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MPHA Membership—Why is it important?

by Sarah Monnin

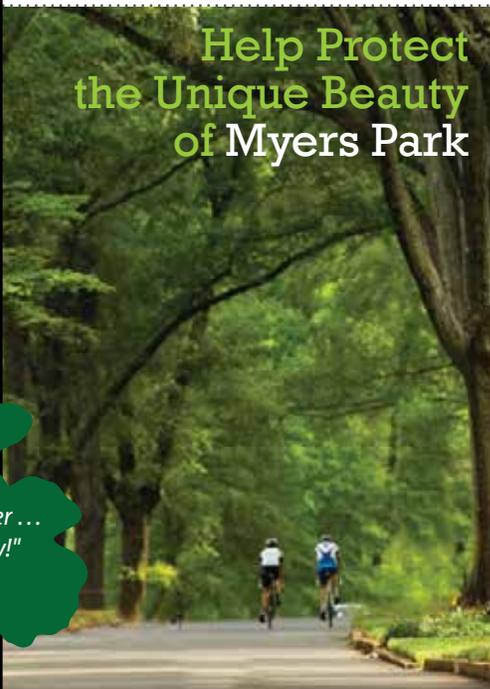
Myers Park Homeowners Association is a volunteer organization and all funding comes from annual contributions. Basic dues start at \$75.00 a year. This is our primary source of funding. Membership contributions go directly to our Tree Fund to help replace the devastating number of tree's lost in recent years, as well as a smaller legal fund used for extreme measures related to deed restrictions and finally into a general fund to cover all other expenses. Those include items such as this edition of our Oak Leaf publication as well as our Annual 4th of July Parade and Annual Membership meeting.

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MPHA or its contributions to the neighborhood. Please help us to spread the word.

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The President's Message:

By Charlie Welch, MPHA President



Hello MPHA Friends and Neighbors,
I hope you are well and adjusting to the new normal that 2020 has become. The year has been challenging, but fortunately the end of the year is near. Most everyone will welcome 2021 and its prospect for vaccinations and a return to normalcy. And no more political ads!

The pandemic forced us to modify our annual 4th of July social event, but Jennifer Jackson and Jen Walker would not be deterred and brought the parade to the neighborhood. After gathering at Myers Park Traditional School, Jack McNeary served as Grand Marshall and led our favorite fire truck and crew along with a line of classic and patriotically decorated cars on a parade route that covered many neighborhood streets. Families lined the route and cheered and waved flags as the procession passed.

The pandemic will also cancel our annual in-person meeting which is typically held in November. We will communicate with members directly on nominating and voting on board members for 2021. If you have any suggestions for new board members, please e-mail someone from the Nominating Committee. Details can also be found on our website, mpha.com.

Jack McNeary has served on the board for 47 years, practically since its inception. He and his wonderful wife, Lydia, have moved and Jack has asked if he could resign. We are still considering his request. Jack has been an invaluable resource to me and others. Given Jack's history owning one of the premier arborists in the City and his countless hours serving on your behalf, we have agreed to rename our tree fund the Jack McNeary Tree Fund. His legacy of protecting our canopy will continue for years.

We have spent increasing time and resources in the past couple of years planting trees and working toward preserving our tree canopy. Many of you saw the University of Vermont Study that depicted that the City of Charlotte had lost 8% of its canopy from 2014-2018. Most residents already knew about the decline; it's obvious from the substantial loss of shade throughout the neighborhood.

There are many reasons for the decline, it's not just development that comes with a growing city. Roughly 30% of the tree loss is from old or decaying trees. You may recall the storm in May in which we lost more trees than I can recall in a single storm since Hugo. And the storm only lasted 11 minutes. Another 30% is from development, but 30% is also from infill development. Less than 10% of the trees in the City are on public property, either parks or the right of way strip between the street and sidewalk. One thing is apparent, if we are going to reverse the tree canopy decline, everyone will have to be part of the solution.

In the past, the MPHA has augmented the City's planting of trees in medians and the rights of way strips between streets and sidewalks. While this part of the canopy is clearly the City's responsibility, the Arborist department's budget for tree maintenance, planting and removal is a fraction of what it should be. Comparable cities have funding that is 5-10x larger than Charlotte's. As the City considers funding for its next fiscal year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) we will encourage citizens to push for proper tree funding.

