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INFORMATION:

October 30 – City of Charlotte’s No Barriers Project Holds Harvest Fest Event

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The City of Charlotte’s “No Barriers Project,” a winner in the Knight Cities Challenge, is hosting another event, "Harvest Fest" in Anita Stroud Park on October 30 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. This event was co-planned with residents from the Brightwalk, Park at Oaklawn, and Genesis Park neighborhoods using the feedback from previous events and engagements including last March’s [Friday Night Lights](#). The goal is to continue to build upon the community members’ ideas about how light, sound, and play can bring their neighborhoods together in their shared park space. Residents decided on various elements of the Harvest Fest, including Zumba, a fun exercise dance class that will start at 6:00 p.m. Residents will also have the chance to express their creativity in an interactive painting workshop from the McColl Center for Art + Innovation’s Artists-in-Residence, the [Mobile Mural Lab](#). Council and community members are invited to enjoy the cook-out, dance, art, and help build community. For more information about the No Barriers Project, [visit the project on the web](#).

A “Harvest Fest” flyer is [attached](#).



Harvest 2015 Event
Flyer.pdf

Charlotte Fire Department, Solid Waste Services, and City Recognized for Efforts to Reduce Fleet-Related Emissions

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The Charlotte Fire Department and Solid Waste Services have received a 2015 NC Mobile CARE Award through the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center at North Carolina State University. The NC Mobile CARE Award recognizes exemplary organizational efforts in North Carolina aimed at reducing transportation related emissions, promoting fuel diversity and fuel economy through alternative fuels, advanced technologies, vehicle efficiency, and other best practices. In order to be awarded organizations must be innovative, a leader in the field, and demonstrate positive results.

The Charlotte Fire Department was nominated by the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition for fire trucks equipped with auxiliary power units (APU). The APUs reduce idling emissions of the fire trucks by 80%, and save approximately 1,200 gallons of diesel fuel per truck every year. The Charlotte Fire Department has 22 trucks with APUs and will be adding five more in the spring.

The Solid Waste Services Department was also nominated by the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition for their commitment to compressed natural gas (CNG) automated vehicles for their

operations. The CNG vehicles offer fuel savings for Solid Waste Services, as well as up to a 90% reduction in emissions. Currently, Solid Waste Services has 15 CNG trucks in operation.

Both awards were presented at the NC Clean Transportation Tour on October 20, 2015 in Concord, NC. The City was also recognized at the event as a supporting member of the NC Smart Fleet program. NC Smart Fleet provides an opportunity for the City to join with other fleets across North Carolina to quantify, aggregate, and celebrate all that NC fleets are doing for air quality and fuel efficiency.

More information can be found on the event, the Mobile CARE Award and the NC Smart Fleet program at: <http://nccleantech.ncsu.edu/nc-clean-transportation-tour-2/>.

ATTACHMENTS:

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--Citizens' Forum – 3140 Edsel Place Storm Water Issues

Join us!

HARVEST FEST COOKOUT

HOSTED BY THE

NO BARRIERS PROJECT

2015 KNIGHT CITIES CHALLENGE WINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:30 - 8:00 PM

ANITA STROUD PARK

Free food, light boxes, music and dance!





*Calling all residents of Brightwalk,
Genesis Park & Park at Oaklawn*

CLT's YOUR Space! Have it YOUR Way!

The No Barriers Project invites you to join the conversation:

- < Connect >** Meet and engage your neighbors
- < Create >** Participate in interactive games, art, and dance as a blueprint for community building in Anita Stroud Park
- < Celebrate >** Join the celebration at the Harvest Fest and highlight your neighbors' great ideas!

Friday, October 30
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Anita Stroud Park

About the Harvest Fest:

- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cookout
- 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Interactive Mural Painting with the McColl Center Artists-in-Residence, Mobile Mural Lab
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free Zumba Class (Beginners welcome)



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Follow-Up Report**

October 21, 2015

October 5, 2015 – Council Workshop

Citizens' Forum - 3140 Edsel Place Storm Water Issues

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On Monday, October 5, 2015, Mr. Vincent Frisina of 3140 Edsel Place addressed Council about a Storm Water Services project on his property.

Storm Drainage Easement at 3140 Edsel Place

In 1994, Storm Water Services obtained a permanent storm drainage easement from Mr. Frisina, Jr., the property owner of 3140 Edsel Place, for the pipe system along his side yard. Under this existing easement, Storm Water Services can enter the property to monitor the drainage system and provide on-going maintenance within the easement. Specifically, the easement states, the City is authorized "...to enter said premises to inspect and monitor said storm drainage facilities, to perform necessary maintenance and repairs, and to make alterations and additions thereto." Additionally, the easement states "the Grantee shall have the right of ingress, egress, and regress over and upon any lands of the Grantor adjacent to or in the vicinity of the premises as may be essential to the use thereof for the aforesaid purposes, and no entry for such purposes shall be deemed a trespass."

Storm Water Services utilized the easement obtained in 1994 to replace the pipe system in 2013. Staff typically notify property owners before it works within a storm drainage easement area, but the easement itself grants the City certain rights to access the property. Ms. Susan Tolan of EPM notified Mr. Frisina that staff would conduct a pipe video inspection of the drainage system at 3140 Edsel Place in fall 2015 and anticipated the inspection would be completed from the street catch basin in front of the property. This inspection is necessary to ensure the drainage system was installed correctly. If any construction-related issues are identified with the drainage system, it may be the contractor's responsibility to repair. On October 1, 2015, the video camera used for inspection could not reach the end of the drainage system from the street access point. When staff and the pipe video contractor entered the easement area on Mr. Frisina's property to reach another access point, he requested they leave the premises. Staff left at his request, however, they will need to access the property to complete the video inspection. Staff will contact Mr. Frisina the week of October 26 to coordinate a date and time.

Right-of-Entry Needed for Independent Engineer Review and Reseeding/Fine Grading at 3140 and 3132 Edsel Place

In 2013, the City's contractor replaced the storm drainage system between the properties of Mr. Frisina (3140 Edsel Place) and his neighbor (3132 Edsel Place). The contractor, OnSite Development, LLC (OnSite), installed the storm drain system according to a professionally engineered sealed design based on soil evaluations. As a

precaution, the contractor also installed protective foundation bracing as called for in the engineering design before beginning installation of the storm drainage system in order to safeguard against potential structural damage to the houses during construction.

In 2014, Mr. Frisina contacted the Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement and requested an inspection of the protective foundation bracing. The County inspected the site on November 13, 2014, found no visible structural deficiencies but issued a Notice of Violation to both properties (3132 & 3140 Edsel Place) for construction/alteration without permits. At the time, Storm Water Services and the contractor were unaware a permit was needed for this work. Storm Water Services now makes sure it has obtained a right-of-entry for foundation bracing, in addition to easements for drainage improvements, and the City's contractor obtains the necessary permits required by County Code Enforcement.

After the Notice of Violation was issued, OnSite obtained all required permits on November 26, 2014 for the work performed and Storm Water Services identified an independent professional engineer to conduct an evaluation as required by the Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement. In December 2014, the independent engineer reviewed all documents, including the sealed design plans, the construction inspector's daily log book and photos. The last step in the evaluation process is a site visit. The independent engineer's site visit, as well as the reseeding/fine grading of areas outside the existing storm drainage easement, requires property owner permission in the form of a right-of-entry. This past spring, Mr. Frisina requested that Storm Water Services delay the reseeding/fine grading work until fall 2015. In order for reseeding to be successful, it must be done in the fall. If not, it will have to wait until spring 2016 to perform this work.