



If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent the night with a mosquito.

~ African proverb



Quarterly Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. You have an opportunity to get to know your neighbors from 6:15 to 6:30pm, including a gift card drawing for participating in our fun group activity. The official meeting begins at 6:30 ending at 7:30pm and is held at the Salvation Army, 901 Belmont Ave. Our CMPD Community Officers always open the meeting with an update on Belmont and answer questions. Come join us and find out what's happening in Belmont!

- March 1
- April 5
- May 3

Welcome to our first Belmont newsletter!

Hello Neighbors! We believe that meaningful changes often come from small grassroots efforts. So if the online stuff out there is not your thing, here's your very own printed copy of Belmont news and info. It's even being hand-delivered to your home by neighborhood volunteers so be sure and wave hello if you see us out delivering.

Do you know what the Belmont Community Association's mission is? It's to "foster a safe, friendly and diverse community with neighbors working together". We're hoping this neighborhood newsletter will be one more way to help us accomplish our mission and bring neighbors together.

At our January community meeting we had a snowball fight to kick off the New Year! Everyone had an opportunity to share their hope for the Belmont Community in 2016. Neighbors said they want safer streets, slower moving vehicles, more bikes, more pedestrians, seeing people wave hello from their front porches and to have a sense of pride in their community. We hope you're with us in believing these things can happen in Belmont. See you around the neighborhood!



Ed & Sammy working in the community garden

Shout Out!

Thanks to our community sponsors for their support: Amelie's Bakery, Birdsong Brewery, Harris Teeter, Sunflour Baking Co., Healthy Home Market, Rita's, Whiskey Warehouse, Green with Envy, Central Coffee, Free Range Brewing and VBGB. Be sure to arrive at our monthly meeting at 6:15pm to socialize and have a chance to win a gift card from one of our local businesses. We raffle 3 gift cards at each meeting!

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Meet Your Neighbor

Brenda has lived in Belmont for almost 40 years and loves people. If you haven't met this fun, energetic and passionate lady, you are missing out. When asked about changes she's seen over the years, Brenda said at one time there were sandwich shops, laundromats, and barbershops in Belmont. She remembers a pool hall and café being located on Pegram Street. Years ago Brenda ran a temp agency in Belmont and helped people get jobs at some of the country clubs around the city.



Brenda Eddings

Brenda is a woman who strives for excellence in everything she does. She has a generous heart and always seems to be helping other people out. Some of you may have ordered one of her delicious cakes during the fundraiser she organized to help with Al Gorman's funeral expenses. For those who recently moved in, Al was a 73 year old Belmont resident who was tragically killed this past September near the intersection of Parkwood and Hawthorne while riding his bicycle to the laundromat.

We asked Brenda to tell us her favorite thing about Belmont and she said, "It's a neighborhood that's growing and exciting things are happening. It's becoming a better community and we have some planned events coming up for children. I like the monthly meetings, neighbors getting to know one another and the walking group."

How You Can Make a Difference

Come to our monthly meetings and get to know your neighbors.

Volunteer! As little as one hour a month can make a difference.

Call 311 to report streetlights that are out if you don't want to fill out the online form. They will forward to Duke Energy. One neighbor has had over 20 streetlights repaired in the last 4 months. Help light up Belmont – it prevents crime!

Belmont Police Department Office for non-emergency concerns:
704-336-8535

Crime Stoppers Hotline 704-334-1600. Or text a tip to CRIMES (274637). Use TIP372 at the start of your message. Do not leave your name or contact information. This is an anonymous means to provide information that can help law enforcement officials make an arrest or close a case.

Community History

Did you know that the Belmont-Villa Heights-Optimist Park area was built up around the turn of the 20th century? There was once a streetcar that ran down Pegram, which took a few people to jobs around the city. But most of the residents were blue-collar workers and their families who walked to work in one of the nearby textile mills that came to line the railroads. This area was Charlotte's first entirely working-class suburban district. It's important to remember that these hard-working people helped advance Charlotte to its position as a leading textile producer and become the largest city in North and South Carolina during the textile boom decades.