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A Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association Publication

Summer 2003

Orchard Park is Coming Along!

Have you noticed the changes to Orchard Park lately?

It's located just south of the beautiful Spanish "Hill House" on the 1100 block of Duke Street.

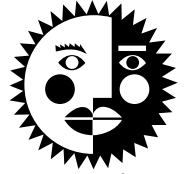
After years of effort from many of your neighbors, we'll finally have a wonderful park of our own very soon.

Come to the Potluck for an update!

CURRENT MHNA OFFICERS

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Sunday, August 17th Summer Potluck & Meeting



The Summer 2003 MHNA potluck will be held Sunday, **June 9th** in the **Carriage House**, located in the back of **Morehead Manor**, at 914 Vickers Ave. near Morehead Ave. Streetside parking is available along Vickers and Morehead. The potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the business portion of the meeting running from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish sufficient to feed your family and one other.

The meeting will include updates from INC, PAC III, SCDNC, and Quality of Life. We'll also have reports on the Historic District, the American Tobacco Campus and Orchard Park. An election committee will be formed for the autumn elections of the new MHNA Board of Directors.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet your neighbors, visit the lovely Morehead Manor and voice your ideas and concerns.

Give a little ⌚ of your time

We need new blood in our neighborhood association! Please come to the Summer Potluck and let us know how you can help our neighborhood.

President-elect: The Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc. is currently seeking a President-elect. The President-elect is responsible for assisting the President for one year, and assumes the duties of the President for a one-year term upon the election of a new President-elect. This position requires that the individual be a resident or property owner in Morehead Hill who has paid her or his dues.

Treasurer: The Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc. is currently seeking a treasurer. The treasurer is responsible for depositing all dues into the MHNA bank account, and for issuing checks for approved expenses. The treasurer is also responsible for providing regular itemized reports of all transactions to the Board and at all general meetings of the MHNA. This position requires that the individual be a resident or property owner in Morehead Hill who has paid her or his annual dues.

PAC III Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 5, 2003 is National Night Out 2003.

The Durham Bulls are sponsoring a parade and block party, in advance of the 'night out'. The parade begins lining up at 3:00 p.m. at 2200 Morgan St., next to the Carolina Theater, with kick off scheduled for 4:00 p.m. The parade is free and space can be reserved by calling **956-5902**. The block party starts at 6:00 p.m. on Blackwell St., next to the Durham Ball Park, food will be provided. If you can't make the parade and block party, do your part by sitting out on your front porch, or going for a stroll in your neighborhood in the evening.

Durham Neighborhood College

The Durham City-County Neighborhood College is a new community service program offering participants an opportunity to meet and interact with City and County staff, and learn things about local government that they always wanted to know, but didn't know whom to ask. The classes will meet for 10 weeks on Thursday nights (6:30 - 9:30 p.m. with supper provided), and one Saturday morning. Space is limited to 25 for the autumn and spring sessions. Deadline for the autumn session is August 8. Cost is \$25.00. The Southwest Central Durham Neighborhood Council is willing to pay for the class for one person interested in attending from each of the six member neighborhoods. Call **560-4123** or **560-0000** for more information, or you can download the application from either www.ci.durham.nc.us or www.co.durham.nc.us.

District III Neighborhood Policing

Our District III Captain, Fritz LaBarge, is initiating a community policing effort which he hopes to start in September. They are seeking 50 volunteers from District III who can donate three hours of their time per week for patrolling our neighbor-

hoods. Each volunteer will receive a physical, and a drug test before undergoing four hours of training. The department will issue the equipment for the volunteers who will be patrolling the District III neighborhoods. A patrol car with amber lights will be used for these patrols. The primary hours for these patrols will be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, please call **560-1020** x231.

Solid Waste Department

Reminder regarding yard waste pickups. Yard waste must be placed in your brown container with the yellow sticker (available for \$50.00/year from the city), and placed at the curb for pickup the day following your regular trash pickup (for MH this is Friday). If you have too much for the brown container, you can use your EMPTY green container, brown paper yard waste bags, or you can bundle the waste in 4' x 18" bundles. This program is diverting hundreds of tons of waste from the landfills every year, and is keeping our neighborhoods clean and beautiful. Thanks for doing your part!



