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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (July 11)	Tues (July 12)	Wed (July 13)	Thurs (July 14)	Fri (July 15)

CALENDAR DETAILS:

July and August calendars are **attached**. (see below, attached as part of this document)

INFORMATION:

Lake Point Dam Failure

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Lake Point pond is located just north/west of Albemarle Road. On Wednesday, July 6, a section of the large concrete spillway collapsed into a void that has apparently formed over time through erosion. The collapse allowed water to begin discharging from the lake and through a culvert beneath Albemarle Road. The property manager's representative contacted Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services (CMSWS) on Thursday, July 7 and an immediate response occurred to assess the situation. Upon an initial assessment, CMSWS implemented the Emergency Action Plan for this lake and contacted all applicable representatives including the North Carolina Department and Environment and Natural Resources, Dam Safety Section (state and regional), the State Emergency Operations Center, local Emergency Management Office and 911. Emergency Management Office personnel coordinated a response effort consisting of Police, Fire, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities (CMU), CMSWS, and several other City and state agencies including the American Red Cross. The State Dam Safety Engineer acting with Emergency Management Office directed local emergency response representatives to close Albemarle Road to traffic in both directions until the threat of imminent failure was removed. Closure of Albemarle Road occurred around 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2011. Additionally, 32 units of the Camden Woods apartment complex and three private residences downstream of the lake were under voluntary evacuation until the threat of failure of the dam could be removed.

Private contractors coordinated through CMU and CMSWS arrived quickly onsite in the early evening with numerous pumps. Emergency crews worked through the night pumping water from the lake in order to accelerate lowering of the water level in the lake and to reduce the pressure on the dam embankment. The water level in the lake has been reduced to a point that does not pose a safety threat to Albemarle Road or residences downstream. At around 4:45 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 2011, Albemarle Road was opened to traffic as the threat of collapse of the embankment was removed.

This lake/dam is high on CMSWS's list of water quality enhancement priorities for upgrade and City Council awarded a contract for necessary improvements on June 13, 2011. The contractor is expected to mobilize to the site and begin improvements within 30 days. Due to the failure

in the embankment, additional work may be required for this embankment and would be reflected in a change order to the contract at a future time. CMSWS contractors will continue to utilize pumps until comprehensive repairs to the spillway and embankment can be made in order to keep the water in the lake at a safe level.

Public Input on the 2012 Quality of Life Study Changes

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Neighborhood & Business Services conducted four public meetings to solicit input on proposed revisions to the 2012 Quality of Life Study. One meeting was held in each of the service area geographies (NE, NW, SE and SW) during the month of June. One hundred citizens attended the meetings. Several others visited the website for information and provided input via email.

City staff and researchers from the University of North Carolina Charlotte (UNCC) Metropolitan Studies Group provided an overview of the history, purpose and uses of the study and presented proposed revisions for 2012. Major revisions include boundary changes, possible new variables in the economic, physical and social dimensions and the availability of new data for measuring neighborhood performance relating to energy and the environment. In addition staff proposed measuring neighborhoods more frequently on their historical performance rather than being compared to other neighborhoods.

Public input was largely positive, with the great majority of meeting participants expressing support for the new boundaries, new variables related to energy/environment, rental rates and other pertinent data, and the elimination of neighborhood rankings. Citizen suggestions for additional variables and other feedback are being compiled. The suggestions will be considered and evaluated for possible inclusion in the study.

Staff will also solicit input from City departments and other data partners during July and August. Results of all feedback will be incorporated into the final proposal from UNCC for the 2012 report. The proposal will be presented to the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee in late summer or early fall.

Additional information about the Quality of Life Study, including the presentation, documents, maps and Frequently Asked Questions from the public meetings can be viewed on the N&BS website at <http://nbs.charlottenc.gov>.

