate funds from sales. We apologize to the vendors and community for this issue and look forward to having them at a meeting in the future!

We would like to **Thank our Sponsors** in advance for their financial support in making our first joint event with Pinewood Elementary possible! Please be sure to visit the sponsors at their booths at the event as well as their websites below.

Thanks again and we look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday!

HOA Sponsors (6-month contribution)

Platinum Level

AutoBell - www.autobell.com

Silver Level

Queens University - www.queens.edu

SilverDuck Treebanding - www.treebanding.com

Strike City - <http://strikecitycharlotte.com>

Carolina Pest Management - <http://www.carolinapest.com>

The Angel Agency - <http://www.angelinsurance.com/business/business.asp>

Edward Jones (Clay Woodruff Agency)-

https://www.edwardjones.com/en_US/fa/index.html&CIRN=423213

DryPro Systems - <http://www.dryprosystems.com>

YWCA - <http://www.ywcentralcarolinas.org>

Event Sponsors – Community Fall Festival

AirMaxx - <http://airmaxxofcharlotte.com>

Mr. Rogers Windows - <http://www.mrrogerswindows.com>

Cantina 1511 - www.cantina15eleven.com

The LaLa Girl – <http://www.thelalagirl.com>

Omega Sports - <http://www.omegasports.net>

Amore Paper - www.amorepaper.com

Penn Station Subs - www.penn-station.com (5110 Park Road location)

Park Road Soda Shoppe - <http://parkroadshoppingcenter.com/retail/park-road-soda-shoppe/>

Jason's Deli - www.jasonsdeli.com (1600 E Woodlawn Rd location)

Please support our sponsors with your business. They assist the HOA by offering programs, giving monetary support / donations to events and programs which we sponsor / co-sponsor and making our neighborhood a better place.

School Supply Drive (Year around opportunities)

Though the school year has started, Pinewood Elementary continues to run their supply drive and would like to invite Madison Park to participate! Please take a look at their supply list (link below) to see what is needed. You may drop off purchases at the school in the in the office.

http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/pinewoodES/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/25/Pinewood_School_Supply_List_2014-2015.pdf

Thanks for your continued participation!

For volunteer opportunities during the standard school year please reach out to the administrator at 980-343-5825 and they will be happy to assist!

Thanks again to the Madison Park community for supporting all of the events and school programs!

Membership Dues

You may pay dues via **PayPal, Postal Service on in person** at the monthly HOA meeting. For new members, please fill out the application (link below) and email or mail back to the HOA for processing. Membership is only \$20 per household per year. Thanks to everyone who has updated their memberships this year and thanks in advance to those who will have it on the way soon!

Application and PayPal (payment option):

On-line through PayPal:

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/pages/522222 (hold “ctrl” key down before clicking).

Note: membership is \$21 through PayPal.

Postal Service:

Madison Park HOA, PO Box 242432, Charlotte, NC 28224

Please include a member application, which you will find at http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park (hold “ctrl” key down before clicking) then click on “2014 HOA Membership Application” under Documents & Pages.

For questions please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com

Treasurers Report

For September 8, 2014 through October 13, 2014, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 4,050.14
Deposits	160.36 membership dues
Deposits	\$ 1,100.00 sponsorships
Deposits	\$ 9,933.00 Freedom School matching grant (to be paid as reimbursement to Freedom School)
Payments	- <u>90.95</u> Various bills
Ending balance	\$15,152.55

Traffic Calming Funds in the amount of \$1,253.80 continue to be held by CDOT. The funds are earmarked for vinyl replacements on our signs in the future.

In Closing

Margaret Sexton wanted to thank all who participated in the Roadside Cleanup held on Saturday, September 27th from 9 AM until 11AM. We had 10 volunteers (average age OVER 65) which picked up 20 bags of trash along Tyvola from Wedgewood to Park Road. THANK YOU for helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

The floor was open to any follow-up questions/concerns from the attendees and none were presented therefore we adjourned the meeting.

There were 30 residents in attendance, including one police officer and one zoning enforcement officer.

Thanks to everyone who attended!