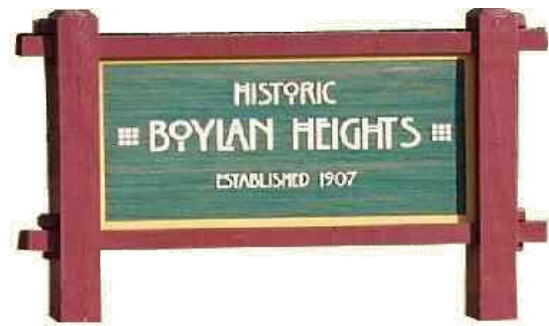


# BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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Please submit articles by November 20, 2007

Joseph Huberman editor



## New Leaders for Artwalk

### But Who?

Carrie Knowles

Dear ArtWalk Participant and Boylan Heights Neighbors:

This year's ArtWalk (our 15<sup>th</sup>!) looks like it will be the best yet. We have, however, an announcement to make. At some point in all organizations, the founders need to step aside in order for a new vision to come forward so the organization can have a chance to remain vital and grow. We've come to that point.

For the past fifteen years I have worked with ArtWalk and have watched it grow and prosper. It has been great fun and a great deal of work. Over the last ten years, Elizabeth Dunbar has taken the lead as the organizer processing the applications, overseeing all the arrangements from advertising to porch placement while I have worked with the artists, the jury process, and other details of promotion and presentation. We have had a wonderful time working together.

Did we say ArtWalk has grown? This year, again, we have more than 100 artists. More importantly, we had the largest field of artists and artwork from which to select a show (nearly 150). We have developed quite a reputation and we have far more artists wanting to show with us than we have space for on our porches. We should feel proud of what we have accomplished for Boylan Heights working together volunteering time, our porches, and our hospitality.



ArtWalk Grocery Bag fits into its own little pouch. For Sale at this year's ArtWalk

Elizabeth and I decided last year that we would do one last ArtWalk, this one, as a celebration of Boylan Heights' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. And, I am proud to say, I believe this will be the best ArtWalk yet.

So, now we're looking for someone to step forward to take charge. There's still plenty left to do with this year's program and we will be happy to work these next couple of months with anyone who is interested in learning how this is all done. Please contact either Elizabeth (836-8136) or Carrie (833-6022) and we'll get you started.

The bulk of the work happens over September through November. We work a little throughout the year making plans, preparing the new application, and trying to think through better advertising possibilities, but the long hours take place in the fall.

It's great fun to watch artists grow and change, particularly those neighborhood artists who have really blossomed through their participation with ArtWalk. It has been a joy as well as a job.

Thanks for letting us take the lead for so long.

## Mental Disease

Gerry Lynch

Gerry Lynch is the mother of Billy Lynch, the man accused of sexually harassing a woman on Cabarrus St. last weekend as she was unloading her car outside her apartment:

I would like the neighbors to know that Billy has serious problems with paranoia. He thinks that people (most everybody he meets) are making obscene gestures to him. Unfortunately he can not control what he "sees." Of course none of this is happening, but in his mind it is. He thinks that "most of the people he meets" hate him and the reason he gives is obscure. Billy does not think or know that he is ill. This is the sad, pitiful state of his existence. He will not take meds because he doesn't believe that he is ill. (He thinks that the "other" people are the ones with the problem.) He has been hospitalized at Dix three times. The people at Dix have tried their best to help him, but they haven't been able to do much because Billy won't take meds. Because Billy makes such terrible verbal insults, it may seem to you that! he is physically violent. He certainly seems to be threatening. And it is easy for people to believe that they have to fear for their well being. But he does not have a physically violent temperament. And he knows that if he touches someone, he will go to jail.

If you are accosted by Billy and feel threatened, then by all means call 911. There is a group of police who are especially trained to deal with people like Billy. These CIT Officers know how to handle these distressed and frustrated people. They know what to say to them to decrease their stress. If necessary these policemen will take the perpetrators away. Mostly, though, they deal with them on the spot. The reason that this CIT Program was instigated is because the jails were filling up with the mentally ill, the drunks and the drug addicts, and time and money and resources at court and jail were being spent on them instead of on the criminals. This CIT Program is being implemented in many states in our country. So far people "who know" deem it a success.

If Billy bothers you, but not so much as to threaten your safety, you could tell him that you ARE afraid and are going to call the police. Or.....you might use another approach, which really works well, because it puts Billy on the spot, but it could be difficult for you. When he yells bad things at you, you could look him in the eye and say something like: "I'm so sorry that I hurt you. I didn't mean to. I was just brushing away my hair, or I was just scratching my nose, etc." When people react to him in this way it completely shakes him up, relaxes him, relieves his stress and he doesn't become threatened or threatening anymore. His visage changes completely. He then can only apologize. I know that this is a difficult thing to be able to do. And it is only a suggestion. But amazingly it seems to work; it puts him off guard and makes him sorry for his outburst.

