

AUTUMN 2013 NEWSLETTER



“One hill is enough for us”

You're Invited to the MHNA Autumn Gathering

The **Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association** (MHNA) will host a neighborhood gathering in Orchard Park in October. We expect it to last about 90 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. MHNA members will also vote on amendments to the MHNA By-Laws and conduct an election for the MHNA board of directors.

When: **Sunday, October 20, 2013**, starting at **3pm**

Where: The pavilion at **Orchard Park**, next to our Community Garden

Agenda:

- Durham History Groves presentation by Steve Channing
- Brief presentation about the MHNA, its by-laws, and its board
- Vote on amendments to the MHNA By-Laws
- MHNA Board Elections
- Have Your Say

The Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association is a member-supported, all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the neighborhood and its quality of life for residents. The MHNA board's role includes such responsibilities as:

- Sponsor neighborhood events such as National Night Out and neighborhood gatherings
- Facilitate information-sharing by, for example, managing the listserv (see below); maintaining our website (www.moreheadhill.org) and our Morehead Hill page on Facebook; and distributing printed newsletters
- Coordinate with leaders in other Durham neighborhoods and other organizations by participating in the Inter-Neighborhood Council (INC); the Southwest Central Durham Quality of Life (QoL) Committee, Partners Against Crime, District 3 (PAC3)

MHNA board members also have contacts with various organizations, such as Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS); Durham Parks and Recreation; and the Duke University office of Durham and Regional Affairs.

Join the Listserv

The Morehead Hill Historic Neighborhood **listserv** is an e-mail distribution list neighbors use to share information. It is administered through a Yahoo!® Group. Access is free and open to all. Residents are especially encouraged to subscribe. You can sign up by sending a blank e-mail message to moreheadhill-subscribe@yahoo.com, or, if you already have a Yahoo! account, by joining our Yahoo Group: *moreheadhill*.

Join the Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association

Membership in the Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association is open to all residents; past, present, and future. A suggested tax-deductible annual dues contribution of \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family, or \$25 for a business may be sent via [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) to moreheadhill@gmail.com or by check or cash at the Autumn Gathering.

Amendments to the MHNA By-Laws

The MHNA Board of Directors is responsible for recommending any amendments to the By-Laws, which must then be approved by MHNA members at a Neighborhood Meeting. The By-Laws were last amended in 2003 and need to be updated to reflect changes that have occurred since then. Here is a quick summary of changes:

- Added date amended to the title.
- Changed 'President-Elect' role to 'Vice President' and edited text to clarify the role and responsibilities.
- Added Delegates to Partners Against Crime, district 3 (PAC3) and Southwest Central Durham Quality of Life (QoL). These are roles we've had on the Board for years but had not specified in the By-Laws until now.
- Specified 'up to three Directors-at-Large.'
- Separated the Secretary/Treasurer role so that the Board can have two separate members handle those tasks.
- Corrected a few minor typographical errors.

The current By-Laws and a "marked up" version showing the recommended amendments are available in the Files section of the *moreheadhill* Yahoo Group, at: <http://us.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/moreheadhill/files>. These will also be posted on the bulletin board at Orchard Park prior to the Autumn Gathering.

MHNA Board of Directors Election

The MHNA board is a team of volunteers elected annually by MHNA members. Current board members may seek re-election in their current roles or stand for election to a different role. The election method will be by show of hands at the Autumn Gathering. Those voting must be MHNA members who have paid their 2013 dues. We support 'same-day registration' for elections. Residents of Morehead Hill who pay their 2013 dues before or at the Autumn Gathering may immediately vote in the election.

As specified in the MHNA By-Laws, the current board formed a nominating committee for upcoming election and is asking members of the organization to consider serving. Here is a preliminary list of nominations:

- President: Bruce Mitchell (incumbent)
- Vice President: OPEN (no nominees at this time)
- Treasurer: Susan Callaghan (currently At-Large member)
- Secretary: OPEN
- Inter Neighborhood Council (INC) Delegate: OPEN
- Partners Against Crime, district 3 (PAC3) Delegate: OPEN
- Southwest Central Durham Quality of Life (QoL) Delegate: OPEN
- At-Large 1: Jeff Ensminger (incumbent)
- At-Large 2: Lynn McKnight (currently QoL delegate)
- At-Large 3: Melissa Malkin-Weber (incumbent)

Additional nominations will be accepted via e-mail and in person at the beginning of the Autumn Gathering.

Residents of Morehead Hill, please consider serving on the Neighborhood Association's Board of Directors. This involves a commitment to attend board meetings once per month, and actively participating in our other activities, such as the Autumn Gathering. Depending on the role, serving on the board may also involve attending additional meetings, such as PAC3, INC, or QoL meetings. If you are interested in serving on the board, please send your name and address to moreheadhill@gmail.com. If you are interested in a specific role on the board, please indicate that as well.

Have Your Say

Members of the Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association are invited to speak to the membership at our Autumn Gathering for up to five minutes on any topic relevant to the neighborhood. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the Membership table. If you wish to speak, please arrive early and sign up before 3:00pm.

Visit our neighborhood web site at: www.moreheadhill.org