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# NEWS

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## Sunday, July 18th General Business Meeting

The Morehead Hill Neighborhood Association will hold a **general business meeting** at Orchard Park on Sunday July 18 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. You may park on Cobb between Duke and Hill Streets. The purpose of the meeting is to form a

nominating committee for several positions on the 2005 MHNA Board of Directors. We are foregoing refreshments in deference to the heat and mosquitoes. Please bring a pair of clipper with you. (We need to discourage the tree climbing ivy.) See you soon.

### CURRENT MHNA OFFICERS

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## Neighborhood News Tidbits

### District 3 Partners Against Crime

District 3 Partners Against Crime meets the second Saturday of each month at the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park, 1313 Halley Street at 10:00 a.m. Police officers and members of other city and county departments are available for information exchange and problem solving. (Last month our special guest was Marcia Connor, Durham's City Manager. Her topic was Durham's proposed budget.)

### Good Neighbors Go the Limit

If you have some time on your hands and would like to participate in an informal traffic calming initiative, drive 35 miles per hour whenever you're on Duke or Gregson Streets. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

### National Night Out

National Night Out is scheduled for August 3 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Step outside. Say howdy to a neighbor. The District 3 police would like to visit as many neighborhood gatherings as they can. If you'd like an opportunity to visit with our law enforcement officers, just drop an email to Officer Chad Blanchette at [cblanchette@ci.durham.nc.us](mailto:cblanchette@ci.durham.nc.us) or call 560-4583 extension 231.

### Do you have questions about city services?

Surfers: [www.ci.durham.nc.us](http://www.ci.durham.nc.us) has loads of information on services for Durham residents.

Luddites: Dial **560-1200**; you will get an answer or a referral to the appropriate department.

### Need facts on local events?

Keep your eye peeled for The Durham Skywriter (**what is this? a newspaper? a website?**). Many otherwise non-advertised events are listed here.

### Canine Clean-up

Dog poop is believed to be a causative factor in pollution of urban creeks with coliform bacteria. Children in public parks are at risk for hookworms. Please, just scoop it!

### Talkin' Trash

Did you know that there is a city ordinance requiring residents to store trash carts and recycle bins in their side or back yards? Carts or bins left on the sidewalk, in the right-of-way or near the street can obscure the view of drivers and pedestrians.

# Morehead Hill Historic District

## Summary of Requirements for Exterior Additions or Modifications

In May 2001, the Durham City Council approved a Historic District Overlay Zone for Morehead Hill. Its purpose is to protect the history, architecture and character of the neighborhood. This is accomplished through regulation of exterior modifications, demolitions and new construction within the district. The mechanism for regulation is the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA), which is granted by the Durham Historic Preservation Commission.

### ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH NO COA WOULD BE REQUIRED:

- Interior modifications or work of any kind
- Painting (Interior and previously painted exterior)
- Replacement of window glass/frames as long as window size/style remain the same
- Landscaping including gardens, shrubs and rear/side yard trees
- Repairs to walks, drives, fences and patios to match existing materials
- Repairs/replacement of small amounts of missing/deteriorated siding, trim, shingles, porch flooring, steps, gutters, etc. (as long as materials match existing materials).

### MINOR MODIFICATIONS FOR WHICH AN ADMINISTRATIVE COA IS REQUIRED:

- Installation of storm windows and doors
- Erection of side and rear yard fences (not facing a public street)
- Installation of exterior mechanical equipment
- Foundation repairs including vents and doors
- Replacement of exterior stairs, landings and steps
- Replacement of large amounts of missing or deteriorated siding, shingles, trim, porch floors, windows, gutters and architectural details (brackets, piers, columns, fascia) when there is no change in design or materials
- Re-pointing masonry
- Changes to exterior light fixtures
- Signs, other than temporary signs
- New roof coverings

### MAJOR MODIFICATIONS WHICH REQUIRE A COA FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Exterior changes to the primary building or other structures on the property not included on the minor modifications list, such as changes to style of windows, doors, porches, roofs, etc.
- Alterations to exterior architectural details such as brackets, porch railing, etc.
- Re-siding a structure
- Construction of any addition to an existing structure, including new rooms, windows, doors, chimneys, porches, etc.
- Construction or replacement of out-buildings and structures
- Demolition or removal of any out-building or structure (demolition may be delayed, not prohibited by the Commission)
- Construction of parking lots, garages, walkways, fences, walls
- Placement of yard fixtures such as lamp posts, walkways, fences, walls

Questions and administrative COAs are the responsibility of the Durham City-County Planning Department staff, specifically Steve Cruse at (919) 560-4137, extension 236.



Take care  
before you repair!