

It's time to renew your membership in the Myers Park[™] Homeowners Association (MPHA). Join us today at mpha.com or by using the enclosed form. New neighbors, welcome!

"Restful meadows, gently rolling open country," and unbroken oak and pine forest drew our planner, John Nolen, to declare Myers Park uniquely beautiful. While our meadows are now largely filled with homes and our forest is limited to the trees around them, what hasn't changed is the best part of who we are. Nolen laid out this area with dense tree plantings and gracious home setbacks to preserve a sense of nature and it's our job to keep it that way.

Indeed, Charlotte itself is known for the very lovely streets of Myers Park and the Myers Park[™] Homeowners Association (MPHA) is known for preserving the look and lifestyle of one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in the country. We hope you'll join us by filling out the enclosed membership card or going to www.mpha.com to apply. Already a member? Renew today--your payment extends your membership through the 2018/19 membership year.

Why have a homeowners' association? In the early 1960s, a city zoning plan "blithely targeted large sections of Myers Park...for multifamily highrise office, and commercial development. Considered disposable were the houses lining Queens Road and Henley, Bromley, Hermitage, Moravian, and Dartmouth...but not everyone was willing to abandon" our distinctive beauty. A group of concerned homeowners established an association and petitioned to rezone most parcels to single-family use. The rezoning stabilized the neighborhood, increasing property values as families began buying and renovating old houses.*

The many things that make our neighborhood attractive and our properties valuable are contingent upon not allowing overgrowth and urbanization in the form of out-of-scale or commercial building. Our resolve to preserve Myers Park is tested every year by parties who want to increase multi-family height and density and pave about every square foot of Myers Park, if allowed. We **need your financial support** to continue this important work. Myers Park is still about lush, green lawns and holiday parties, about luminaries and bike rides, about the safety of its children, and concern for each other. Let's keep it that way.

With the backing of hundreds of member-families, your volunteer board of directors works with *City Council, the City arborists' office, zoning and code enforcement, tax valuation, department of transportation, Queens University of Charlotte, CMPD, developers, architects, and others to protect the historic, park-like, tree-lined Myers Park you love.*

Annual Membership Meeting, Wednesday, November 7, 2018, social time begins at 6:00 pm, Myers Park Country Club. *Guest speaker: Ken Joyner, Mecklenburg County Property Tax Assessor.*

MPHA acts to protect YOUR INTERESTS, and we need your financial support. We have another big year ahead of us, so join or renew today. And enjoy our social events, too!

With best regards to you and your family,

Pamela May

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There's a drawing! Join or renew by <u>Tuesday, December 18th</u>, to be entered to win a night at The Duke Mansion (a \$350 value), courtesy of The Duke Mansion, or a signed copy of *Legacy: <u>The Myers Park Story</u>, by Mary Norton Kratt and Thomas W Hanchett from which the above history is taken.