Given the loss, the Board has been working with the City to develop a plan to help Myers Park residents plant trees on private property. Initially, the focus has been on planting native oak trees given their legacy with John Nolen's original plan and the time they take to develop. Details were still being worked out as of press time, but please check our website for the most recent information. We hope residents will be interested in planting trees on private property to help restore our canopy.

Lastly, at last year's annual meeting City Planners disclosed that they are considering eliminating single family housing zoning. Most Myers Park homes have deed restrictions prohibiting more than one house being built on the property and those deed restrictions will still be enforceable.

I love the neighborhood as many of you do and consider it an honor to serve as President of MPHA. I welcome your thoughts any letters pertaining to the neighborhood as well as Charlotte as a whole. Please feel free to reach out to me or any board member directly.

Best regards,
Charlie Welch

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Greetings Myers Park Residents!

by Julie Eiselt

The COVID19 pandemic has caused hardship and uncertainty for all Charlotteans, and the Charlotte City Council has been working hard to respond to the needs of the community. On Oct. 8 we approved the allocation of the balance of our federal CARES Act money. The total allocation must be used by December 31, 2020. All told, we allocated \$154mm: \$75mm for city operations including providing PPE for city workers, and retooling operations to keep transit drivers and riders, and sanitation workers safe. We approved \$50mm in small business grants, \$20mm for rent and mortgage relief grants, and funding for additional beds and the expansion of area shelters. We have also partnered with CMS to provide in-home internet to school children by granting \$1mm to the CMS Foundation and \$500,000 for other connectivity initiatives. We allocated \$1.75mm to the YMCA to host after-school activities for area children.

The ongoing activities of the City continue despite the pandemic. We are working on important initiatives in Transportation for the Charlotte region's growing need for mobility options to move people efficiently. Former Mayor Harvey Gantt is leading a task force of citizens to consider the area's mobility needs.

Myers Park resident Amy Peacock is leading the Mayor's Citizen's Governance Committee, a task force that is looking at the structure of city council and the effectiveness of council terms, and sufficiency of council member pay and district sizes. Charlotte's population has nearly tripled since the current structure was formed in the '70s, and the needs of the community have become more complicated and demanding while we have grown to become the 15th largest US city, having just overtaken San Francisco!

We are wrapping up the Citizen's Committee on Policing and Safe Neighborhoods with recommendations that will enhance CPD's ability to work more effectively to keep all residents safe, while building trust and support for law enforcement and for residents. We are looking at developing a new department to take many of the nearly 50,000 calls for service that do not require police response, but the police must respond to for lack of other system of service. Other policy changes have been proposed with the support of Chief Jennings and the committee, as a path forward to build meaningful change, trust and accountability between our officers and the residents they serve in all neighborhoods of Charlotte.



Charlotte Mayor Pro Tem
Julie Eiselt

Lastly, Myers Park residents might be interested in the following programs:

Trees in Charlotte: Tree Care Grant & Tree Canopy Survey

The City of Charlotte recognizes the importance of its tree canopy and the proven benefits trees provide, including improving air and water quality, reducing the effects of pollutants, and providing shade and beautification. It's important for all areas of Charlotte to have equitable tree canopy coverage. While most residential neighborhoods have a robust tree canopy, maintaining this canopy is expensive, and many of Charlotte's

lower income residents may be disproportionately burdened by the cost of this maintenance.

Eligible organizations citywide can apply for matching grants of up to \$3,000 for tree care initiatives including canopy assessment, ivy removal, emerald ash borer treatment, small tree/sapling pruning, and tree focused education and community events.

The current application deadline is October 14, 2020:

<https://charlottenc.gov/HNS/CE/Environment/Pages/TreeCare.aspx>.

As Charlotte continues to grow, there are many priorities, including the tree canopy, that require evaluating City policies. Share your Tree Canopy opinions: <https://publicinput.com/trees>.

Beautification Grant Pre-Application Workshop: October 21

Keep Charlotte Beautiful (KCB) is currently accepting Letters of Intent for its Beautification Grant, which awards up to \$5,000 annually for community beautification projects. This competitive grant is open to neighborhoods, businesses, nonprofits, schools, and individuals citywide. Projects must fall within the four tenets of Keep Charlotte Beautiful: litter prevention, waste reduction and recycling, beautification, and community greening. Attend this workshop for more information about these project ideas, and how to apply. The workshop will take place via Zoom. Registrants will receive login information via email prior to the workshop.

Register here:

<https://charlottenc.seamlessdocs.com/f/training21>.

Thanks for taking the time to engage. I am honored to serve the people of Charlotte. Please reach out if I can answer any questions!

