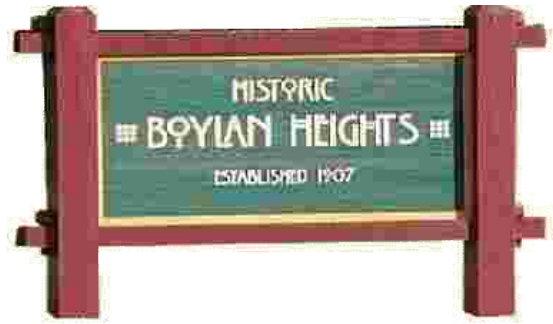


BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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Joseph Huberman editor



Dorothea Dix – Decision Time

Joseph Huberman

The Friends of Dorothea Dix Park has a great plan and they want the Dorothea Dix Property Study Commission to review it carefully. That is what I will be asking them to do at the meeting this Monday, January 22, in room 1027 of the Legislative Building. Our plan does the four things that any plan must do.



Dorothea Dix Hospital in 1938

First it has the support of the vast majority of people because it preserves all 306 acres of the property for a great destination park. **Second**, it has a sound

financial basis. It makes more money encouraging development outside the 306 acres than any other plan can make developing the property inside. **Third**, it satisfies the needs of the major stakeholders, and lets them develop their property as they see fit. The park gives its neighbors the opportunity to improve their property, and this in turn helps improve the park. In the Friends of Dorothea Dix Park plan many small developments grow with downtown, they don't compete with it. Everyone wins. **Finally** it provides for an open governing structure. All the stakeholders working together and making their decisions in public assure us that support for the plan will continue. *We need to make sure everyone knows that saving all 306 acres is the right thing to do for our children and grandchildren, our economic stability, and to preserve our quality of life.*

Help Friends of Dix

Joseph Huberman

Please renew your membership for 2007. Check out our new website at DixPark.org. The legislature is likely to make the final decision in this session, so speak to your city and state representatives. Ask them if they know how to make more money preserving the whole 306 acres than developing any of it. If they don't know about the \$2.1 billion redevelopment plan outside the 306 acres, then they don't understand our plan. This is our last chance for our city to create this World Class Destination Park.

Who Was William Boylan?

by Lee Moore

You may have seen the historical marker on Hillsborough Street commemorating William Boylan, our neighborhood's namesake.



Wm Boylan

William Boylan

Born in 1777, William Boylan's family story has the makings of a great American tale, beginning with an orphaned grandfather stowing away on a voyage from Ireland to the United States, and culminating with Boylan dying a millionaire in Raleigh in 1861, a year when millionaires were most uncommon and

money was far more valuable.

Boylan purchased Wakefield Plantation, the land surrounding the Joel Lane House, in 1818. The present-day boundaries of his plantation are between Boylan Avenue and West Street on the east; Hillsborough Street on the north; Rocky Branch (next to Western Blvd.) on the south; and somewhere beyond Pullen Park on the west. Some sources say Boylan sold the land that now makes up Cameron Park and Cameron Village to his friend Benehan Cameron.

Boylan married Elizabeth McCulloch in 1801 and fathered eleven children. His achievements and holdings were numerous. Boylan was a man of civic duty, philanthropy, and entrepreneurship. He has been described as "dour and inflexible" but also as "shy and kind."

Article sources: Dr. Kemp Battle's Centennial address, provided by Elizabeth Reid Murray Elizabeth Waugh, "Boylans Left Big Imprint Here," Nov. 14, 1954, News and Observer.

Dog Sledding in North Carolina?

(no, Minnesota)

Ruth Bromer

Our family decided to go dog sledding in Minnesota this winter. We flew into Duluth and drove up the coast of Lake Superior. We were worried because there wasn't any snow, but as we went inland we saw more and more. When we got to the "yard" the dogs started howling – all 115 dogs, each with his own house. We had two guides, and each of us had our own sled and dog team. Altogether there were 30 dogs on our trip. You really do need two guides, one in the front to catch runaway sleds and one at the end to pick up guests who lose their sled. After about 20 minutes of instruction, it was time to get on our sleds and go. We hoped to at least make it off the property before falling off. The dogs are absolutely nuts when it is time to pull. There pretty much is no off switch.



