

	Subject:	Madison Park Homeowners' Association Meeting
	Date:	June 13,2016
	Time:	7:00 p.m.
	Location:	Pinewood Elementary Media Center
	President:	Kay Tawney
	Presenters: Officer Shabeer	Attendance: 1 CMPD officer & Madison Park Residents

June 13, 2016

Recognition of Visitors / membership reminder

Visitors from Selwyn Park were in attendance.

Sponsor Acknowledgement

Best Friend (\$2000): N/A

Community Leader (\$1000): Auto Bell & Beth Smith Shuey

Good Neighbor (\$500): Angel Insurance Agency (Nationwide) and Built Restoration

Event Sponsors

(Cash \$500) listed alphabetically \$\$ - Brawley's, Chen Development, Grubb Properties, Queens University, YWCA

Community Reports

Officer Mohammed from CMPD—crime report

- **May 9** – larceny of backpack blower – 11:30am-1pm. Victim immediately realized it was gone. Went to pawn shops to locate. Had footage of lady pawning it. Got his blower back. Woman was from Cornelius and now there are warrants out for her arrest. So, \$80 and a warrant is what she ended up with from this adventure.
- **May 11** – 600 block Seneca. Victim left house at 9am and got home and 11:30pm. 65" TV, couple of watches, nice bottle of alcohol missing and house ransacked.
- B/E 300 block Seneca. Victim's brother came by to check on the house while the victim was away and the house was ransacked.
- Auto theft on Seacroft 5200 block. No sign of damage, no broken windows. Owner had the key. Car was found with no damage to the car of the ignition.
- Larceny of hydrocodone on Dent Ct. Medicine was mailed to the victim. Medicine was gone after delivery. Food for thought: have the sender ensure that a signature is needed for drop-off
- 82 year old, hearing impaired victim was the victim of a B/E on the 5300 block of Baker Dr. She believes that her nephew was involved. She kicked him out a month ago. Hidden money that only someone that knew her would have known about and TV gone.
- Larceny of a trimmer. 5000 Baylor Dr. Trimmer left in the back of a truck and victim came back and it was gone in the span of about 30 min.

- Signed warrants on Michael Bell (name?). Arrested prior 2 B/Es. He's back out.
- 2 B/Es in nearby neighborhood on Memorial Day weekend. Nice handprint left on back door and warrants have been signed for arrest and have contacted their parole officer to have parole revoked.

Questions

1. Rape on Park Rd. Victim hanging out on Montford and left her friends. She was intoxicated and walking home. She noticed a guy following her. She pretends to be on the phone. He calls to her. She ignored him. He caught up to her and the event did happen per her story. She says she fought him off and he fled. She described him as a stocky Asian male. Kit done at the hospital and expect DNA report soon. Note: Off duty police officers do patrol Montford Dr. on Friday and Saturday night every weekend. Don't walk home by yourself. Call someone if you feel something is off.
2. Seems to be a reduction of B/Es in the neighborhood. Is that true? Yes, there have been a reduction in B/Es in this neighborhood. Some nearby areas have been getting hit harder and resources have been sent to those areas.

Food for thought:

- Don't post on social media the dates or location(s) where you're going on vacation.
- Don't post requests looking for house sitters, dog sitters, etc.

Code Enforcement (Dennis)

- Problems lately with high weeds and grass. There is a difference between the folks that habitually can't get their grass cut and someone that missed it one weekend. Be a kind neighbor.

Question

- Who do you talk to about traffic impediments (i.e. cars, bushes blocking the road)? Dennis can't do anything about cars. If there is no 'No Parking' sign on the street then folks can legally park there. If they are parked on the lawn or it's an abandoned vehicle then Dennis can tag it. If foliage isn't impeding the sidewalk then they can't do anything about it. Once foliage is impeding the sidewalk then call code enforcement. Call DOT if you want a 'No Parking' sign put up.

Speaker:

Kim Golden Herrera---Marion Diehl

**Materials were distributed with class schedules, fee schedules, upcoming event notices, etc.*

Set pool schedule – lap and open swim times for adults and children for every age group

Water fitness classes (day/night/Saturday) and swim lessons

June 24 is the World's Largest Swim Lesson – It's a free event!

July 2 (free) – Community Heroes parade around the track. Encouraging kids to decorate their bikes/wagons. Mascots, crafts, games will be there. Hang out all day at the multigenerational playground. Free CPR/AED training.

Sign-ups for flag football and soccer 6 and under is happening now.

September starts soccer for 3-5 year olds.

Lots of sports are available! Check them out. Always looking for volunteer coaches.

Lifeguard certification classes are happening now! Got a teenager about to drive you crazy this summer? Get them involved in being a lifeguard!