One block south of the Old Ballpark
on Morris Street

**Bring this newsletter with you for
\$1.00 off a Market logo T-shirt!**

Southwest Central Durham CommUNITY Festival

Celebrating the gifts, talents, history, and diversity of the Southwest Central Durham Communities (Burch Avenue, Tuscaloosa-Lakewood, West End, Morehead Hill, Lyon Park, Lakewood Park)

When: Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003

Where: The Courtyard and parking lot at the Shoppes at Lakewood

The Coney Island of the South in Durham? During the 19teens, the area of Durham now known as Lakewood was a hub of amusements and activities for families all over the region. Generations later, this area has evolved from the last trolley stop in Durham to a vibrant, eclectic community rich in diversity and talent. With this in mind, the Southwest Central Durham Neighborhood Council, along with the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department and other sponsors will host a CommUNITY Festival to celebrate the rich history and vibrant present of our neighborhoods.

Family Friendly Activities include:

- Performances by Walltown Children's Theater, Lakewood Elementary Choir, TROSA and other local luminaries on the Main Stage
- Storytelling and History Tents
- Crafts and Art Projects for Children
- Health and Wellness Tent
- YMCA Moonwalk
- Durham County Library Bookmobile
- Car Seat Checks
- Talent Pool
- Raffle
- And more!

All funds raised will go to offset costs incurred. Any profits will support organizations and projects in the six Southwest Central Durham neighborhoods.

Want to participate? Contact Mary Wible-Brennan 403-2510, forchange@earthlink.net

National Historic District

Report on the efforts to extend current boundaries of Morehead Hill National Historic District

You may recall that the Durham City Council approved funding for a consultant to study and submit the appropriate applications.

The first application was submitted and approved by the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office. Because of that approval, Morehead Hill was placed on the "State Study List".

The second effort by the consultant was to gather information about Morehead Hill's history to select the additional homes and streets that the consultant felt are appropriate to be added to the National Historic Register. That study and application (called the first draft) was submitted to the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office where it will be reviewed in the next few months. Most likely, that review will require the consultant to revise the original submission to create a "second draft".

The North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office will review the "second draft" and determine if additional changes are required. The purpose of these reviews are to make sure the properties within Morehead Hill meet

the guidelines which the National Park Service applies to historic districts under consideration.

After the final review of the Morehead Hill application, the application will be forwarded to the National Park Service for their review and approval. Since there are many applications currently in front of the Morehead Hill application, there is no target date of when the National Park Service will receive our application. It is most likely, receipt will be no later than June of 2004.

So What?

Well, in addition to encouraging the preservation of properties within Morehead Hill, a National Historic District designation carries tax benefits to owners of "contributing properties". Those benefits are described under the IRS Individual Income Tax Code and by the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office. See the following url on the World Wide Web: <http://www.hpo.dcr.state.nc.us/credits.htm> to understand the benefits and actions you must take to get a tax credit on your North Carolina State Income Tax. You must apply to the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office with your specific restoration plans BEFORE work is done.

Durham Inter-Neighborhood Council



The Durham Inter-Neighborhood Council (INC) meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1735 Hillendale Rd. "The INC represents all of Durham's neighborhood and homeowner associations. Just as your concerns carry more weight when adopted by your neighborhood association, your neighborhood is much stronger when INC stands with it."

The INC is planning a dinner in September to honor Neighborhood Heroes. The University Club has agreed to host the event. You can nominate your favorite Neighborhood Hero in any of six categories: Special Projects, Beautification, Community Events, Government Liaison, Good Samaritan, or Crime and Safety. Nominations are due August 5, and are available at: <http://www.rtpnet.org/~durhminc/announce.html> or you can pick one up from Melanie Eberhart at 807 Shepherd Street.

The INC needs volunteers for a DOT committee to study two issues for possible presentation to the General Assembly: a Major Highway Impact Mitigation proposal, and a proposal requiring the public election of DOT commissioners. Please contact a Board member if you are interested in volunteering.

The INC is also participating in a citywide coalition drafting a 'neighborhood issues' questionnaire for this year's political candidates. Each organization will contribute three or four questions to the questionnaire to be mailed to the candidates. The coalition is discussing holding a televised forum to ask the candidates the questions in another format. We will keep you advised of developments.