With Gratitude,

Mayor Pro Tem Julie Eiselt

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Myers Park 2020 July 4th Parade: Yes or No? **YES!**

by Ferman Wardell and Jen Walker

Strike up the band!
Decorate your bicycles!
Bring in the fire trucks!
Get your face painted! Wait—
not so fast! We’ve had some
terrific July 4th parades here
in Myers Park in the past, BUT
this year was a bit different,
wasn’t it? Things were just so
unpredictable thanks to the
COVID-19 pandemic that the
MPHA initially believed it best
to not hold the parade in July
2020, thinking our patriotism
would have to take a back seat
to our good health this year. While
we could have tried to maintain
social distancing, it just wouldn’t
work with so many folks participating.
But WAIT ...



Jen Walker and Grand Marshal Jack McNeary.

... the MPHA came up with Plan B. Plan B was a 4th of July parade actually ON the 4th of July! We did it in our cars—the ultimate kind of social distancing! Yep, we decorated our vehicles and drove around the Myers Park ‘Hood celebrating our independence. It was about an hour’s convoy covering almost every



Myers Park street. Naturally, the fire truck led the procession, along with some vintage and exotic cars, and your family SUVs, sedans, trucks, convertibles, and a golf cart. You name it—it was open to anyone who wanted to participate. And participation was high.

Our Grand Marshal this year was none other than our own Jack McNeary, the venerable retired arborist and long-time (longest-time!) Member of our Homeowners Association Board.

Crowd support was high as well. Many residents cheered us on along the route. Lots of them were decorated, too. Awards were given to the following:

- **Most Patriotic**
- **Most Creative**
- **Coollest Car**
- **Spectacular Spectator**

We have selected our winners, and two have claimed their prizes! Did you win a prize? Could be! To see, check us out on Facebook: Myers Park Homeowners Association.

Well, you may ask, what about 2021? Good question of course, and hopefully we will be returning to our usual in-person event at Queens University with the actual parade and associated festivities. Stay tuned ...



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24 Hours of Booty UnLooped Raises More Than \$808,000!

by Caroline Arey, 24 Foundation

COVID-19 didn't stop Season 19 of 24 Foundation's signature fundraiser—24 Hours of Booty—from having a record-breaking year and impacting the cancer community. Reformatted to a virtual event due to the pandemic, 24 Hours of Booty UnLooped broke its registration record with 1,525 participants who raised more than \$808,000 to date for supportive oncology programs.

"Hats off to the amazing dedication, creativity and fundraising efforts of our participants who went above and beyond to go UnLooped for 24 Hours of Booty," said Katy Ryan, executive director of 24 Foundation. "Cancer doesn't stop during a pandemic, and those living with cancer are in need of the programs and services funded by 24 Foundation now more than ever. Despite the circumstances, it is incredible how all our participants and partners got out there and made a huge difference for our cancer community."

On July 24-25, participants from around the Charlotte region, 32 states and four countries created their own 24 Hours of Booty experience in their yard and neighborhood to spark hope for those impacted by cancer. Activities ranged from bike riding, running, hiking, yoga, fitness challenges, midnight pizza and luminary displays to chalk art and camp outs. 24 Hours of Booty UnLooped also incorporated live streaming and virtual events to engage with

participants during the 24-hour period. 24 Foundation staff and participants followed CDC and state guidelines throughout the event by practicing social distancing and wearing masks—donated by Atrium Health and Giordana—when distancing wasn't possible.

"We missed being on the Booty Loop amongst the fantastic energy and spirit of the Myers Park community," added Ryan. "We look forward to hopefully hosting an in-person event and being back on the Booty Loop next summer."

Since 2002, more than 20,000 participants have raised \$23 million, with the ultimate goal of providing supportive oncology programs and services for all. Funds raised support local cancer beneficiaries including: Atrium Health's Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's Hospital and Queens University of Charlotte. Donations are still being accepted for 2020 and can be made online at 24foundation.org.



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Jack McNary: Quintessential MPHA Board Member and Tree Champion

by Ferman Wardell

Jack (John Maxwell) McNary is the quintessential Myers Park Homeowners Association Board Member. How so? Well, he grew up on Beverly Drive in the heart of Myers Park, has lived on one of Myers Park's famous "Queens Roads"—Queens Road West to be precise—for 49 years, was a founding member and served on the MPHA Board for 47 years, has led and supported the MPHA tree efforts (one of our prime directives) and has been particularly involved in MPHA meetings and initiatives.