We made it out and onto the trail, but at one point, the sleds ahead of me got out of sight, so when I came to a road junction I let my lead dogs choose. They chose wrong. Fortunately I figured it out, got them to stop and miraculously turned them around and got back on the right trail.

We were told that to be a real sledder it was

necessary to fall off of your sled. I was the only real sledder the first day. We covered about 20 miles and near the end we went over a lake and through a portage to get to our yurt. It was really something to run around on the lake like it was solid ground. Well, it was solid – about a foot thick. We tied the dogs up on the lake.

Feeding the dogs was a trip. Their food was mixed with hot water and fat powder. We put out eight bowls and as soon as a dog finished wolfing down his food we picked up his bowl and filled it for the next dog. As you can imagine, things didn't smell great with 30 dogs eating, sleeping, and everything else in the same place each night. Every now and then they hear something that sets them off, and all 30 dogs start howling. Going back through the portage the next day was trickier. The dogs ran around a rock, but one sled runner went over it. The sled flipped over, and I went down, and the dogs took off. Way up the trail the guide caught my team and Joseph ferried me up to them. Later on, Lori got dragged but she held on. When Carlie lost hers she chased it down and hopped back on. We went on tiny twisty trails, out on lakes and over portages into the boundary waters. The trails are narrow and often steep. Going uphill you have to get off and run with the dogs, and downhill, you keep all your weight on the break so the sled doesn't run the dogs over. This is especially tricky when there is a tree that the dogs go around but the sled slams into. I went down quite a few times. On the way back it was snowing and beautiful. Everything was covered with snow. It was a winter wonderland. Just before we got back we took a trail called the Sled Wrecker, and found out why. It was a crazy ride and nearly out of control. The dogs were amazing. Their whole goal in life is to run, and they never want to stop. When we got them tied up, however they demanded lots of pets and hugs. This is definitely a trip that we will do again.

We Need Your Old Photos!

by Evelyn M. Fahy

Become a part of history by helping the Boylan Heights Association Centennial Committee document 100 years of neighborhood history using your old Boylan Heights photos.

On Sunday, February 4, 2007, from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Bring your photos of Boylan Heights history to be scanned and archived during the Old Photo Scan Day at the Sidetrack Brewpub at 629 W. Hargett St. (corner of Boylan and Hargett.)

We will scan your photos to make digital copies and return them to you on the spot; you will not need to leave your original photos with us. Bring any photo you think might be of interest; we would rather have too many than too few! Questions?

Contact Evelyn Fahy at (919) 821-1035.



Centennial Events Planned for 2007

Evelyn M. Fahy

Happy anniversary, Boylan Heights! Our neighborhood was founded 100 years ago by the Greater Raleigh Land Company on land formerly owned by family of William Montfort Boylan surrounding his Italianate mansion, Montfort Hall. The Greater Raleigh Land Company planned Boylan Heights to be one of the first "modern" suburbs of Raleigh, and since that time the neighborhood has grown and evolved into the delightful place we call "home" today.

The Boylan Heights Association Centennial Committee has been busy planning an array of

activities to celebrate and commemorate 2007 as our centennial year. Some activities will be special, one-time events while others will tie into our existing neighborhood traditions. We are hopeful that one of the planned events, the home tour, will become a new tradition for our next 100 years. These are the events currently planned for the Boylan Heights Centennial:

- February 4, 2007 -- **Workshop:** "Researching Your House and the People Who Lived There; Collecting Oral History and Archival Information" **Event:** Old Photo Scan Day
- April 21, 2007 -- **Tour:** Boylan Heights "Tours & Tunes" Tour of Homes
- June 8, 2007 -- **Event:** Boylan Heights Graduation Party
- June 16, 2007 -- **Tour:** William Boylan Tour
- July 4, 2007 -- **Event:** Declaration of Independence Reading
- August 2007 -- **Event:** Big Boylan Bash
- September - October 2007 -- **Exhibit:** History of Boylan Heights
- October 31, 2007 -- **Event:** Boylan Heights Pumpkin Glow
- December 2, 2007 -- **Event:** ArtWalk

Additional details on these events can be found on the Boylan Heights Centennial Web site at www.boylanheights100.org or www.bh100.org. If you would like to get involved in making this a memorable year for Boylan Heights, we welcome your participation. Contact the Centennial Committee Chair, John Montgomery at john@montgomeryviolins.com or (919) 755-0585 to find out how you can help.