Coca-Cola Recycle & Win Bigger and Better Program Recap

Staff Resource: Victoria O. Johnson, Solid Waste Services, 704-336-3410, vojohnson@charlottenc.gov

The City's partnership with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Mecklenburg County to promote residential recycling through the Recycle & Win Bigger and Better campaign has ended on a successful note. The six-month campaign, which ran from November 2010 to April 2011, awarded 269 Mecklenburg County residents with a \$100 Harris Teeter gift card.

During the campaign, a total of 177 winners were Charlotte residents. The chart below details the number of Charlotte winners by recycling collection day and week (Green and Orange):

	Green Week Winners		Orange Week Winners	
	Goal	Confirmed	Goal	Confirmed
MON	18	18	17	18
TUES	17	17	19	19
WED	18	18	17	17
THURS	17	18	17	17
FRI	18	18	17	17
	88	89	87	88

Solid Waste Services staff has monitored recyclables tonnage throughout the promotion and has noted the tonnage figures have remained fairly consistent throughout the promotional period and are in line with historical tonnage trends for those months.

The chart below details the single-family recycling tonnage during the FY11 promotion period, the tonnage for the same months in FY10, percent of change month to month and percent of change from FY10 and FY11. Solid Waste Services attributes the FY11 increase in recycling tonnage to the transition to single-stream recycling. The transition to single-stream recycling provided residents with an easier, more convenient way to recycle – a 96-gallon recycling cart and additional materials accepted for bi-weekly recycling collection.

Month	FY10 Recycling Tonnage (single-family)	FY11 Recycling Tonnage (single-family)	% Change Month to Month (FY11)	% Annual Change
November	2,782.17	3,537.27		27%
December	3,082.22	3,869.23	9%	26%
January	2,870.27	3,462.92	-11%	21%
February	2,274.30	3,113.61	-10%	37%
March	2,610.71	3,702.17	19%	42%
April	2,514.03	3,310.17	-11%	32%
Totals	16,133.70	20,995.37		30%

Runnymede Lane Emergency Water Main and Street Repairs

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Runnymede Lane, between Barclay Downs Drive and Michael Baker Place, will open all lanes to through traffic this evening. Roadway repair work is finished and the thermoplastic pavement markings are to be installed Saturday. The City wishes to thank citizens for their patience during these emergency repairs.

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report: *(see below, attached as part of this document)*

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-Citizens' Forum – Newell-South Neighborhood Improvement Project

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3	4 HOLIDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18 3:30p Economic Development Committee, Room 280 5:00p Zoning Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 3:30p Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280 5:00p Council Business Meeting 6:30p Citizens' Forum	26	27 5:30p mtg cancelled MTC Meeting, Room 267	28	29	30
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**City Council
Follow-Up Report**

July 8, 2011

June 27 – Citizens’ Forum

Newell-South Neighborhood Improvement Project

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During the Citizen’s Forum, residents of the Newell-South neighborhood spoke “for” and “against” the project. This information serves as a reminder to the City Council of the history and status of the project, and clarifies issues brought up at the Citizen’s Forum.

Background:

Newell-South NIP is bounded by North Tryon Street, Old Concord Road, and W. Rocky River Road. The Newell-South NIP area includes several smaller neighborhoods: Autumnwood, Charcon Heights, and Mecklenburg Acres. Autumnwood is the only neighborhood within the NIP area with an organized HOA. Autumnwood HOA has reached out to share information regarding the project with all residents in the project area.

The project proposes sidewalks on Owen Blvd., Gray Dr., Kemp St., Creekstone Pl., Blue Rock Dr., Rockland Dr. and Autumnwood Lane. An overland connector to the future Toby Creek Greenway is proposed on a portion of Rockland Drive. Storm drainage improvements and street trees are also proposed. A map of the project area is attached.

