

	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Madison Park Monthly Association Meeting</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday, April 13th, 2009</b>	
	<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	
	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Wedgewood Baptist Church Annex</b>	
	<b>Presenters:</b>		
	Meeting Chair: Ken Davis		<b>Attendee Count:</b>
	Guest Speaker: Don Rosenberg, Instant Organic Garden		<b>22</b>
<a href="http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/charlotte/madisonpk/">http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/charlotte/madisonpk/</a>			
<b>Agenda:</b>			

## Welcome

### 1. Crime Report- given by Officers Hairston & Lim

- a. 4400 block of Halstead- theft from motor vehicle
- b. 5200 block of Milford- breaking and entering in a storage shed
- c. 5040 block of Murrayhill- theft of motor vehicle
- d. 5220 block of Murrayhill- theft of motor vehicle
- e. 5040 block of Murrayhill- Breaking and entering
- f. 5200 block of Milford- theft from a motor vehicle
- g. 5010 block of Wedgewood- theft of motor vehicle
- h. 4800 block of Murrayhill- theft of motor vehicle

There has been an increase in vehicle thefts in the past month- hopefully we will have an update next meeting.

Officer Hairston reminds us to always call 911 for anything suspicious- we should not worry about “bothering” the police, it is better for them to come out the check things out. He also suggested that homeowners should install motion detector lights outside of the house- it can help prevent crime.

Officer Lim had an update on the vandalism that was taking place in our neighborhood from Dec 08-Feb09. They now have a confession from a suspect, and Officer Lim is meeting with the DA this week. It appears that it was a group of juveniles, (not gang related), with an adult. These were the cases earlier this year with BB gun damage to cars.

### 2. Speaker:

Don Rosenberg - <http://instantorganicgarden.com>

Everyone would like to enjoy organic vegetables fresh from their back yard, but many lack the time, experience or space to have their own garden. Don Rosenberg is owner of Instant Organic Garden, and a master gardener with over twenty years of backyard gardening experience. He has found new ways to make organic vegetable gardening so easy that everyone can do it, and shared some of his secrets with our group.

Don says gardening can be easy and recommends going organic because it is healthier and easier. He suggests having small, raised bed gardens and that you can harvest fresh vegetables all year round. For lots more information, visit his website at <http://instantorganicgarden.com>.

### 3. Neighborhood Updates

- a. **Meeting Attendance:** We have had very low turnout at the last few meetings. Feedback from those who do attend is that the meetings are helpful and productive, usually lasting no more than 45 minutes to an hour. Remember – this is YOUR neighborhood; YOUR neighborhood association and your chance to be involved, know what is going on, and keep Madison Park the great neighborhood it is. We try to make the meeting minutes as thorough as possible, but attending also gives you the chance to voice your thoughts, ask questions, and meet your neighbors. If our meetings are not

meeting your needs, please – tell us what you want. Do we have the wrong meeting night? The wrong meeting time? You tell us.... [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com).

**b. Zoning/Code Violations:**

**Kirk Young** - At this time, the neighborhood looks really good. We have gotten a lot of complaints about signs around the neighborhood in the past couple weeks, but neighborhood residents are picking them up for me - thank you to everyone who is helping out. He saw today that someone has posted a lost dog sign; he will pick those up this week.

Kirk and Donald Moore are working with the owner to get the property cleaned up at Wedgewood/Seneca with all the planting materials. If anyone is wondering about it, it is going to take some time, but we should have it cleaned up very soon.

Remind everyone that it is getting to be that time of the year for Weeds and Grass, they will get a lot of complaints, but Kirk will do his best to keep up with all of it. Weeds/Grass complaints are for front, back and sides of homes. We do NOT do overgrown vines on home and fences under this cod.

The majority of complaints and calls for the past month were Bulky items and Parking on the lawn. All owners have corrected these issues. Kirk has opened about 6 calls for weeds and grass on Woodlawn and I think 2 have corrected them. We have had 3 complaints for weeds and grass and I have spoken to all owners about mowing.

**c. Traffic Issues**

- i. Assuming that everyone heard about the accident at Smith Language Academy last week; this tragic accident further highlighted the issues that we have with people speeding through our neighborhoods. There were a number of emails that went out last week from residents concerned about speeding through the school zone and the lack of safety for pedestrians through that area, since the removal of the crosswalk. No responses received thus far on those emails.
- ii. We have also received a request from Nancy Mosier, President of the Montclair HOA with a request to consider asking for additional stop signs at several intersections in the Madison Park/Montclair neighborhoods. Their association has concerns about the increase in traffic with the development that has been built at Park South Station (the old Celanese site) over on Archdale – their residents have noticed a significant increase in the amount of cut-through traffic, especially on streets between Tyvola and Archdale. This traffic will continue to increase as the development continues to grow – (850+ units are going in there). If anyone has specific objections to all stops at the following streets, or wants intersections (only in Madison Park) added, please contact me the HOA the [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com) email address, stating your name, address, and the reasons for your objection or request. Support thus far for the all stops has been positive, especially from the principal at Montclair Elementary School.