Zoning Text Amendment Hearings Scheduled

<http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/businesses/ordinance.cfm>

Please advise interested members of your neighborhood organization of the upcoming public hearing on the following change to the text of the Durham Zoning Ordinance:

Text Amendment TC 03-11 proposes to modify the existing ordinance provisions for wireless communication towers. The amendments are to create a wireless facility siting hierarchy, add performance/design standards for antennae including co-location standards, add new definitions for wireless communication facilities and related industry terminology, add a use to the zoning district chart, add mitigation standards for existing facilities and to strengthen the general development standards.

The Zoning Committee public hearing on these matters is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2003 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 101 City Hall Plaza.

The Durham City Council and Durham Board of County Commissioners may hold public hearings on these matters on February 2004. Please contact the Planning Department for confirmation of the hearing dates. The proposals may be viewed at the web site listed above.

Staff contact: Bonnie Estes, 560-4137 x 258 or email: bestes@ci.durham.nc.us



FIV in the Hood

There are feral cats in our neighborhood. They stalk my back yard. My two elderly neutered indoor/outdoor cats have been having a terrible time protecting their property. And the braver one has contracted FIV. In the last two years I have spent big money at the vet having abscesses healed from bites. The Animal Protection Society will give you cages to catch the cats – I tried this, putting out food in the cage for two weeks, and caught my own cat, my sister’s cat, two birds and an opossum.

FIV (which is feline HIV) is present in the saliva of affected cats and typically spreads when one cat bites another. Rarely does an infected mother infect her kittens. Cats should be tested if they haven’t been tested before, if they are sick and when they are newly adopted. Research has shown that FIV cannot infect people or dogs. It only infects cats. It interferes with their immune systems’ ability to ward off infections. Bacteria, viruses, protozoa and fungi found in the everyday environment can cause severe illness in FIV infected cats. Various kinds of cancer and blood diseases are much more common in cats infected with the virus.

Early signs of infection are often subtle and include decreased appetite, decreased grooming and decreased energy.

I am trying to keep my cats indoors – it’s hard since they are used to the freedom of their garden. But they seem to know now and tend to stay close to home and come inside at any sign of intruders. Feral cats prowl at night, so keeping your cats inside at night is the wisest course.

The Animal Protection Society has not been very helpful, although they will provide the cages with which to catch the feral cats. My vet (Richard Hawkins of Colony Park Animal Hospital) who gave me this information, suggests that we might have better luck if a number of us want to try to catch the feral cats. I would be happy to organize picking up cages and distributing them. Please call me. Penelope 688-1449.

We Need Your Membership Dues!

Time to pay your annual MHNA dues! We purposefully chose a small fee that would not be a hardship for any of our neighbors. We are very conscientious about keeping all spending to a minimum and getting the best prices possible. Our current records show that only ONE family has paid for 2003 (Thanks, Lynn)! **Please take a moment to fill out the form below! Our coffers are getting quite low:**

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2002 EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Spring newsletter	\$95.57	2-22-02
Summer newsletter	\$95.57	5-22-02
Autumn newsletter	\$96.02	10-11-02
2002 Dues Received	\$194.00	
2003 EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Ind. Animal Rescue – Michael Kohn Memorial	\$40.00	2-9-03
Heifer International – Michael Kohn Memorial	\$40.00	2-9-03
2003 Dues Received	\$0.00	
Outstanding Receivables		
Healthy Start Legal Fund (Hilary & Jeff Ensminger)	\$139.41	
Healthy Start Legal Fund (Benjamin Speller)	\$55.76	
Balance (7-11-03)	\$505.00	



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I want to support my neighborhood!

Our household realizes that this small membership fee to the Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association helps pay for: (1) this newsletter, which keeps us informed about the current issues that affect our community, (2) neighborhood meeting essentials (paper plates, utensils, beverages, etc.), and (3) reserve funds for important updates and unforeseen emergencies.

Please check any that apply:

- \$5.00 for individuals \$8.00 for families \$15.00 for institutions
 I/We would like to make a donation to the MHNA: \$ _____

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ NIGHTTIME PHONE _____ DATE _____

This information will NOT be shared with ANYONE outside the Association. Please fill out this coupon and return it with your dues to: **Melanie Eberhart, 807 Shepherd Street, Durham, NC 27701 OR bring it with you to the Summer Potluck** (see front page article for time and place).

Make out your check to: **Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association.**