Stacy Raynor: Queens Facilities update

Stacy met with parks and rec about the recent construction in that area. Currently they're building 13 tennis courts and locker room facilities. We can't do anything about the project happening now because it's a done deal. Lee Jones (parks and recs development) is who Stacy met with. For future:

- Stacy got the meeting because of reports of erosion due to the construction and apparently they are doing everything they need to per the code. They've fixed things that led to the reported issues.
- There are plans to add another practice field which would reduce the woods area down the road. There will be a community meeting once more information is known to share the plan, talk about the changes to both the neighborhood and woods. Please keep your eye out on communications about coming out in the coming months/years. No timeframe was given on this project.
- Note: When talking to this team you have to be careful of the terminology. The woods are not protected. They consider the "buffer" the creeks and streams. The woods are separate from the buffer.
- How to preserve the trails back there. Gwen Cook from the greenway team is proposing a paved greenway trail to start at Keystone, go through Marion Diehl, and eventually connect to Little Sugar Creek, which would then link up to the Steel Creek greenway. Applying for a grant now.
- Kudos to the TrailBlazers for ensuring that there are trails back there. Christopher Matthews was there and he's in charge of natural resources. How can we control and preserve that environment (i.e. clear trails of debris, trash, overgrown poison ivy)? Parks and Rec does have a team that will help and provide guidance but they will not do the work. If we want for volunteers to do the work then they can help.
- When Stacy talked with them he took away that they didn't know that our neighborhood had issues with them reducing the woods there. Stacy took his voice as one person to this team but has volunteered to help be the voice of the neighborhood, and he extended the offer tonight to also carry the voice of Selwyn Park neighborhood forward as well.

Treasurer's Report

For May 9, 2016 through June 13, 2016, we had the following activity:

Starting Balance	\$7275.73	
Deposit	\$80.18	Membership Dues
Payment	\$(47.00)	Public Storage
Payment	\$(250.93)	Street Light Mailings (Montford and rest of Wedgewood)
Payment	\$(75.00)	Condolences to Gatewood Family
Payment	\$(14.00)	Bank Fees

Ending Balance	\$6974.24	
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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.

President's Report

Announcements

- Yard Sale update: Yard sale went well especially for folks that had kid's stuff and thank you Beth Smith Shuey for the shredding truck. We hope to do it again.
- Madison Park Runner's Group is meeting on Tuesday nights @ 6:30 in the Pinewood School parking lot. They run 3-ish miles. Newcomers welcome!
- Madison Park Book Group: June 28 The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. 6:30 at Sir Edmund Halley's Info contact Gay Hurst at gay.hurst@gmail.com
- The Second Friday Social will be July 8 at Triple C Brewing Company, 2900 Griffith St, Charlotte, NC 28203, United States ([map](#))
- Speaker for July 11 will be Grant Meacci and is from land use
- Please pay your Madison Park Homeowners Membership dues. You can do it online at www.madisonparkcharlotte.org
- This will be Kay's last meeting as HOA President and that role will be transitioning. Be on the lookout for a new leader next month.
- Beth offered to bring a Real Estate statistics to future meetings if that would be helpful.
- Freedom School will be at Pinewood again this summer. Details below:

Hello Dear Friends and Neighbors!

Once more Freedom School Partners is calling for community support for help this summer at Pinewood Freedom School. The school starts next week and they have MANY openings for guest readers at Harambee as well as D.E.A.R. Reader program. It is a fun event to kick a morning off with by being the Harambee Reader. Please help us fill these slots and tell the kids where you live and why /what you like to read. Laura handler, a former teacher at Pinewood, can help you if you need assistance. She'll even gladly help you select a book if you'd like! Here are the dates for the Harambee reading that are currently still available.

(The time would be from 9:00 - 9:30 in the gym at Pinewood. But you only need to read for 5-10 minutes at most. You will stand or sit in front of the kids.)

- Friday, June 24
- Friday, July 1
- Thursday, July 7
- Tuesday, July 12
- Wednesday, July 13

- Thursday, July 14
- Friday, July 15
- Wednesday, July 20
- Friday, July 22
- Monday, July 25
- Tuesday, July 26

If you'd like to read further with a student, one on one, then I encourage you to participate in the D.E.A.R. Reader program, (DROP EVERYTHING AND READ!). That time is from 11:15 to 11:45. There are lots of openings for those opportunities also. It is a lot of fun and you can pick the level of student to read to.

The sign up this year is through Freedom School's volunteer hub. You'll have to register to log in and sign up for a date, but please let Laura know if you need help or want her to take care of that for you!

The web site to sign up is:

<http://pinewood.freedomschoolpartners.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

Laura's email address is: lurak.handler@gmail.com