Growing up in Charlotte Jack attended Myers Park Elementary, "Old" AG, and the then "New" Myers Park High School (8-12). Somehow, he found time to earn his Boy Scout Eagle Award and enjoy sailing at the Catawba Yacht Club—he later helped found the Lake Norman Yacht Club. Jack graduated Duke University with a Bachelor's degree in Botany with added graduate work in Forestry. Jack served in the US Air Force both in ROTC and as an officer in Charleston, SC and Istanbul, Turkey.

Jack wisely married a Myers Park girl, Lydia Alexander, some 54 years ago, and they have a daughter, Lennox, and grandson, Wilson, who is following in his grandfather's footsteps in Scouting, fly fishing, and sailing. Hmmm, wonder if he'll become an arborist, too?

Jack initially worked with Bartlett Tree Company in Rockville, Maryland and later was sales manager for the office in Charlotte, NC. In 1967, Jack established McNary's Arborists, Inc., a full-service tree company, since sold to Bartlett.

Jack has been an active member and President of American Society of Consulting Arborists and a Member of the International Society of Arboriculture. A Certified Arborist, he was one of founders of the Carolinas' Arborists Committee. He has been a Member of the Metrolina Business Council. Jack has been a lecturer—on trees of course—at Ohio State University, North Carolina State University, Coker College, and Central Piedmont Community College. There's no question: Jack knows and loves trees!

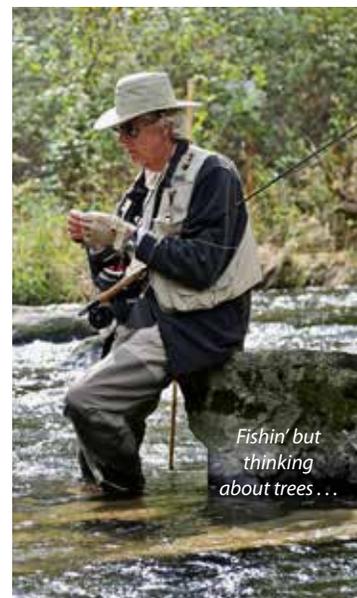
Jack's a water guy. Not only has he ocean- and lake-raced sailboats extensively for decades and enjoys fly fishing (and associated fly-tying and teaching fly fishing), but he also is adamant about the watering of our beautiful Myers Park tree canopy.

If you see Jack walking the sidewalks of Myers Park, it's because of his itch to hike, or rather hitch-hike—over 15,000 miles in Turkey, and from California to Mexico, to Canada, and Istanbul to England. Like most of his endeavors, he just keeps on walking ... and running, as in the first Charlotte Marathon.

Jack was selected as Grand Marshal of the 2020 MPHA July 4th Parade, a fitting tribute to an event which cruised, respective of COVID-19, throughout Myers Park under the extensive tree canopy, which he has had a major hand in supporting.



Jack's two true loves: Lydia and tree?



Fishin' but thinking about trees ...



"Now, here's how to properly trim these ..."

As Jack gently steps back from active involvement with the Board, the MPHA is further honoring Jack as an honorary Member of the MPHA Board—its first "Member Emeritus" distinction so-to-speak—as well as renaming our Tree Fund the **Jack McNary Tree Fund**. Very fitting!

Jack, you've been an inspiration to the Myers Park neighborhood, both in your longevity on the MPHA Board and in your initiatives and active involvement in the Myers Park tree canopy, making it the pride of Charlotte and many other cities. We salute you!

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Charlotte Marathon 2020 Goes Virtual!

In the June 2020 issue of The Oak Leaf we ran an article about the 2020 Charlotte Marathon and accompanying races, many of which wound through our Myers Park neighborhood. Note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the marathon is going virtual. Here is some selected information from the Run Charlotte website (www.runcharlotte.com).

The 2020 Novant Health Charlotte Marathon is going virtual this year, so let's have some fun with it! Here are answers from our first Q and A session about the events' move to virtual.

