

# SHADOWLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



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**October/November 2011**

**Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

**We have a very important meeting coming up. Please plan to attend the neighborhood general meeting on Monday, November 21st. It will be held in the Community Room at the Earth Fare on Johnston Road. John Schrum, Senior Water Resource Engineer for the City of Charlotte and Jennifer Barker, Project Manager for our lake repairs will be there to go over the plans for this project which is already underway. This should be a very informative program and you don't want to miss it. Also at this meeting, we will vote for the 2012 officers and the "at large" board members of the Shadowlake neighborhood Association. Lastly, we will vote on the proposed revisions to the Shadowlake ByLaws that were presented at the September meeting.**

### **Did you know?**

That until 1999, the lake in our subdivision was privately owned when it was conveyed to the newly created Shadowlake Neighborhood Association. This was part of a settlement of a lawsuit brought on by the residents of the neighborhood to stop the owners of the lake from filling it in to create new lots on which homes could be built. Were it not for the residents of this community uniting to form a powerful force, today we wouldn't have a beautiful lake and park area to enjoy. As residents of Shadowlake, it is up to us to maintain and protect our biggest asset. So, now that cooler weather is here, come out to the next clean-up day and pitch in to help. The grass needs cutting; trash and debris need to be removed and the picnic tables cleaned. Meet your neighbors and enjoy the lake we almost lost, while helping to keep it beautiful.

### **On a Sad Note...**

We have lost both of our lovely swans. The folks from the Carolina Waterfowl Rescue recently came out to clip the wings of Jay & Jan, our two swans, but were unsuccessful in catching them. So, a plan "B" was hatched, but Jan flew away before it could be implemented. Then Jay was gravely injured by one of the many turtles that also live in our lake. Several of our residents spent the entire afternoon trying to capture Jay, in the hope that that he could be taken in for medical attention. Unfortunately, his injuries were so severe that he simply could not be saved. As we mourn the loss of these beautiful creatures, we also appreciate the fact that we have some absolutely wonderful neighbors: Leila, Dan, Mark, Matt, Cody, Steve, Koi, Dave, Joanne, Nora, Sam, Gabriella & Talley who did everything possible to help out.

Do you have some special news to share, or ideas for future newsletters? Contact me at [sna@shadowlakenews.org](mailto:sna@shadowlakenews.org). Susan Heusinger, Editor

### **2011 Association Officers**

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*Remember to drive slowly and to watch out for Trick or Treaters on Halloween night!*



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## **ONE PERSON DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE (and so can you)**

One person, **Wynnie Korup**, recently contacted Duke Energy and reported each and every street light in our subdivision that was burned out. This is after she took the time to go through our neighborhood and identify each one.

One person, **Jim Foulis**, cuts the grass in the first entrance island on Quail Ridge. He doesn't ask anything of the association, yet he cares enough to take it upon himself to make sure that we make a good first impression when people pull into our subdivision.

One person, **Matt Fultz**, made it his mission to clean up the common area in front of the lake. It is through his determination and perseverance that a team was assembled to clear, grade and improve what is now a park that is used daily by our residents. If you remember what it looked like 5 years ago, you can fully appreciate the project that he tackled.

One person, **Mike Demetrio**, revived a dormant neighborhood association by taking on the task of recruiting other neighbors to hold office and/or volunteer their time. Not to mention he is the master carpenter who headed up the crews that restored our entrance signs, built our bridge, the fence and the arch that holds the Shadowlake sign in the common lake area.

One person, **Dan Kelly**, decided to take measures to slow down traffic on Quail Ridge. Before him someone else did the same on Wannamaker, yet another on Shadowlake. I don't have your names, but know that each of you led the campaign to get speed humps installed on your street. Dan, who is also the current President of the Association does much more. He bought the special announcement signs that are now used for meetings, clean up days and special events. He communicates with the CharMeck Engineering Department concerning the lake repairs. He coordinates with the Block Captains to insure that newsletters are delivered to your home.

**Dennis Lloyd** helped clear the lake area. **Daryle Benson**, planted flowers and cuts the grass in the common areas. **Ray Ellsworth** helped build the bridge and also cuts the grass in the common areas. **Mark Trull** helped clear and maintains the common areas. Mark has been the barbecue master at the picnics. He is always there to help setup and clean after every neighborhood event.

One person, **Harriet Smith** doesn't miss a general membership meeting. She works on the clean-up dates; helps setup and tear down after neighborhood events; entertains the kids at the picnic and fishing tournament.

One person, **Joanne Trull**, is the creative force behind our activities. She coordinates the annual neighborhood yard sale. She is the energy behind the picnics, raffles. She gets out and meets the folks in the neighborhood. She welcomes the new neighbors, and encourages everyone to participate in our association.

One person, **Mike Merims**, designs and produces the fishing tournament awards. One person, **Leila Merims**, keeps track of the membership dues and expenditures of the association.

Special thanks to the many volunteers over the past five years who have contributed their time and energy, as Block Captains, officers of the association, committee chairpersons, committee members, editors of the newsletter, webmaster, or just part of a work crew. To all of you, those I've mentioned by name and those whose names I've failed to mention, you have and continue to make a difference. As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, it is a time to give thanks for the blessings in our lives and to spend time with those we love. It is also a perfect time to thank those who make a difference in our lives. **To all of you who help make Shadowlake a special place to live. THANKS!!** One person can make a difference. Just one phone call to report something that needs attention, a few hours a month helping on one of our committees, or serving as an officer. Will you be the next person to make a difference?

