

# BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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## Neighborhood Crime Prevention & Safety

*Jeff Mason, President of BHA and  
Jimmy Creech, Chair of Neighborhood Watch*

Over the past month, there have been two serious crimes within Boylan Heights, including one violent kidnapping and robbery, and several others just outside the neighborhood. To help the neighborhood address crime and safety issues, Officer Charles Taylor, a Crime Prevention specialist with the Raleigh Police Department, will make a presentation on crime prevention and safety at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Boylan Heights Association Meeting.

Please make a special effort to attend this meeting of the Boylan Heights Association to learn what we can do to make our neighborhood safer. The meeting is open to all residents, including renters.

## Animal Waste

Please remember to be courteous to your neighbors and help keep the community clean by properly disposing of all animal waste.

## Newsletter Advertisements

The Boylan Heights community was recently approached by a potential advertiser regarding placement in the printed version of the newsletter. We wanted to let everyone know about this situation and allow community members the opportunity to voice their opinion on this subject.

### Pros:

- Generate revenue for the community.
- Provide exposure for local businesses.

### Cons:

- We will need a volunteer to manage the process of advertisement insertion (payments, artwork, collections, etc).
- Potential articles may need to be cut from newsletter in order to make room for advertising space.

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

We Need Volunteers Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

- February - the Marschall family
- March - Mary Stevenson and Sarada Allen
- April - **Volunteers Needed**

Contact Judy Murray 244-4466 or [judy@bajaburrito.net](mailto:judy@bajaburrito.net)

## Next Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is March 24, 2009. Articles and information on upcoming events can be sent to [anythingright@yahoo.com](mailto:anythingright@yahoo.com).

## Upcoming Public Lecture:

*Urban Life: Design for Change*  
Friday, February 20, 2009 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Raleigh Municipal Building; Council Chamber  
222 West Hargett Street

Presented by: NC State University College of Design and City of Raleigh Department of City Planning.

Three nationally known urban designers moderated by Raleigh planning director Mitchell Silver will bring to the table strands of contemporary thinking in urban design. In particular, they will critique and discuss ideas and initiatives relating to the urban family in the public realm, design approaches to affordable housing and urban environments that promote the health and well being of their citizens.

## Lecture and Reception at Adam Cave Fine Art

You are invited to attend an information-packed lecture and reception at Adam Cave Fine Art.

**The Peruvian Amazon: Beauty and Destruction**

Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Take this uncommon opportunity to travel with North Carolina artist [David Hewson](#), far from his Sandhill's roots, into the remote jungles and villages of Peru. Learn about an obscure but important part of the world and what is happening there in 2009.



Please RSVP to [gallery@adamcavefineart.com](mailto:gallery@adamcavefineart.com). Seating for this event is limited. Visit [www.adamcavefineart.com](http://www.adamcavefineart.com) to preview the entire exhibit, on view through March 10th at our downtown gallery on Hargett Street.

## Boylan Heights Association Meeting Agenda

*Tuesday, February 24, 2009*

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

*Jeff Mason, President*

- I. Announcements and Additions to Agenda; Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Prison Update from the DOC (depending on their availability)
- IV. Finance Report
- V. Report of Raleigh Police Representative (if available)
- VI. Committee Reports (time allowing)
- VII. Adjourn

# BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Boylan Heights

### January 27, 2009 Association Minutes

*Jimmy Creech, Secretary*

Attendees: Christopher Neese, Chris Todd, Franklin Haignere, Robyn Haignere, Lyman Collins, Evelyn Fahy, Ray Lanier, M.H. Green, Jr., Jeff Mason, Paul Meyer, Don Palmer, Steve Bryan, Jennifer Gallant, Andrew Gallant, Mike Davidson, Emily Brinker, Matthew Staton, Mark Johnson and Jimmy Creech. Guests: Sgt. Tracy Turner, RPD and Shelly Paramore, Bloomsbury Estates.

Jeff Mason, President, called the meeting to order.