- **Can I still register for the 2020 Novant Health Charlotte Marathon?** YES! All of the 2020 events are virtual, and registration is still open for the marathon, half marathon, 5k, and marathon relay.
- **What are my options if I'm already registered for one of the 2020 Novant Health Charlotte Marathon events?** First of all— thank you! If you're already in, you've got three options: 1. Run virtually with us this year, 2. Defer your registration to 2021 at no charge, or 3. Donate your registration fee to Novant Health's Hemby Children's Hospital. You can manage these options yourself through your RunSignup login.
- **How will this event be timed?** Your Garmin, a sundial, even a calendar— more on that later! And while there won't be any official timing system set up, we are working with some timing partners to decide the best way to track, share, and compare results. We'll publish the final answer here.
- **If we do the run virtual, will we still get the shirt and the medal?** Yes! In fact, we'll have a unique tee and medal design exclusively for these virtual events. Even bibs!
- **What will the accountability procedure be to "prove" we ran the distance?** You're on the honor system this year. There's no prize purse, so no one's running for the money. Unless you made a wager with your friends, but that's on you. Strava dopers, do your thing, but that's not really the spirit of the event.
- **Will time limits still be put in place?** Sort of, but they're REALLY generous! We're opening the completion window from November 6 to November 22, 2020. Do your marathon, half marathon, or 5k in one day, or spread it out over the course of more than two (2) weeks!



- **What about the Marathon Relay? Is that still happening, too?** Yes, it's still an event you can do virtually, too! Teams of 5 can break it up however they want. Just have fun with it! If there's ever a year to take it less seriously, this is it!
- **What about flexibility in start and finish time?** Yes! We're essentially opening the completion window from November 6 to November 22, 2020. Do your marathon, half marathon, or 5k in one day, or spread it out over the course of more than two (2) weeks! This is YOUR virtual race— do it how and when you want!

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MPHA 2020 Connie Brown Preservation Award

by Jane Coghill, Suzanne Ross, & Ferman Wardell

The Myers Park Story is a seminal story of the early craft of town and landscape planning in America. In the mid 1800s 'park' was a new word for Americans. Wide streets, parks and broad front yards assured the permanence of the open spaces in Myers Park. Preserving the original intent of this vision is as critical to Myers Park today as it was when it was first conceived. Each year the Myers Park Homeowners Association presents Preservation Awards to recognize outstanding renovations or additions to existing homes. These awards are designed to encourage the preservation of existing homes and to maintain the character and scale of the Myers Park neighborhood.

Congratulations to our 2020 Myers Park Homeowners Association Connie Brown Preservation Award, 2026 Sharon Road, owned by Jenna and John Jackovich. They purchased their circa 1920 home in 2017 and embarked on a three-year project to bring the house back to its original look and feel. All of the exterior original details were maintained. They even found the original blueprints (yes, they're actually blue!) by C.C. Hook, who designed the Duke Mansion and other notable MP homes and have mounted them in the main hall. Here's what Jenna had to say.

"John and I are so thrilled to receive this award—what a validation of all the love and commitment to this very special house.

"We wanted to keep the integrity of the front elevation but open up the back of the house to accommodate our modern lifestyle and love of outdoor living. We added eight feet to the back of the house to add a large family room and open kitchen and with an additional eight feet off the driveway side to add a butler's pantry and mudroom. A large ensuite master bath

was extended off the back of the house. We repaired two of the three existing fireplaces and added two more, as well as custom wood french doors to the dining room and my office. The arch to my office was already there, but we added the doors.

"My husband is a builder and I'm a designer/stager, so we love a good project. When we saw this house, it stuck with us. There was a lot of character that was salvageable and worth spending the time, money, and energy on. We were able to retain the 100-year-old stone fireplace, make it look new again, and create a really cool "inglenook". We kept all of the old inset butler's pantry cabinets but relocated them to the master closet. The master bedroom has the original built-in cedar cabinets with a window seat. The lead paint was scraped and repainted. We also kept the original staircase and railing and existing 1-1/4" wood floors. Even though we build new construction and love it, nothing can beat the charm and character that a 100-year-old house has. That's not to say there weren't plenty of times my husband was ready to tear the house down (especially when trying to level out floors with a 1-1/2" dip from one side of the house to the other), but we absolutely love it and the neighborhood!"

The Preservation Award is named for Connie Brown, who was a tireless volunteer in the Charlotte community delivering Friendship Trays, her participation in the Mint Auxiliary, the Mint Collectors Circle, and as a Board Member of Myers Park Homeowners Association. A teacher and devoted mother, Connie worked in partnership with husband Morrison Brown in their design firm, and both were both professional members of American Society of Interior Designers.



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MPHA Tree Initiative – We’re Going Private!

by Charlie Welch & Ferman Wardell

Your Myers Park Homeowners Association has spent increasing time and resources in the past couple of years planting trees and working toward preserving our tree canopy. And many of you have generously contributed to our Tree Fund.

