



Grier Heights Community Newsletter

October 2018

From the President – Dr. Stacie Brown

It is truly an honor to serve as the President of the Grier Heights Community Improvement Organization (GHCIO), Inc. For me, Grier Heights is returning home to a community of family, friends and many familiar faces! Additionally, it is very humbling to reside in a community with so much history and so many ‘rich resources,’ that there seems to be an event, program or service that every age group can become engaged in. Some ways that our community has come together and gotten to know one another better is through our inter- and multi-generational events which include, our annual Labor Day Reunion, families and seniors experimenting on the pottery wheel through a partnership with Clayworks and our young residents exercising their STEM skills, while making solar suitcases to send to Kenya, Africa. As you can see, there is something for everyone no matter what street you may live on (Marvin Road, Heflin Street, and Jonquil Street) so come out and get to know your neighbors!

The weather is finally turning, the hurricane season is ending (hopefully) and the GHCIO is very busy! As you look around, you will see a lot of growth! To keep up with this growth, while celebrating the history of the community, we are in the process of developing a 3-year Strategic Plan, to look at where we are today and what our goals are for a sustainable future. As a GHCIO, we are working together to ensure ‘all of our residents,’ take advantage of our ‘rich resources’ to improve our overall quality of life and to address economic mobility. We strongly encourage and we expect you to get involved in our community. Even if you cannot attend the monthly meetings, please join and become active in one of our committees: **Special Projects, Buildings and Grounds, Communications/Marketing, Health and Wellness, Safety/Crime Prevention, Community Service and Fundraising/Development.**

Mission Statement: (working on, I will work hard to send via text tomorrow morning for approval/disapproval. If it’s not approved, then please include the vision statement below somewhere on the newsletter.)

Vision Statement: Continuing to make history by empowering people to give back, to educate, and to live with a purpose.

The Health and Wellness Committee would like to thank Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals for donating toothbrushes and toothpaste to the children in the community.

Treasurer Report

In order to continue the activities of our community we need your financial help. Our funds are not where it needs to be, yet our spirit for the restoration of the community remains high. We are asking for your contributions towards our goal. We offer basic (\$12), bronze (\$24), silver (\$48), gold (\$96) and platinum (\$97+) memberships for your yearly donations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Regina Gill, Treasurer

CONDOLENCES

Please keep the following families in prayer; Mr. Henry Wallace, Ms. Janice Tyson, Ms. Ethel Lowery, Ms. Barbara Stringfellow and Mr. Lawrence Crockett. To report a death within our community, please contact our condolences reporter, Mrs. Zelma Sullivan @ 704.375.4358.

Congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan on 63 years of marital bliss!!!

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If you would like to receive a newsletter via email or have any comments, concerns or would like to submit an article for the newsletter contact me at ghcioinc@gmail.com

Labor Day Recap

The Grier Heights Community 53rd Reunion was a great success. Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to next year.

Special thank you to following people for all they did; Clifton Bell, Corey Singleton, Mo Chisolm, Shandy Massey-Cureton, Shelia Nick, and Cedrice (Nuffced) Brown for the wonderful entertainment on the large stage. **THANK YOU-** Ms. T. and her crew for the fun Kid Zone **THANK YOU-** Stacie Brown and Tommy Brown for the History trailer.

THANK YOU- CMPD for leading our parade and supporting this event with their presence.

We cannot mention every name of people that help financially or in other capacities but we thank you. We could not have done it without you!

The 2018 community award winners!



From left to right ‘The Jim “Bootsy” Polk Award to Gloria Green. The James “Bubba “ Ross Award to Self-Help Community Development Corp. Donnetta Collier and The CrosseRoads Corp. Don Gately. The Jim McVay Award to Paris Huntley. The Grier Heights Humanitarian Award to Mr. Lynn Russ (not pictured).

The next community meeting which will be on November , 5th and will be held at The Baha’i Center 3514 Marvin Rd at 7:00 pm. We will have a speaker from the United Way to discuss how they will be supporting Grier Heights.