Again, I want to say how sorry I am to the lady whom he frightened. And all the other people he has also frightened in the community too. I know that he has been threatening and scary to many people in the neighborhood, including my friends. I can not make any excuses for Billy. I can only try to explain to you what is going on.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Response to

## Mental Disease

*Jim Kellenberger*

I don't normally make comments on this thing to the neighborhood, but this subject is very close to me.

My mother spent the better part of 30 years in and out of the "Snake Pit" (her words, Dorothea Dix Mental Institution as most of us know it). She reacted the same as Billy, "feeling cured", stopping her medication, saying most often "we are the crazy ones".

When she died in 1999, she still felt that she had been mistreated by all the folks (including me) who had tried to help her. She was the misunderstood one and all of the rest of us were the mis-understanders.



*McBride Building*

In 1974, I sat in front of Judge Pretlow Winbourne in the stone house at the end of Boylan Ave across from the McBride Building and testified for the first (and unfortunately not the last) time against my own mother to try to give her some peace of mind that I thought

might come from involuntary commitment to Dix and the treatment they could provide. It was to date the most difficult thing I have ever had to do in my life.

Mental disease is the most debilitating thing that can happen to a person in my opinion. For this reason and many others I don't really favor a destination park, or a full development for the small part of the Dix property that remains. Too much suffering and hardship occurred there for that. What is needed for the folks with mental disease is more understanders and less mis-understanders. Use the property as it was intended, just more effectively to treat mental disease.

I am not condoning the behavior of Mr. Lynch, I am saying he and millions similarly affected with mental disease need our understanding and a proactive approach as Gerry describes to try to help them. I am sorry this has happened to both the lady that was offended and to Billy.

### Please Help Fix Breakfast at the Cabarrus St. Woman's Shelter

*We Need Volunteers Every 3rd Sunday of the Month*

- October volunteer Marsh Hardy and family  
**Needed November, December, January.....**

Contact Judy Murray 244-4466 or  
judy@bajaburrito.net

## Boylan Heights Association

### Boylan Heights Association Meeting Proposed Agenda

*Tuesday, October 23, 2007*

*7:00PM at Project Enlightenment, Room 311*

#### PROPOSED AGENDA

- I. Announcements and Additions to Agenda; Approval of Agenda
- II. Report of Raleigh Police Representative
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes
- IV. Review and Approval of the Finance Report
- V. Discussion of Neighborhood Priorities and Association Spending
- VI. Committee and Special Projects Report
  - Art Walk
  - Centennial Committee
  - Tree Planting
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

### Boylan Heights Association Minutes 9/25/07

*Jeff Mason, Secretary*

#### Meeting Attendees:

Steve Hilderhoff of Stearns & Wheeler, Aaron Brower of the City of Raleigh Public Utilities, Dick Bailey of Raleigh Parks and Recreation, Four Raleigh Police Officers, Elizabeth Dunbar, Ray Lanier Linda Caldwell, Curtis Cook, Hugh Bailey, Al Byro, Janet Silber, Evelyn Fahy, Jeff Mason, Alyson Aurigemma, Anthony Aurigemma, Lyman Collins, Paul Meyer, Tom Luther, Joseph Huberman, Franklin Haignere

- I. Announcements  
Lyman Collins presiding over meeting for Lee Kirby.
- II. Review and approval of minutes  
Janet Silber motioned. Second by Jeff Mason, motion passed to

#### approve minutes

III. Report by Aaron Brower and Steve Hilderhoff  
There is an ongoing sewer project begun in mid-July to fix sewer pipe in alley between South and Dorothea, as the pipe goes under some homes. This will fix water and sewer lines to both streets. The new sewer line is being installed in South Street. Materials should last 100 years. The city is paying \$437K for the project. Scheduled completion date is Nov. 18. For any questions or problems, call Aaron Brower with the City Public Utilities at cell 857-8544

IV. Raleigh Police Officers report. 17 calls overall: drug call, vandalism, larceny from cars, suspicious persons in last 30 days for BH. The "Lock, Take, Hide" campaign signs are about \$15 per sign. Lyman suggested the BHA purchase several. Evelyn Fahy will check on how to purchase signs.

VI. Parks and Recreation Dept: Upcoming bond measure. Oct. 9 vote. See brochures. Joseph Huberman motioned for BHA to vote to support bond measure, Michael Lee seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Report on ACT and SCALE – Janet Silber.  
Acting Communities Together, umbrella group for neighborhood advocacy groups. Janet attended their meetings and represented Boylan Heights.

VIII. Artwalk Report – Elizabeth Dunbar reports. Dec. 2 with over 100 artists. Garden Club will be decorating the entrances. Centennial Committee – Lyman Collins for John Montgomery. Artists for ArtWalk invited to do centennial themes. Committee will have a porch at ArtWalk. Progressive dinner will be an event, Oct. 28. Big Boylan Bash – Lyman Collins for Chris Weedy, see newsletter.

IX. Old Business – Traffic issues

X. New Business – trees in neighborhood are the same age, all will be dying at the same time. City is not replacing trees of the same type, only short trees. Lyman Collins suggested to have Ray Lanier work with Janet Silber to bring a suggestion back to next meeting.

XI. Evelyn Fahy moved to adjourn the meeting; Jeff Mason seconded.

Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.