

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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Neighborhood Musician to Play at Busy Bee Cafe

Anne McLaurin

Will Scruggs, one of Boylan Heights talented young musicians, is coming to town. He will perform at 6 pm, Sunday, April 17th, at the BUSY BEE CAFE located at 225 South Wilmington Street. This is a new coffee shop and bar renovated in a historic space renovated by David Meeker. Cover charge - \$10.

Spread the Wealth (Plants)

Elizabeth Dunbar

Spring is here and it's time to get out in the garden. Already the Liriope should have been cut back so fresh shoots can emerge. While you are outside, thin out your perennials and re-pot them and any seedlings to share the beauty of your garden. Spread your garden's wealth throughout the neighborhood. Bring your potted plants to give away at the Memorial Day Picnic Potluck.

I am getting ready some *Papyrus* plants (*Cyperus*) and also *Orange Peel Plant* (*Houttuynia cordata*). There may also be just one *Poet's Laurel* (*Danae racemosa*) that is 3-4 years old and just now ready to give away. I have lots of *Lenten Rose* (*Helleborus*) seedlings, but plan to weed them out unless someone would like them. They can be ready ASAP, just let me know. I will not pot them up for the picnic. As spring progresses perhaps there will be more wealth to share.

Specifics on the Memorial Day Potluck Picnic will follow later but typically it is at 6 pm on Memorial Day and held at Project Enlightenment. Everyone should bring food to share. Usually drinks, cutlery and paper products are provided.

Mosaic Wine Lounge

Samad Hachby, the creative director of the Mosaic Wine Lounge has become a resident of the Boylan Heights community in the past year.

The Mosaic Wine Lounge is located in the South Glenwood area at 517 W. Jones Street. Mosaic is open from 6 pm to 2 am. From 6 pm to 11 pm, you can experience a sophisticated environment of light socializing while you try wines and beers from around the world. After 11 pm, Mosaic becomes a Moroccan-themed nightclub featuring dance, lounge, trance, euro and world beat music from the dancing scenes of Miami, London and Paris.

The name and logo of Mosaic suggests a multicultural environment and a market for the exchange of ideas, where people from around the world can share romantic and stylish moments in a beautiful environment.

The concept of Mosaic derives from a trend in Morocco whereby 15th Century palaces are converted to high-end boutiques which incorporate the core elements of a typical and traditional bazaar, including specialty art, music and food in a relaxing atmosphere.

To find out more info or to check out upcoming events go to www.mosaicwinelounge.com

Newsletter Delivery Volunteers Needed

Beginning in May volunteers are needed to:

1. Pick up newsletters in bulk and deliver the bundles to the various carriers; and
2. Route delivery person for one street.

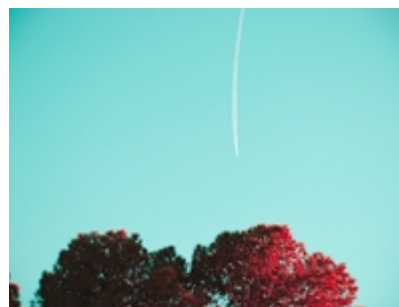
If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions, starting in May, please contact Joseph Huberman at 828-6068 or 610-1790 or you can contact Caleb before May at 834-5623.

Rebus Works

Rebus Works is a small gallery located in Boylan Heights. The gallery is operated by artists for artists, and is committed to exhibiting innovative works of fine art and high craft. Currently exhibiting *Two Views*: new work by Joseph Labate and Nicole Welch until March 28, 2009.



Nicole Welch



Joseph Labate

The gallery is located at 301-2 Kinsey Street. Regular hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11-6 pm, Saturday from 1-4 pm, and each First Friday from 6-10 pm. Contact Info: (919) 754-8452.

Grand Reopening

Abbeygail's Re-Chic Boutique
(formerly Abbeygail's Closet)

Abbeygail's Re-Chic Boutique is re-opening for business on Saturday, March 21st at 5205 Hillsborough Street. Featuring gorgeous name brand Spring Fashions, shoes, purses and accessories along with a new section called Women Leaders, offering items donated by local, state and national women in high-profile leadership positions. Sales benefit the work of the Women's Center of Wake County.

BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

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

We Need Volunteers Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

- March - Mary Stevenson and Sarada Allen
- April - **Volunteers Needed**
- May - **Volunteers Needed**

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

Next Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is April 21, 2009. Articles and information on upcoming events can be sent to anythingright@yahoo.com.

Boylan Heights Association Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

7:00PM at Project Enlightenment, Room 311

Jeff Mason

- Announcements and Additions to Agenda; Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Prison update from the DOC, depending on their availability
- Finance Report
- Report of Raleigh Police Representative, if available
- Committee Reports (time allowing)
- Adjourn

Boylan Heights Meeting

February 24, 2009 Association Minutes

Jimmy Creech, Secretary

Attendees: Franklin Haignere, Robyn Haignere, M.H. Green, Jr., Donna Green Ward, Jeff Mason, Heidi Nelson, Ann Gree, Ethan Smith, Steve Bryan, Ernestine Merchant, Alex Sokoloff and Jimmy Creech.

Jeff Mason, President, called the meeting to order

I. Agenda - The agenda was approved with the additions of: 2009 Raleigh Downtown Home Tour and NCSU Annual Day of Service.

II. Minutes - the minutes of the January 27th Boylan Heights Association meeting were approved as recorded.

III. Financial Report - no income or expenses so far in 2009. Current bank balance: \$10,076.99.

IV. Central Prison Construction-Larry Wann, Project Manager for the NC Department of Corrections, reported the construction project at Central Prison is on schedule. Rough grading has been completed. 80% of the finished grading will be complete by summer. Deep foundations for the structures are now being set. The entire project is due to be complete by June 2011. Mr. Wann stated that, with the rough grading done, the back-up alarm/beeping noise has diminished by 2/3rds. Neighbors who live adjacent to the prison property disputed this claim.

V. 2009 Downtown Raleigh Home Tour - Jimmy

Creech explained that Boylan Heights and Oakwood have been added to this year's tour which will be on May 16th. Homes in Boylan Heights are being recruited. Interested homeowners should contact either Lyman Collins or Jimmy.

VI. NCSU Annual Service Day - Jimmy announced that the NCSU Annual Service Day is March 28th and neighborhood projects are being solicited. He asked that suggestions be sent to him.

VII. Neighborhood Crime Prevention - Charles Taylor, RPD Crime Prevention Officer, made a presentation regarding making our homes and neighborhood safer. He reviewed crime statistics for the City, stating that larcenies are the number one crime in Raleigh.

To make homes safer, he recommended:

- Cut back trees and shrubs around the house that can be used by criminals to hide behind; tree canopies should be no lower than 8 feet, shrubs should be no taller than 4 feet or the bottom of windows. Growth in the alleys should be cut back.
- Add motion-activated security lights on the front and back of the house. Keep porch lights on during the night. Report street lights that do not work. Officer Taylor is assessing street lighting in Boylan Heights and will request needed upgrades with the City.
- Add storm doors with locks at front and back as an additional barrier to entry. Don't open your door unless you can see who is there either through a window or a glass/peep hole in the door. If there is someone at your door who you don't know, tell them to leave immediately and don't open the door. If they don't leave, call 911.
- Know your neighbors and let them know when you'll be away. Discontinue mail and newspaper deliveries when away, or have a neighbor pick them up for you.
- Don't hesitate to call 911 regarding any suspicious activity or person.

Officer Taylor is available to conduct a free Home Security Assessment of your property - takes about 35 minutes and may reduce your property insurance rate. To make an appointment, call him at: 996-3335.

Jimmy Creech reported that Chief Harry Dolan has reconfirmed his commitment to incorporate the south-eastern corner of Boylan Heights into the Downtown District after a new captain is appointed to lead the Downtown District. This will mean Boylan Heights will no longer be divided between two RPD districts.

VIII. A motion was made and approved to adjourn.