VOTE!! VOTE!! VOTE!!

We have a midterm election which is very important and right around the corner, November 6. There is Early Voting and sample ballots located in the GH Community Center, the churches and some apartment complexes. Please familiarize yourself with the ballot and conduct your own research on what is good for you, your family and your community. **Remember your vote counts so take your soul to the polls!**



Grier Heights Community Center Activities

GED/HSE sponsored by Central Piedmont Community College

Tuesdays-Thursdays 10am-12:30pm

“Fill My Cup” Adult Literacy and Math assistance

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-12pm

“Motherread/Fatheread” Classes (Monday & Wednesday 9am-12pm)

Goal: To assist with teaching parents how to effectively read books to their children

Care Ring

Tuesdays 9am-12pm

Blood pressure, A1C checks, and low-cost medical resources/referrals.

Onsite Pregnancy Testing/resources

New Time: The 2nd Tuesday of the month Care Ring

Staff will be onsite from 4pm-7pm to accommodate residence schedules.

Red Boots

Wednesday 12-1pm

Open group community meeting to engage in personal and community based problem solving. Also, teaches intentional communication

Onsite After School Program

Monday-Thursday

2:45pm-6pm

Clayworks

Family Sessions-2nd Saturday of each month (12pm-2pm)

Youth/Teen Session-4th Friday of each month (3:45pm-5:15pm)

Date of Sessions and activity:

Youth Session-10/26: (3:45pm-5:15pm) “Porcupine Pencil Holder”

First Senior Thursdays

Program takes place the first Thursday of each month (10:45am-11:45am)

Sessions & Activities:

Upcoming event: 11/1/18 (10:45am-11:45am) “Carolina Raptor Center”

Grier Heights Community Center Activities (con’t)

Service Project: 9/25/18 “Solar Suitcase Workshop”/We Share Solar Project.

In partnership with Wells Fargo, Girl Scouts, and We Share Solar, 30 middle and high school students from the Grier Heights Community participated in assisting ending energy poverty. Through hands on STEM educational & global service learning program/project, the girls created “solar suitcases”. Solar suitcases are mobile devices that provide electricity to unelectrified schools, community centers, and communities. The solar suitcases created by our Grier Heights youth have been donated to an unelectrified girl school in Kenya.

Media coverage of the service project can be viewed at: <https://www.wccbcharlotte.com/2018/09/27/good-school-news-grier-heights-girl-scouts-bring-light/>



Are you looking for a place to have an event like a birthday party, fashion show, or a meeting? The Grier Heights Community center is the place for you. For more information call the center @ (980) 498-1487 or check out the website @ www.grierheightscommunitycenter.org.

RECEIPE OF THE MONTH

1 tablespoon of chili powder
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 pound baby bell peppers (12 to 15 peppers), halved, stemmed and seeded
1 large yellow onion, halved and thinly sliced
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast
Juice of 1 lime, plus lime wedges, for serving
8 fajita-size flour tortillas, warmed
Shredded Monterey Jack cheese, guacamole, hot sauce, salsa and sour cream, for serving

Directions
Preheat the broiler to high. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil.
Combine the chili powder, 2 teaspoons salt and 1 teaspoon pepper in a small bowl. Put the peppers and onions on the prepared baking sheet, drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil and season with half the chili powder mixture. Broil until softened and starting to char, about 10 minutes.
Meanwhile, cut the chicken into 1/4-inch-thick slices and toss in a large bowl with the remaining Chile powder mixture and 1 tablespoon oil.
After the peppers are softened and starting to char, about 10 minutes, scatter the chicken on top of the peppers and onions and return the baking sheet to the broiler until the chicken is cooked through and starting to brown, about 5 minutes more. Drizzle with the lime juice.
Serve with the warmed tortillas, Monterey Jack cheese, guacamole, hot sauce, salsa, sour cream and lime wedges.