Gas Company Cleanup to Get Underway

Lee Kirby

On Tuesday, January 16th, several members of the community met with PSNC representatives and a representative of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to discuss the soil cleanup which will begin next month at PSNC's Cabarrus

Street facility.

As with their prior cleanup projects, PSNC has made several commitments to the neighborhood for this phase:

They will not begin work or have trucks coming in and out of the site before 7:00 a.m. on any day;

All trucks will turn away from the neighborhood on Cabarrus and will not travel up into the neighborhood from the PSNC site; They will stop work at 5:00 each day; and They will not work on weekends.

They will be monitoring the air quality, and will spray foam over the dirt to minimize odors .

They, and the representative of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, assured us that the odors which may result should be minimal, and non-toxic. There will always be someone available to call if we have any questions or concerns either now or during the project. (See next article.)

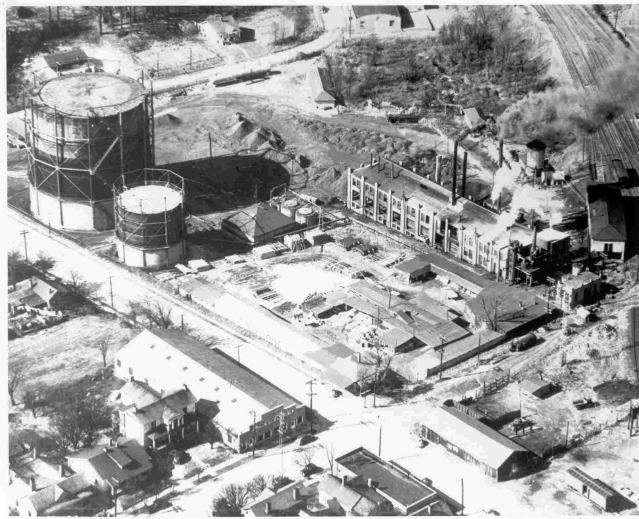
PSNC Energy Removing Contaminated Soil

Bob Apple, Project Manager

Between mid-February and mid-May, PSNC Energy will conduct the final phase of environmental remediation activities at its facilities located at 600 West Cabarrus Street. During this time PSNC will excavate and remove soils associated with the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) that operated on the site from 1919 thru the 1950s. You may remember that in 2001 and 2003 the company conducted the first two phases of soil removal activities at the site. During the development of Raleigh in the early 1900s, the MGP facility was an important source of flammable gas for the city, local businesses and residential neighborhoods. In fact the Boylan Heights community was one of the first neighborhoods that received gas service. The facility became obsolete in the mid 1950s with the construction of interstate

natural gas pipelines that brought natural gas from the gulf coast up the eastern seaboard. Natural gas provided developing communities with more energy than gas generated by MGP facilities. As a result, 35 MGP facilities in North Carolina and over 3,000 MGP facilities along the eastern seaboard became obsolete and the above ground structures were demolished. Some of you may remember the last structure, a large gas holder adjacent to Cabarrus Street on the site, which was removed in the early 1980s.

Like other utilities with MGP sites, PSNC conducted



PSNC MGP Plant in Full Operation

an environmental assessment of the site and has been conducting remediation activities to remove soil and construction debris associated with the former MGP facility. This final phase of soil excavation on the company's Cabarrus Street property will complete the environmental remediation.

During project activities, a variety of construction vehicles and equipment will be used at the site. Excavators, dump trucks and support vehicles will be required to enter and exit the site using a designated route. At no time will trucks be permitted to travel through Boylan Heights' residential areas. Like any construction project, you may hear equipment during the project, particularly during the operation of excavation equipment and loading of trucks. During this final phase of the project (like

previous phases) PSNC will, to the extent possible, seek to minimize noise-generating activities. Project activities are scheduled to occur Monday thru Friday to prevent traffic and noise concerns during weekends.

During excavation activities some soils that may contain odors will be uncovered. These soils contain byproduct material from gas manufacturing activities that occurred during operation of the MGP facility. If detected, odors are likely to be slight and have a tar/mothball like odor. The company will use a number of excavation techniques to minimize and/or control any potential nuisance odors associated with this material.

