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NEWS of GROVE PARK

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Message from Maureen:

As a neighborhood we enjoyed a variety of opportunities over the past 4 months to be an active Grove Park neighbor. In August we had a great turn out for the National Night Out Ice Cream Social. In September we shared a very pleasant afternoon cooking out with neighbors at the “Circle”. In October Susan Lindsay from CECF presented the Eastside Strategy Plan at our GPNA Meeting. In October a small group of neighbors gathered for our 1st International Covered Dish. What great opportunities to meet pleasant, interesting neighbors, learn more about the neighborhood and the community we live in.



Grove Park Holiday Dinner... is coming soon, actually the Tuesday after Thanksgiving! Next opportunity to gather with neighbors is December 1st at 6:30 pm at Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church. This is our annual Holiday Dinner. The GPNA will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Zoning

Susan’s presentation at our October GPNA Meeting was our first lesson in zoning, “Learn the Plans that cover the area”. You can review the Eastside Strategy Plan at www.ci.charlotte.nc.us → Planning Dept → Area Planning → Plans. Our area is “The Harris Boulevard East Corridor”. In the 70s and 80s the Eastside was one of the hottest residential and retail growth areas. 35 years later we are left

with infill development. We need to protect our neighborhoods. Susan is encouraging us to learn current zoning of properties for sale along Harris Blvd and what can happen under the current zoning. What’s the proposed zoning and what can happen under the proposed zoning. We should identify qualifying properties that could/should be back zoned to better reflect the area plan. While we all gain from being informed, we specifically need interested neighbors to join Kari Brock to form a small committee to undertake this initiative.

Rental Ordinance

The Rental Ordinance was passed by City Council. Owner registration is now required of the top 4% nuisance properties, based upon CMPD calls, which is a little over 500 properties. The new ordinance’s effectiveness will be reviewed in 18 months

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)

The recent repaving of Linda Lake Drive was not part of the NIP. According to a postcard sent to Grove Park residents, the NIP planning phase is coming to a close.

GPNA Website is under development. Take a peek www.grovesparkneighborhood.org. It won’t be long before it is complete and active. Our sincere thanks to Mary Fabian for her work on creating the site.

Neighborhood History

Did you know that the first house built on Terry Lane was at 6620 Terry Lane? Tom and Helen Terry were the owners and architect Helen Terry designed the house. Later on Helen Terry was instrumental in developing the rest of Terry Lane. The Terrys lived on Terry Lane for about a year. They sold the house and they built another at 7201 Lakeside Lane.

Share your neighborhood news with your Block Captain or email information to Mary-Ellen Jones at jjimj@gmail.com.

Your Block Captain: _____
Contact Details: _____

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Charlotte East Community Partners (CECP):

Representatives, Kristine Fisher and Shelin Wilder

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Neighborhood Signs

The restoration of our neighborhood signs is important to the Eastside Strategy Plan. Our signs will carry our neighborhood to the corridor and promote and preserve our residential presence under the area plan. The GPNA sign committee is working through local and state representatives to help us restore our neighborhood signs.

Upcoming Community Events - Charlotte East Community Partners (CECP) Nov 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Hickory Grove Recreation Center: CECP General Meeting.

Contact info@CharlotteEastCP.com with questions.

Grove Park/Ravenwood Garden Club

Netting more than \$500.00, the Garden Club's 2nd Annual Yard Sale was a great success. Thank you to all who helped, donated, and bought items!

The next Garden Club meeting is Saturday November 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Barry and Mary-Ellen Jones, 6608 Terry Lane. Now that the club has funding to support their efforts, they are exploring options for future projects. At this meeting Chris Finlay will demonstrate how to make Bethlehem stars. Each person attending will have an opportunity to make and take home one of these festive stars.

The Garden Club is open to all residents of Grove Park and Ravenwood. The December 19th meeting features a covered dish holiday brunch in a friendly setting to meet your neighbors and learn what we

are all about. Contact Mary-Ellen Jones at 704.535.5549 for further information.

Save the Date

The **2010 Grove Park/Ravenwood Spring Garden Tour** is on the calendar for Sunday April 18 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

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).