



A Message from the President



President Sean Langley

Greetings Neighbors!

I trust you had a relaxing summer break. Enclosed in this newsletter are a few announcements regarding past and upcoming events. If for some reason you were not able to participate in past events, please know we have more planned events coming up. Specifically, on October 13th, Johnson C. Smith University is hosting "Night at the Library" at 3:00 pm on campus. Also, our annual Fall Festival is on Saturday, October 28th at 6:00 pm on Clifton between Madison and Patton. Please join us in your best dressed Halloween Costume.

As we plan for the 2023-2024 calendar year, I am pleased to announce that Monique Hibma has joined our Executive Committee as Vice President for Property Matters, and Shauna Bell is our new Historic District Representative for McCrorey Heights. Monique will help us build out our neighborhood directory and form sustainable relationships with neighborhood residents. As Historic District Representative for McCrorey Heights, Shauna will represent our neighborhood at Historic District Commission meetings. Please see the HDC section of the newsletter (p. 5-6) for more information on how to submit all request regarding exterior changes to your property. Thank you both for your willingness to serve.

Many of you have inquired about our neighborhood newsletter distribution. As an update, we have decided to distribute our neighborhood newsletter quarterly as opposed to monthly. This was a strategic decision based on feedback that we received from many of you. Moving forward, our neighborhood newsletter will be distributed in January, April, and July respectively.

In closing, it is our desire to build on our past successes. To do this, we need all of your participation. In particular, we need your input to help us create a neighborhood directory, serve on a committee, and your engagement during neighborhood meetings and events in our neighborhood.

I trust you will help us do this.

All the Best,
Sean Langley



NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY 1965

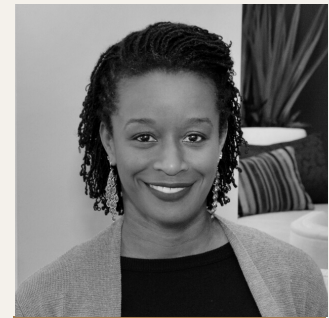
The bombing of Dr. Reginald Hawkins' home in November 1965 was a pivotal moment in the history of Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Hawkins, a prominent civil rights activist, had been leading efforts to desegregate schools, hospitals, and restaurants in the city. His house was bombed in the middle of the night by an unknown assailant, but the McCrorey Heights community rallied around him and his family in a show of support and solidarity.

Despite the attack, Dr. Hawkins continued to fight for civil rights in Charlotte and across North Carolina. He ran for governor in 1968, becoming the first African American to seek the office in the state's history. Though he did not win the election, he continued to be a vocal advocate for equality and justice until his death in 2007. Today, residents of Charlotte still remember the bombing and the community's response, a testament to the resilience and determination of those who fought for civil rights in the city.

Executive Committee



Annie Alexander
Treasurer



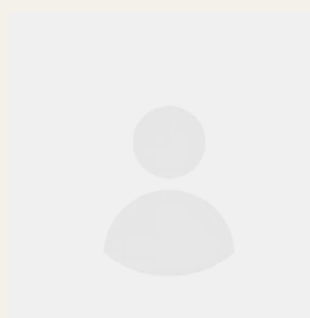
Shauna Bell
Vice President:
Quality of Life/
HDC Commissioner



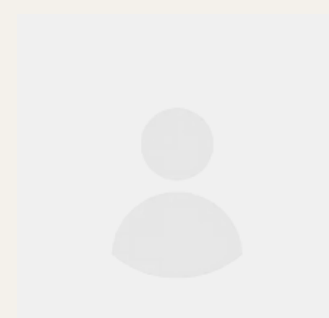
Monique Hibma
Vice President:
Land Use &
Property Matters



**Rosemary
Lawrence Young**
Financial Secretary



Vacant
Vice President:
Community Engagement



Vacant
Secretary

Interested in filling a vacancy?