You’re probably aware of the declining tree canopy that the City has experienced, and it has hit Myers Park more than any other neighborhood. It’s obvious from the number of large tree removal trucks, which seem to have taken up residence here, and the substantial loss of shade throughout our neighborhood.

The decline is not just from development that comes with a growing city. Although development is responsible for about 30% of the loss, another roughly 30% of the tree loss is from old or decaying trees, many of which are approaching 100 years old in Myers Park. Another 30% is from infill development. We’ve not had another tree-devastating Hurricane Hugo, thankfully, but that short, concentrated 11 minute storm in May 2020 brought back Hugo tree loss memories. Less than 10% of the trees in the City are on public property, either parks or the right of way strip between the street and sidewalk. One thing is apparent, if we are going to reverse the tree canopy decline, everyone will have to be part of the solution.

In the past, the MPHA has augmented the City’s planting of trees in medians and the rights of way strips between streets and sidewalks. While this part of the canopy is clearly the City’s responsibility, the Arborist Department’s budget for tree maintenance, planting and removal is a fraction



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of what it should be. Comparable cities have funding that is 5-10x larger than Charlotte’s. As the City considers funding for its next fiscal year (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022), we will encourage citizens to push for proper tree funding.

Now, however, because 90% of our tree canopy is on private property, we want to expand our efforts. In partnership with the City of Charlotte, we are developing a program in which MPHA members can purchase specimen-quality trees from nurseries at the same cost negotiated by the City of Charlotte. We will focus on select oak trees in this initial effort, to be consistent with John Nolen’s original neighborhood plan, and it will take time

for these trees to impact our canopy. Specific varieties may change, but we anticipate a good selection of Willow Oaks, White Oaks, Red Oaks and Live Oaks. We will have options in 15- and 25-gallon containers, as well as ball and burlap (B&B) trees. Trees are measured by caliper and a 2” caliper tree would be 8-9’ tall. B&B trees are preferred by the City and tend to transplant better, but both are good options. B&B trees require professional installation and we will be able to take advantage of the City’s installation cost for B&B trees as well. The approximate cost to members should be:

- 2”, 8-9’, 15 gallon: \$80-110
- 2”, 8-9’, B&B: \$125-150
\$300-350 estimated installation cost

Details were still being worked out as of press time, so please check our website (www.mpha.com) for the most recent information. We hope residents will be interested in planting trees on private property to help restore our canopy. We will provide more information in the next issue of *The Oak Leaf*.

If you are not an MPHA Member, consider joining so that you can participate in this opportunity. Make a family memory by adding to our tree canopy.

Meet the Editor’s Tree!

Recently I walked out my driveway to the sidewalk and saw this dreaded sight: several weeping conchs (mushrooms) on my stately Willow Oak. (Remember the article on the weeping conch in the Summer 2020 issue of *The Oak Leaf*?) My tree is diseased. Not only that, but I noticed two orange paint splatches on the trunk. My tree is marked! Shortly after I found a door hanger from Charlotte Landscape Management: “Your tree is marked for removal. Because the City is backlogged, it may take up to one year to remove it.” Sigh . . . – Ferman



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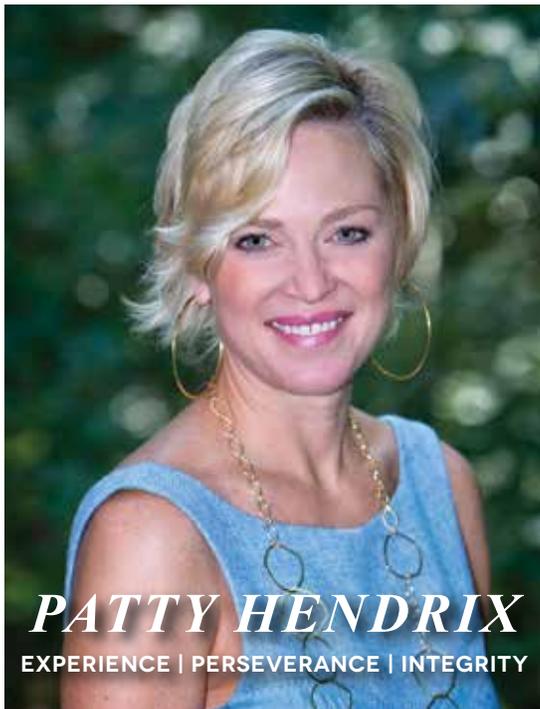
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