Streets under consideration for all stops are as follows:

Madison Park Intersections	Montclair Intersections
Farmbrook & Chedworth	Farmbrook & Wensley
Farmbrook & Valley Forge	Farmbrook & Tamworth (School)
Farmbrook & Fairbanks	Emerywood & Farmbrook
Wedgewood & Valley Forge	Wensley & Boxwood
	Wensley & Rose Valley

	Brookhaven at Stonewood
	Rose Valley at Collingsdale
	Chedworth at Wedgewood
	Montpelier at Archdale

- d. Reminder - Tyvola Road Street Cleanup** - Trash pickup for Adopt-A-Street along Tyvola Road is this Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for this; we will start at 8AM; with six to eight people, this task takes only about an hour to work from Park Road back to Marion Diehle. Please join us! (Apologies for the 8:30 start time in the monthly meeting invitation that went out last week – we will be starting at 8am sharp!)
- e. Lunch in the Park** – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from Noon until approximately 3PM. Volunteers needed to work on sponsorships for raffle prizes; volunteers will also be needed to help set up the event, cook and clean up afterwards. We are also looking for volunteers to slice tomatoes, onions, and prepare lettuce, etc.
- f. Neighborhood Symposium, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – I need a volunteer or volunteers who would be interested in attending and representing Madison Park; please let me know. I will not be able to attend due to the fact that our spring picnic is that day and I will be involved in setup for that. The symposium runs later than noon, but you are certainly welcome to duck out early to attend the picnic!
- g. National Night Out** – Thanks to Debra Campbell, Dee McCandlish and Marty Doss – we met on March 30<sup>th</sup> to begin working on National Night Out. We do not have any grant funding for this years' event, since we are not eligible to apply this year. However, we do have openings for corporate or business sponsors who might want to set up a table at the event. Please help spread the word, and if you or someone you know is interested in providing a sponsorship for this event, please get in touch with Ken at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com). NNO will be held on Fairbanks Road again this year, on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We have had great attendance over the past several years, and want to make this years' event a success. We will also need setup/takedown volunteers for the actual event, as well as people to work the food, drink, and refreshments stations.
- h. Open House** – Butch Shaw, who grew up in Madison Park on Cooper, has extended an invitation to any Madison Park residents to attend an "Open House" at All South Supply Company, on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. All South Supply specializes in wholesale landscape improvement materials (retaining wall stones, pavers, mulch, outdoor kitchens and more). The open house will be from 3 to 7pm; All South is located at 200 Olympic Street, just off Westinghouse Boulevard. Directions (from the church address) may be found [here](#).
- i. Monthly Speaker Topics**  
If you have a suggested topic and speaker for our monthly meetings, please get in touch with Ken Davis at [MadisonParkHOA@hotmail.com](mailto:MadisonParkHOA@hotmail.com); we're always looking for community interest topics. The May speaker will be Marti Gargis from the Marion Diehle Senior Center. Marti will be presenting us with an overview of the programs and opportunities that our Senior Centers offer.
- j. Tyvola Light Rail Stop** – New benches in a shaded section of the station platform have been installed; this was done at the request of a resident who uses the light rail regularly. Existing benches were in direct sunlight with no shelter from rain, etc.
- k. Norfolk-Southern Railroad Crossing – Temporary Replacement**  
Norfolk-Southern has installed a temporary replacement for the Tyvola Road crossing between South Boulevard and Old Pineville. The crossing is not as smooth as it should be, but at least there are no sinkholes this time around! We are still slated for a permanent concrete replacement in 2010.

**4. Old Business**

- a. Still have an opening for the Board of Directors secretary position. We really need to get this filled and take the workload off of April. Please speak to your friends and neighbors and see if anyone is interested. If they are, please have them contact me. **It is critical that we get this position filled.** April Mays is expecting a baby this summer and will not be able to cover the secretary position.

**5. New Business**

- a. Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$1,150.14 in our account with all bills paid. Please pay your 2009 dues – they are due each year, in January, but are accepted throughout the current year, renewing in January. We now have a post office box at Starmount Post Office; you can send a check for \$20 to Madison Park HOA, PO Box 242432, Charlotte, NC 28244. Membership forms are available on the table in the back, as well as online at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/charlotte/madisonpk/>

**6. Open Discussion:**

- a. None
7. One correction from last month's meeting minutes- I had written that if your pet came in contact with a possibly rabid raccoon, possum or bat, your pet could be quarantined if the shots are not up to date. A resident emailed saying that possums are generally not rabies carriers. Their body temperature is usually too low to carry rabies. Sorry for any confusion!

**New Members/First Time Attendees:** 1 on Faircrest

**Adjournment:** Time: 8:35pm.