I. Agenda - The agenda was approved without additions.

II. Minutes - the minutes of the November 25<sup>th</sup> BHA meeting were approved and recorded.

III. Finance Report - no report was available for the meeting.

IV. Raleigh Police Department - Sgt. Tracy Turner

a. No crime reported for the Boylan Heights area in January through the 25<sup>th</sup>.

b. There was an aggravated assault in the 100 block of South Boylan Avenue on January 19.

c. There were two burglaries in the 500 and 600 blocks of West South Street: Barber Shop, January 20 (corner of S. Saunders and W. South); and J's Auto Service and Auto Repair, January 24 (520 West South).

d. It was reported by a Boylan Heights Association member that a home was burglarized on the day of the meeting, January 27. Sgt. Turner had no information about the burglary at the time of the meeting.

e. Sgt. gave her email address and encouraged Boylan Heights residents to contact her for information:

[Tracy.Turner@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Tracy.Turner@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

f. Sgt. Turner encouraged Boylan Heights residents to be vigilant and call 911 to report crimes, accidents or suspicious behavior. She also encouraged residents to call the RPD non-emergency number to get information: 831-6311 the minutes of the November 25<sup>th</sup> Boylan Heights Association meeting were approved as recorded.

V. Bloomsbury Estates - Shelly Paramore reported that construction on Bloomsbury Estates is almost complete. Residents will begin moving in at the end of February. Of the 56 units, 17 remain available for sale. Prices range from \$326,900 to \$1.2 million. There will be an Open House in March, date to be announced. All Boylan Heights residents are invited.

VI. The City of Raleigh's Comprehensive Plan for 2030- Jeff Mason explained that he asked Emily Brinker to chair a committee to review the City's new Comprehensive plan and bring recommendations to the BHA for consideration. Emily reported that the new Comprehensive plan does not include all existing Small Area plans that have been adopted by neighborhoods around the city. She also reported that January 31 is the deadline for public comments on the plan. At its last

meeting, the City Council was asked to extend the deadline to give adequate time for review of the plan. However, a tie vote of the Council denied extension of the deadline.

Emily said the positives of the new plan include:

- a. Boylan Avenue and Cabarrus are designated as "Green Streets";
- b. There are traffic calming measures in the plan, although neighborhoods are not stipulated; and,
- c. There is a commitment to preserve historic neighborhoods.

The negatives are:

- a. the omission of the Downtown West Gate plan for the area just east of Boylan Heights (South Saunders and South Streets); and,
- b. The plan does not include transitional areas.

Emily's committee recommended the following comments on the plan, for endorsement by the Boylan Heights Association, to be submitted to the City Council for consideration:

1. incorporate the following aspects of the Downtown West Gateway Small Area Plan:
  - a. Land Use & Urban Form Summary Map
  - b. Transition Zones;
  - c. Statement: it is wasteful of City tax dollars to abandon this plan.
2. Include description of future use / development of the Dorothea Dix property before adopting the Comprehensive Plan; and,
3. The plan needs to include specific plans for the Multi-Modal Station with emphasis on no "flyovers."

After discussion, Matthew Staton moved approval; Lyman Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff asked Emily and her committee to draft a letter to members of the City Council stating these recommendations. He will sign the letter on behalf of the Boylan Heights Association. Public comments are to be reviewed and the final Comprehensive plan will be adopted by the City Council in the spring.

VII. Central Prison Construction - Lyman reported that he and Alex Sokoloff met with Central Prison representatives and Deborah Ross to address concerns of the neighborhood regarding the new construction. He said commitments were made by the prison representatives for work to begin no earlier than 8:00 AM and that drivers will be told not to back up when it can be avoided. Jeff reported that he has asked Susan Parry to be the contact person for the Boylan Heights Association with Central Prison and the State Department of Correction during the construction of new facilities on the prison property. Evelyn Fahy moved that a representative of Central Prison/DOC be invited to attend each BHA meeting to report on the construction progress and hear concerns of the neighborhood. The motion was seconded and approved.

VIII. A motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned.