

# ShadowlakeNewsletter

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*Message from Matt Fultz, President of the Shadowlake Neighborhood Association*

## **THE HONEYMOON IS OVER!**

Up until about 2 months ago the Shadowlake residences have enjoyed a quiet neighborhood with only a few minor problems. Then in mid June a neighbor in the 5800 block of Shadow Creek Road left her garage door open. At 11:30 that night an unknown person kicked in the door leading from her garage into the house. The perpetrator went into one downstairs room, heard the resident in the hallway and fled. A month later, in the late afternoon, a house in the 5800 block of Ryder Ave. was entered by two suspects kicking in the back door while the husband, wife and son were inside. The husband was roughed up and several items were taken from the house. The suspects fled through the back yard. Then on August 14<sup>th</sup> there was a drug raid on Wannamaker Lane where an arrest was made.

The police can't be everywhere all the time so it's up to us as a community to keep a watchful eye out for one another. Get to know your neighbors. Spend some time outside, take a walk and if you see anything of concern, **call 911 and request a police officer to investigate.** We have had Officer Kitchens speak at two of our meetings and I've met with Chief Stephens and Chief Monroe at community meetings and they all ask that we call 911 anytime we see anything suspicious.

A strong neighborhood association is another tool that can help fight crime. We are a neighborhood association not a homeowner's association. The Shadowlake Neighborhood Association was formed to bring enhancements and improvements to our community not enforce issues like a neighbor's grass needing to be cut. That's a call for 311. BUT, if you call us because you're having a problem and can't cut your grass we'll work with you to see that it gets done.

With membership dues and volunteers we have been able to start a neighborhood watch program, improve the islands on Quail Ridge Drive, put up Association signage, build the bridge to open up the common area along the lake for everyone to use. We also sponsor community events such as the block party, community garage sale and fishing tournament. Our next project is to build steps down to the bridge by the lake.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY BY JOINING THE SHADOWLAKE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND BRING YOUR NEIGHBOR TO THE NEXT  
MEETING.**

## BOARD MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION:

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# Big thanks

go out to  
Mark Trull, Matt Fultz, Darryl Benson for  
volunteering their time on the workday.

Thank you for all your hard work in  
keeping our neighborhood beautiful.

*As a reminder, Association's workdays take place  
every third Saturday of each month.*

*Please consider joining us and make a difference.*

### *Community Garage Sale*

The Shadowlake Community Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Anyone in the neighborhood may participate. The Neighborhood Association will supply the advertising and this year, we are hoping to have the Kidney Foundation come by after the sale and pick up any goods that you would like to donate. So get ready and clean out those garages!

*Association Membership Volunteers will be knocking on your door to recruit new members. Please welcome them.*

### *Fishing Tournament was a success*

*This years Fishing Tournament was held on June 27th, down at the lake. Fun was had by all. We had a total of 14 Anglers with many of them being first-time fishers! The prize for the Biggest Fish in Division 1 (10yrs. or younger) went to Cayden Benson, Division 2 (11 to 17yrs.) went to Jordon Polk and Division 3(18yrs. and older) went to Andrew Walker of Ryder Avenue, who donated his winnings to the Shadowlake Neighborhood Association. Thank you Andy!*

*A big THANK YOU to Matt Fultz, and everyone who helped with this event, including; Mike Merims, for making the wonderful award certificates, Shelby Newman for baking delicious brownies to raise funds for the association, Rima Trost and Sue Heusinger for helping with registration and recording the weights of each fish and Mark Trull for putting all those worms on the hooks and helping to retrieve the lines that were caught in the trees!*



**Next meeting will take place on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at 11 a.m. at Earth Fare located at:  
12235 North Community House Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28277**

**\$75.00 Yard Aeration**  
Text " Southend" to 95495  
or call (704) 201-5775

## Why Should I Pay My Association Dues???

by Sue Varga

Shadowlake Association Dues are the lowest of any neighborhood in Charlotte. I know from personal experience. At my last residence we paid \$200 per month; Shadowlake dues are \$50 a year. Do the math.

The economy continues to struggle and many of us are still feeling the pinch. Nevertheless, \$50 is only the equivalent to 15 lattes/specialty coffees, two packs of cigarettes. A trip to the movies will eat up most of \$50. Isn't your safety worth \$50???????

With the recent spate of home invasions, it's more important than ever that we stick together and create a strong neighborhood association. If every neighbor paid their dues, the association would have \$20,000 to improve the neighborhood and fight crime. Here are some examples of projects the association could undertake to let criminals know they are not welcome:

- Develop a Neighborhood Watch Program and install Neighborhood Watch signage throughout our neighborhood.
- Make sure address numbers are on every resident mailbox/curb so police can respond quickly.
- Create a neighbor email address and/or telephone distribution system to alert neighbors with crime details immediately.
- Develop emergency instruction refrigerator magnets to distribute to neighbors.
- Install permanent notice boards at all entrances to the neighborhood to alert residents to neighborhood concerns/problems.

Criminals know the strong neighborhood associations and leave them alone. Help us develop a strong and safe neighborhood! \$50 once a year is all it takes!



### 2009 MEMBERSHIP

Please send your membership as soon as possible so we can set our budget for the upcoming year. Payment may be sent to Shadowlake Neighborhood Association c/o Sue Heusinger, Treasurer, 6021 Carpenter Drive, Charlotte, NC 28226 or you may pay at the meeting.

### Shadowlake Neighborhood Association Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Suggestions :

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Payment \$50.00  Check  Cash