It's important to PSNC Energy that you be aware of this work and have access to appropriate project officials should any concerns arise before or during the project. Please feel free to contact any of the individuals below to discuss the project or ask any questions.

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919-501-7671 rapple@scana.com

Jimmy Jones PSNC Energy Facility Mgr. 919-836-2419

Pete Doorn NCDENR Hydrogeologist 919-508-8454

Kathy Roush TRC Project Mgr. 919-256-6202

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

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

We Need Volunteers

- January 21 Joyce Kirby & friends
- **February 18 NEED A VOLUNTEER**
- March 18 Bonnie Jacobwitz, Rachel & Chris
- **April 15: NEED A VOLUNTEER**

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

BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Next Association Meeting is Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00PM At Project Enlightenment

Boylan Heights Association Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 7:00PM
at Project Enlightenment

- I. Announcements, Additions to and Approval of Agenda
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes
- III. Review and Approval of the Finance Report
- IV. Community Watch and Crime Report Discussion
- V. Update on Bridge Lighting Project
- VI. Update on Recent Developments Regarding Proposed Power Substation on Dorothea Drive
- VII. Report on planned soil remediation project at PSNC Facility
- VIII. Committee and Special Projects Reports
 1. Artwalk Report
 2. Centennial Celebration Developments
 3. Garden Club
 4. Website Report
 5. Others
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjourn

Boylan Heights Association Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 28, 2006

Lee Kirby

Present: Lee Kirby, Robyn Durham, Franklin Haignere, Lyman Collins, Don Palmer, Jimmy Creech, Chris Weedy, Jeff Groves, Chelsea Mills, Richard Spence, Matthew Staton, Jay Spain, Mark Johnson, Marsh Hardy;
Guest: Officer T.G. Vestal, RPD.

- I. Approval of Minutes -- A motion was passed to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2006 BHA meeting with the addition of listing who the neighbors were who attended the meeting.
- II. Finance Report -- There was no finance report.
- III. RPD Report -- Officer Tommy Vestal of Raleigh Police Dept. Downtown District gave a brief overview of crimes occurring near Boylan Heights. He highlighted the Take, Lock and Hide program the police have instituted downtown. He agreed to check with Chief Perlov and Capt. Reynolds to see what progress has been made in putting all of Boylan Heights in one police district. He agreed to alert his department about repeated traffic on Dorothea Drive. Lee Kirby agreed to contact Chris Todd about the Neighborhood Watch Committee.
- IV. Progress Energy Substation -- Jimmy Creech reported that there is a federal grant covenant on the property at 627 Dorothea Drive which may impact Progress Energy's decision to buy the property and put a substation there. He reported that he has been in communication with Marty Clayton at Progress Energy who reports there is "no movement in any direction." PE is apparently considering other properties as well. The current plan is to continue to be vigilant of Progress Energy's actions. A motion was passed stating "The Boylan Heights Association goes on record in opposing a power substation at 627 Dorothea Drive or any similar residential property in the vicinity."
- V. Streetlights at Boylan Bridge -- Lyman Collins reported that he is in the process of setting up a meeting with the City Manager to discuss Boylan Heights acquiring the streetlights not used on Fayetteville Street. The 4 streetlights would be used to "anchor" the Boylan Bridge. He reported that he has called the Arts Commission and has also discussed the matter with Developer John Bruckel of Bloomsbury Estates, who is supportive of the project.
- VI. Dorothea Dix Park Update -- Jay Spain made a report and also referred to the articles in the BH Newsletter.
- VII. ArtWalk December 3, 2006 -- Laura Brown will be heading up the Bake Sale. Chris Weedy will be heading up sale of Centennial T-shirts. Lyman Collins will be heading up a raffle for the Centennial Committee.
- VIII. Centennial Committee Report -- Lyman Collins reported that for the Centennial there will be a booklet published "celebrating the neighborhood." He also reported that in January or February there will be a "workshop on oral histories."
- IX. Garden Club Chair -- Ray Lanier is the new Garden Club Chair.
- X. Website Updates -- Chris Weedy reported various updates on the BH website.
- XI. Old Business -- None.
- XII. Meeting was adjourned.