

Charlotte Park Rangers Asking Citizens To Become Involved

By Teresa Simmons
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At times going to one of Charlotte's 160 parks is like taking a trip to the Wizard of Oz's munchkin land. At other times the visit can turn into another twilight zone.

Perhaps you have heard too screeching wheels of a car going too fast or smelled something burning (not a forest fire either) or even witnessed vandalism to our special parks. If so, did you pick the phone up to call authorities?

This is what the Park Rangers in Charlotte are asking citizens to do. "We would like citizens to become involved and call in to report damages to property and disturbances such as drug use or alcohol use," Sandra Samuels, a Park Ranger and coordinator of the Park Watch Program, stated.

Alcohol is allowed on park property only when a permit is acquired. "Groups can purchase an alcohol permit, but they must stay within a re-



Sandra Samuels
.....Park Ranger

served shelter area," Mrs. Samuels continued.

The first rule for the person calling in about a park disturbance is to know which enforcement agency to call. Some people, ac-

ording to Mrs. Samuels, call the police. Park Rangers, however, are just as qualified to handle any difficulties within the park's domain. Park Rangers attend the

police academy and complete 240 hours. They are certified officers of North Carolina and are required to meet the demands of the North Carolina Justice Training Standards Council.

If you have a concern or even a question, call the Park Rangers at 333-1261. "You don't have to give your name. You will remain completely anonymous," Mrs. Samuels offered. One of the worse acts would be to take the law

into your own hands she continued. "At no times should citizens act in a law enforcement capacity. For a park incident contact the Park Rangers."

To date, there are 12 Park Rangers in Charlotte; two dispatchers; two supervisors or sergeants; and the interim chief Captain R. L. Schurmerier. These trained officers are under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Director of Charlotte, Marvin Billups.

Rendering aid, deterring vandalism, answering questions and patrolling park property are the main duties of Park Rangers. In order to perform their duties even better Sandra Samuels has been joined by officers G. Porter, V. Will-

oughby and J. L. Hearne in the effort of encouraging park visitors and neighbors to take a more active role in protecting and preserving their parks and recreation facilities.

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Shirley Caesar Endorses Gilmore

World famous gospel singer, Shirley Caesar, announced that she is endorsing the candidacy of Tom Gilmore, Democratic candidate for Governor.

Caesar stated that she is supporting Gilmore because of "his Christian beliefs, and his consistent record of working for civil rights and equal opportunities for everyone." She also added, "By looking at the people Tom Gilmore has working with him, I have the utmost faith in his ideals and beliefs, and I truly believe that he will make the best Governor. If everyone will take the time to look at Gilmore's record and compare it with all the other candidates, I am sure they will feel as I do that he is the most outstanding candidate."

Mrs. Caesar, a native and resident of Durham, N.C., is a five-time Grammy nominee, and the two-time winner of the prestigious award. Her latest album, "Jesus, I Love Calling Your Name," was ranked in the top spot of the National Gospel charts for 38 consecutive weeks last year. Until this year, Mrs. Caesar was the only living female black gospel singer to own a Grammy. Gilmore said he was pleased by Caesar's an-

nouncement. "It means a great deal to me that she has looked at the records and has decided that I am the most qualified to be the next Governor. I am very proud of this endorsement and her support," stated the three-term legislator from Guilford County and former Deputy Secretary

of Human Resources. Gilmore has received many major endorsements in his campaign, including those of the N.C. Association of Educators, the League of Conservation Voters, and the state chapter of the National Organization for Women.

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities

		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	Cash and balances due from depository institutions	1622
	Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	0
	Interest-bearing balances	5377
	Securities	715
	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	7297
	Loans and lease financing receivables:	
	Loans and leases, net of unearned income	61
	LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	0
	LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
	Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	7236
	Assets held in trading accounts	0
	Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	635
	Other real estate owned	0
	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0	
Other assets	243	
Total assets	15,828	

LIABILITIES	Deposits:		
	In domestic offices:		12,268
	Noninterest-bearing	4504	
	Interest-bearing	7764	
	In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs		
	Noninterest-bearing	0	0
	Interest-bearing	0	
	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		1461
	Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		0
	Other borrowed money		0
	Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		0
	Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		0
	Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		0
	Other liabilities		147
	Total liabilities		13,876
Limited-life preferred stock		0	

EQUITY CAPITAL	Perpetual preferred stock	0
	Common stock	875
	Surplus	875
	Undivided profits and capital reserves	202
	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	0
	Total equity capital	1952
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	15,828	

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