Planning and Design for the Newell-South Neighborhood was included in the 2006 Bonds. Real Estate and Construction is funded with the 2010 Bonds. Newell-South NIP was selected based upon key objectives voiced by the community during the 2002 Newell Area Plan, and consistent with the 2006 Quality of Life Study. These objectives included protecting Newell’s environment, creating a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community with safe access to schools, parks, places of worship, UNCC campus, as well as providing effective public transit, and recreational and cultural resources to the area.

Public Involvement:

During the Planning Phase (2007-2008) staff held three public meetings. Residents representing all neighborhoods, within the Newell-South NIP area, including Autumnwood HOA, attended. During the meetings, residents identified and prioritized neighborhood issues which resulted in the

creation of five alternatives. The residents voted on which alternative they preferred to see move forward into the design phase. Attendees were given opportunities to review the exhibits and ask questions with project team members throughout the public involvement process.

The Newell-South Project was put on hold for 15 months while awaiting approval of the 2010 bonds. In November 2010, the neighborhood bonds were approved and residents were informed that the Real Estate Acquisition Phase would begin.

Current Status:

A postcard announcing the Real Estate phase was sent in November 2010. This resulted in project opposition, specifically from the Autumnwood HOA.

On March 8, 2011, the project team met with Autumnwood HOA and some residents from other areas of the Newell-South NIP. After the meeting, the project team evaluated petition information provided by Autumnwood HOA. The majority of the opposition seemed to come from residents living on and near Autumnwood Lane. The project team evaluated emails and phone calls, both for and against the project from residents within the entire NIP area. The team considered the high strategic drivers that the Newell Area Plan and the public involvement process had identified, such as safe connectivity to a future transit corridor and safe connection to the future Toby Creek Greenway extension (item #38 on June 27 agenda). In addition, staff agreed that Autumnwood Lane mainly serves the portion of the neighborhood closer to Old Concord Rd, where there is no existing sidewalk to connect to. Taking all of these things into consideration, the team agreed that the sidewalk along Autumnwood Lane could be eliminated at this time.

The remaining proposed sidewalk within the Newell-South NIP provides an integral connection to the future Toby Creek Greenway, and to the future BLE Transit Corridor. The project team recommends this work remain in the project. If the overland connector on Rockland Dr. is not constructed, the greenway may not come into the neighborhood, but may terminate at a point north of the neighborhood.

On May 3, 2011 the project team and Councilmember Barnes met with the residents. An extensive list of questions was presented to the project team by the residents. Answers were sent via email to the residents. Since then, staff has met face to face on 25 properties to help the property owners understand the specific impacts on their properties. The majority of the concerns have focused on planting strip widths, sidewalk proximity to homes, and tree save. Modifications to planting strip widths have been made to the proposed design to accommodate these concerns where possible.

June 27 Citizen's Forum:

To further clarify some specific information that was presented by the residents at the Forum:

- Proposed sidewalks are 5' wide throughout the majority of the neighborhood. There is an area where the proposed sidewalk is 6' wide along Blue Rock Rd, adjacent to a proposed retaining wall. The sidewalk along Rockland varies from 5' to 6.5' due to the proximity and height of a proposed retaining wall. The Toby Creek Greenway overland connector, along the frontage of Ms. Corkhill's property, was originally proposed as 10' wide, and we have

reduced it to 8' wide to minimize impacts. Additionally, the County has agreed to relocate Ms. Corkhill's Burford hollies that are currently in the right-of-way and provide the screening that she described in her letter that was read at the Forum on her behalf.

- The proposed retaining wall along Rockland varies up to 6.5' high. The proposed retaining wall along Blue Rock Rd varies up to 3' high. There is only one parcel that the City will acquire right-of-way, at the corner of Rockland and Rocky River. The majority of the proposed improvements are within the City's right-of-way. Where the improvements are outside the right-of-way, a sidewalk utility easements (SUE) will be needed. Temporary construction easements (TCE) will be necessary on most properties.
- We are proposing to fix some minor draining issues, and to grade existing drainage swales and ditches to drain. However, it will be the responsibility of the property owner to continue to maintain these ditches.