

## Dilworth Families, Players and Coaches -

Continuation of the updates on parking for this weekend at Freedom Park....Mecklenburg Park & Rec, Dilworth Little League and Charlotte Jr Soccer are working together in a combined effort to resolve the parking and traffic issues on Saturdays. The following plan goes into effect this weekend and the changes are listed below so all of you know what to expect this Saturday, April 21, and for the rest of the season. We will continue to communicate with Charlotte Jr and Parks & Rec to tweak this plan as needed. We want to assure all of you that we are fully aware of the problems and are committed to making the park work for everyone.

- Charlotte Jr. Soccer has graciously moved some of their AM games to reduce the overall congestion in the park during the peak morning hours. This should help with the combined turn over between our leagues respective games.
- Similar to last weekend, parking will be allowed on the grass along the road across from baseball fields 1 and 2 on one side only where the turf is stable enough for cars (3 cars got stuck last weekend in boggy areas). See the attached for reference and be respectful of areas that are blocked due to muddy conditions.
- If the lots are full inside the park, parents will be allowed to enter the park to drop their children off near the baseball batting cage(see attached). Cars will be directed to the right at the 3-way stop to the designated athletic drop off point. The gate on East Blvd will remain open to athletic drop-offs, the only exception would be an emergency situation requiring a closure.
- The Sheriff's department will handle the traffic at the East Blvd entrance and any parking issues inside the park. If the parking lots fill up and we go to drop off mode, the "ticket" for entry into the park is your child in a uniform or your bag of baseball equipment. The deputies can quickly identify athletic parents/coaches who need the drop off zone vs non-athletic park patrons.
- County Deputies and Park Rangers personnel will direct you to available spots in the park. These may not be right by the field or where you are used to parking. Please help and go where they tell you to go, preferably with a smile on your face. None of the spaces are that far from the fields.

- If the park is full, there is parking available in several locations: directly across East Blvd in the surface lot and in the CMC deck; behind the tennis courts off of Maryland Avenue; at the Mahlon Adams/Central Park office on Cumberland.
  
- As always, please consider alternate means of transportation to the park via walking, biking or carpool – every little bit helps.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience. This will be another "high volume" weekend at Freedom with a beautiful weather forecast along with the Charlotte Arborist Tree Climbing Competition.