Contact someone on the Executive Committee for more information

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

National Night Out in McCrorey Heights

National Night was a huge success with nearly 80 people in attendance. Thank you to all the volunteers and residents for helping us make this event happen. We would be remised if we didn't also acknowledge and thank First Baptist West staff. They not only allowed us to use their church parking lot, but also their tables, chairs, and refrigerator to store necessary items. Quite frankly, we couldn't have pulled off this event without First Baptist West continued support.

During National Night Out, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department, Charlotte Mecklenburg Fire department , City of Charlotte, U.S District Attorney, Spencer Merriweather, and our neighbor and Mayor, Vi Lyles were all in attendance. Neighbors had a great time eating hamburgers and hot dogs, interacting with one another, and sharing their thoughts with various departments. And the children were able to tour the fire truck and play a variety of games with one another.



If you would like to help with National Night Out next year, please feel free to let someone on the Executive Committee know.

Summer Movie Night

Thanks to all of you who participated in our 2023 Summer Movie Night. The night was filled with fellowship, laughter, and food.

The evening kicked off with the kids and adults playing a variety of games and eating Jett's Pizza. After dinner, everyone enjoyed popcorn before watching the movie, The Wiz.

The Wiz is a 1978 American musical adventure fantasy film and a family favorite. Adapted from the 1974 Broadway musical of the same name, the film reimagines the classic 1900 children's novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum with an African-American cast.

Aside from the movie, neighbors enjoyed catching up with one another and meeting some people for the first time. This is especially true for neighbors who are new to McCrorey Heights.

It is our hope and expectation that this will become an annual event.

A pre-broadway premiere of The Wiz will be at the Blumenthal November 7-12, 2023 if you're interested in seeing the live show. Tickets are on sale now.





Annual Fall **FESTIVAL**

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

OCTOBER 28, 2023

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Clifton Street
between Patton and Madison Avenues

S'MORES, MOVIE, GOODIE BAGS,
COSTUME SOUL TRAIN LINE

RSVP by Tuesday, October 24, 2023



HISTORIC DESIGNATION COMMISSION REPORT

In the City of Charlotte, project applications to various boards generally have fees for submission associated with them. This is true for the Historic District Commission (HDC). And, in 2022, City Council added ‘After-the-Fact’ fees to project application submissions to encourage people to talk with the HDC before starting a project.

So, what is an ‘After-the-Fact’ project? A project is considered ‘After-the-Fact’ when it is ongoing or completed without prior approval from the HDC, meaning that the project wasn’t reviewed and approved prior to the start of the work and no Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) was issued. An ‘After-the-Fact’ project adds time and money to the project for both the applicant and the HDC. Additionally, in some cases if the work (that is already in process or finished) is determined to not comply with the Charlotte Historic District Design Standards, then that work will be required to be corrected and/or removed.

Below is the current HDC fee schedule:

| Project | Fee | Description |
|--|---------|--|
| Administrative Review | N/A | See page 2.6 of the HDC Design Standards |
| Administrative Review, After-the-Fact <i>(work done without pre-approval)</i> | \$350 | See page 2.6 of the HDC Design Standard |
| Minor Review <i>(including After-the-Fact applications)</i> | \$840 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions of any size to structures located on corner lots. • Accessory structures visible from public-rights-of way, such as garages on corner lots. |
| Major Review <i>(including After-the-Fact applications)</i> | \$1300 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions that increase the square footage of the principal structure by 50% or more. • Painting previously unpainted masonry. • New construction of principal structures. |
| Demolition | \$2,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of primary structures |

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Basically, administrative (staff) review cases have no application fee. But, if it's an After-the-Fact case for administrative review, then the fee is \$350. Please note that many projects can be reviewed by the HDC staff versus going to the Full Commission for review, and if the application for staff review is submitted and reviewed **before** the work has started, then there is no application fee. Once an application is submitted and processed through our system, then Staff will let the applicant know via email if a fee is required and the amount.

We strongly encourage applicants to contact the HDC staff prior to the start of a project – even if it's in the backyard or interior or seemingly minor.

