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NEWS of GROVE PARK

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Message from Maureen:

Summary from our May 4th GPNA Meeting

We had a nice turn out for the May meeting. Elections were held. Kaye Walsh will serve another term as Vice President and Judy Hall is our new treasurer. Thank you to all who came out to vote and to Kaye and Judy for their willingness to serve their neighborhood. Also during this meeting Tom Hanchett gave his presentation on the historical development of Charlotte and how public policy has shaped housing patterns in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Mary Klentz from the League of Women Voters was present representing the Mixed Income Housing Coalition (MIHC). The association will continue to explore issues that affect our property values and work to support measures for the long-term sustainability of our community.

The 2009-2010 Board of Directors held their first board meeting on May 14th to transition our new treasurer and draft our 2009-2010 agenda. The Neighborhood Council met on Monday, June 29th. We discussed our goals and meeting schedule for the association's 2009-2010 year.

Exciting news! GPNA has purchased a website domain. The neighborhood website is under development, courtesy of our neighbor Mary Fabian. We need your help to develop our home page by passing along Grove Park historical memories and/or pictures to Kaye Walsh.

Did you catch the July 4th Parade? The Grove Park Kazoo Band doubled in size to a band of 9 and was mentioned in the newspaper! Mark your calendar for next 4th of July and become a part of the fun.

Our next meeting is right here in Grove Park on Tuesday August 4th, National Night Out. Please come out and meet with your neighbors and show your support of our "Crime Watch Neighborhood". We are all grateful to MK Brennan for initiating our neighborhood connections which has grown into GPNA.

Grove Park National Night Out



Event: Ice Cream Social

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

2 Locations:

- 1- Neighbors from Lisa Circle to the west side of Williams Road will meet at the **circle at Shady and Oakwood Lanes.**
- 2- Neighbors from Robinson Church Road to the east side of Williams Road will meet at the **triangle at Linda Lake, Terry and Lakeside.**

Block Captains will be serving ice cream at both locations. Bring the family and a folding chair for a cold summer treat compliments of the GPNA.

Welcome new neighbors!

James Matthews and his 3 sons at 6720 Terry Lane.
Mr. & Mrs. Stan Cude, Jr. at 6251 Deliah Lane.

Remember to share your neighborhood news with your Block Captain.

Your Block Captain: _____

Contact Details: _____

Thank you to Tito and Susana Jimenez who volunteered as Block Captains for Shady Lane.

Still Wanted: Block captains for **Teague Lane** and **Preston Court**. If interested call Maureen Gilewski.

COMMITTEES

Communications: Chair, Mary-Ellen Jones

Neighborhood Watch: Chair, Mary Kay Brennan

Neighborhood Signs: Chair, Jewel Davis

Charlotte East Community Partners (CECP):

Representatives, Kristine Fisher and Shelin Wilder

Code/Zoning: Chair, Karie Brock.

DISTRICT FIVE MEETING: many thanks to Kay Walsh for the following summary of Nancy Carter's District 5 Community Meeting at Hickory Grove Recreation Center on June 30, 2009.

Walter Abernethy, the Manager of **Code Enforcement**, invites neighbors to drop by the office. It is located on Sharon Amity, in the same building as the police station, through the summer the office is open until 8:00 p.m.

Exciting news – regarding a new **Non-Residential Building Ordinance!** Until now, only private homes were subject to Code Enforcement. This new ordinance will allow inspection of commercial buildings. Hence this means that if an owner allows a vacant commercial property to become an eyesore to the community (think UPTON'S), the owner will be fined until the property is cleaned up or removed.

The **new fire station** for the Eastland area will be built on the former BB&T bank site at Central & Albemarle. Otherwise **Eastland Mall Redevelopment** efforts move slowly.

Update on the **Charlotte Streetcar Project.** Plans are for the streetcar to run from Rosa Parks Place on Beatties Ford Road, through Center City via Trade Street, to Eastland Mall on Central Ave. Proposed 34 stops with cars running every 7.5-10 minutes during peak hours. It is believed that the streetcar will greatly increase retail development along this corridor.

Victoria Garland from the **Solid Waste Dept.** spoke about the city's plan to convert to single stream recycling. In 2010 this new system will replace the current red containers sorted at the curb. Residents will receive a 96 gallon rolling container (like the garbage can) next July. It too will be picked up by a truck using an automated arm. The contents will automatically be sorted by machine at the collection center. Recyclables will be collected every 2 weeks instead of every week. With these changes the City estimates a savings of \$6 million per year for the first 10 years, and \$23 million per year thereafter.

NEIGHBORS TAKE ACTION on DELIAH LANE

The 50' right-away on the east side of Deliah Lane, which was previously maintained by the City, became neglected, overgrown and encroached upon the street. After Bobbie Williams made numerous calls, Landscape

Management finally came out and trimmed but left behind the unsightly trimmings. The residents of Deliah Lane discussed the matter and decided to take action. They chipped in and rented a tractor, purchased lime, fertilizer, seed and straw. With their labor and tools they completed the street beautification. Block captain Bobbie Williams proudly commends his neighbors for their spirit of unity and a job well done!

The GARDEN CLUB meets the third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Requirements for membership: a desire to promote neighborliness, making our small corner of the world a better place. The first annual Garden Club sponsored garden tour on April 26, was a great success. On September 19, the Garden Club will hold its second annual Yard Sale, their primary fundraiser. Please contact Mary-Ellen Jones, 704.535.5549 for further information regarding the Garden Club, and if you will have items to donate for the yard sale. As you go past the Triangle, stop to enjoy the three gardens planted and maintained by your neighbors in the Garden Club.

ASSOCIATION DUES: Grove Park Neighborhood Association is a voluntary association (no mandatory ordinances); voluntary dues are \$20/year. Please make your checks payable to GPNA. Mail or hand delivered to Judy Hall, our treasurer. (7044 Lakeside Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215).

Upcoming Community Events - Charlotte East Community Partners (CECP)

July 28, 6:30 p.m. Hickory Grove Recreation Center (HCRC) gym: Charlotte East City Council Candidates Forum for At-large, D1, D4 and D5 candidates.

August 20, 6:30 p.m. HGRC meeting room: CECP General Meeting.

September 17, 6:30 p.m. HGRC meeting room: CECP General Meeting.

September 22, 6:30 p.m. HGRC gym: School Board Candidates Forum.

October 15, 6:30 p.m. HGRC meeting room: CECP General Meeting.

October 30, 7:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Museum of History - **Third Annual Charlotte East Gala**, **tickets required.**

Nov 19, 6:30 p.m. HGRC mtg room: CECP General Meeting.

Contact info@CharlotteEastCP.com with questions.