



## Neighborhood Safety

When I played on Moncure and Inverness 40-45 years ago I never imagined Barclay Downs being in the center of anything, much less major urban development. Well, I was obviously wrong and here we are. We are a neighborhood of young couples, families with small children, parents of teenagers and college students, empty-nesters and grandparents. How fortunate we are to have such a wide range of age groups in such a small area. However, this also requires us to work together as neighbors to make sure that we are sensitive to the concerns of each other and go through the appropriate channels for voicing concerns.

If you have issues with traffic, safety, or the area's overall development you should always contact the board president first. There could be issues and ideas on the table that all neighbors may not be aware of. It is important to present a united front to the city/county when voicing our opinions and making requests. We don't want to "have their ear" on so many minor issues that they don't listen when we have major issues.

Please consider the following when walking, running, biking and driving in our neighborhood.

- *Obey ALL traffic signs - STOP means STOP!*
- *SLOW DOWN!*
- *Pay attention to cars, kids, bikes, etc... coming out of driveways!*
- *WATCH OUT for children and pets!*
- *Parents, keep an eye on your kids when playing in your front yard.*

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- *Parents of teenagers, talk to your kids about how they are driving in the neighborhood.*
  - *If your children ride bikes, hover boards or skateboards in the neighborhood, talk to them about paying attention to their surroundings and cars coming down the street.*
  - *If you or your children are wearing headphones please make sure you/they can still hear the cars and people around them.*
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## Community Development

### **Sharon United Methodist Church**

The rezoning hearing is scheduled for Feb. 15th. The HOA Rezoning Committee has met with the developer multiple times over the last several months to express our concerns. Click the link to view the highlights listed on our website and a link to their site plan.

[SUMC Rezoning](#)

### **Urban Land Institute**

The ULI is going to conduct a SouthPark study. The HOA Board will keep residents informed as it gets organized.

### **AG/Runnymede Beautification Project**

Sam & Sherry Williams, along with Principal Robert Folk and Hilary Larsen, are working hard behind the scenes to improve Runnymede Lane along the AG track. They are hoping to install approximately 130 Nandina along the school's outside fence. The new landscaping will screen students and parents attending sporting events from excessive road noise and beautify a visually unappealing section of road. We will be looking for volunteers to help with weed and litter removal the day of the project. Interested in helping out? Contact Sam and Sherry Williams at [sswssw2@att.net](mailto:sswssw2@att.net).

### **Community Gardens**

One of the hottest topics around is locally sourced food and sustainable farming. The City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County & NC Cooperative Extension will host a community garden and grants workshop. Stop by to learn how to grow a happy, healthy and engaged neighborhood through community gardening.

Community gardens are one of the top three amenities requested by Mecklenburg County residents. In addition to local and healthy food production, community gardens provide opportunities for you and your neighbors to meet, share stories and develop skills.

The workshop will be held at **6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16** in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, located at 600 E. 4th Street in Charlotte.

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## Annual Meeting

**Thursday, Feb. 25th**

## Tentative Agenda

- Treasurer's Report
  - AG/Runnymede Project Update
  - Community Watch Update
  - Jennifer Duru- assisting with ULI study & works with the city's Neighborhood Services Department
  - Rezoning Committee Update
  - New Board Elections
  - Raffle Prizes
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## Time to Pay Your Dues

Your \$15 helps to pay for a variety of beautification, communication and safety improvements over the year as well as fund legal and professional services. How can you pay?

- Via PAYPAL
  - Send a check c/o BDHOA to 3024 Clarendon Road, Charlotte, NC 28211
  - Bring your check or cash to the annual meeting on Feb. 26th
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## New In Our Backyard

**Reid's Fine Foods** has come to SouthPark. That means we now have two locations within 1 1/2 miles of our neighborhood. Talk about lucky!

**On Valentine's Day**, the restaurants at the SouthPark and Myers Park locations are offering a four course prix fixe dinner for Sunday, Feb. 14th. Reservations are available from 6pm - 9pm. A few of the courses from executive chef Lewis Donald include Butter Poached Lobster Medallion, Braised Beef Short Rib and Chocolate Fondue for Two. The cost is \$65/person, plus tax and gratuity. That includes a champagne toast to start the evening.

Every Sunday, the SouthPark location serves an AMAZING brunch. It is served buffet-style, with everything you could possibly think! From yogurt parfaits and muffins, to french toast and omelettes, to smoked salmon and salad. They also serve Mimosas, Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers. YUM!



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