For more information regarding the Historic District Commission Application Process contact us at:

704.336.2205 or charlottehdc@charlottenc.gov

Here's a link to the fee schedule:

<https://www.charlottenc.gov/files/sharedassets/city/growth-and-development/planning-and-zoning/documents/historic-districts/application-for-certificate-of-appropriateness/eplanreviewapplicationinstructions.pdf>

And, a link to the HDC homepage:

<https://www.charlottenc.gov/Growth-and-Development/Planning-and-Development/Historic-District>

As well as a direct link to the Charlotte Historic District Design Standards:

<https://www.charlottenc.gov/files/sharedassets/city/growth-and-development/planning-and-zoning/documents/hdcdesignstandards.pdf>

See a possible violation?

Please contact your block captain or anonymously report potential violations using this link. It can also be found on the HDC website under the “Permitting, Renovations, and Building in a Historic District” tab.

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**McCrorey Community Neighborhood
Marketplace Announcements Recognitions**

Logo

We are happy to announce our new McCrorey Heights logo. This logo will be used for everything from historic designation street toppers, to upcoming apparel and yard signs. Thank you to all who voted and to those who worked to get this task completed.



Dues

You can still pay your dues for the 2023 year. As a reminder, dues will increase to at least \$50/household for 2024. Households who have paid dues will receive the following complimentary annual signature events:

- McCrorey Heights Homecoming
- Fall Festival
- Spring Social
- Summer Movie Night

Pay by:

- check
- cash
- Cash App - \$McCroreyHeights

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Street & Block Captains

We would like to thank the following neighbors who have volunteered to serve as street and block captains for the community. In the upcoming weeks, these captains will collect information from neighbors to help us stay connected, understand additional events we can plan for engagement and the best ways to communicate.

| Van Buren Avenue - Audwin Ross | |
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| Block | Captain |
| 1610 - 1634 | Shauna Bell |
| 1700 + 1800 + 1643 | Audwin Ross |

| Madison Avenue - Marilyn Twitty Brown | |
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| Block | Captain |
| 1600 - 1616 | Eddie Byers |
| 1623 - 1648 | Lem Turner |
| 1700 | Marilyn Twitty Brown |
| 1800 , 1901, 806 & 812 Mulberry | Colena Corbett |

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| Patton Avenue - Rosemary Lawrence Young | |
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| Block | Captain |
| 1600 - 1617 | Kamaria Lawrence |
| 1624 - 1651 | Ira McCain |
| 1700 | Bernard & Marjorie Jamison |
| 1800 | Laurin Davis |
| 1900 & 2000 | Annie Alexander |

| Washington Avenue - Rhonda Covington | |
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| Block | Captain |
| 1600 & 1547 | Jack Brayboy |
| 1700 | Rhonda Covington |
| 1800 & 950 Mulberry | Brad Wagner |
| 1900 , 2000 & 1012, 1016 Fairmont | Denise Bridges |

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| Oaklawn Avenue - April Scott | |
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| Block | Captain |
| 1600 | Mariah Harris |
| 1700 & 914, 1000 & 1015 Clifton | Dianne Wyche Michael Thompson |
| 2000 & 1900 & 1012, 1016 Condon | April Scott |

| Condon - Shirley William | |
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| Block | Captain |
| 801, 802, 810, 815, 915 | Shirley Williams |

OCTOBER 12, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

Community Partner Updates

1. Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department, Officer Lokia Monroe
2. Code Enforcement, Mr. Harry Pope
3. Nuisance and Abatement Program, Pat Barker
4. Council Member for District 1, Dante' Anderson

Announcements & Upcoming Events

1. Committee Updates
2. Neighborhood Signage
3. Neighborhood Website
4. Volunteer Events
5. Fall Festival, Saturday, October 28th at the intersection of Patton and Madison
6. JCSU Homecoming Events:
 - JCSU's "A Night at the Library", October 13th from 3:00-6:00 pm at the James B Duke Memorial Library
 - JCSU Homecoming Parade, October 14th at 10:00 am (Beatties Ford & Patton Ave)
 - JCSU Homecoming Game, October 14th at 1:00 pm (Irwin Belk Complex)

**OUR NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING IS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023, AT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WEST.
THE MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY
AT 6 P.M.**

