

# BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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## ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Neighbors,

Summer is coming to a close and it's back to school and back to work...we'll for some of us. Fall is always a busy time with Halloween, the election and prepping for ArtWalk.

ArtWalk is the biggest event we have in the neighborhood, and we always need help. It is known throughout Raleigh and brings thousands of craft-lovers to the Heights. So please volunteer some of your time to keep Boylan Heights the great neighborhood it has always been.

Don Davis — BHNA President

## HISTORY IN THE HEIGHTS

Back to school time is the perfect time to talk about Project Enlightenment (PE). The land where PE sits was originally a neighborhood park called Boylan Springs Park. In the early 1920s, neighbors started to worry about Wiley Elementary filling up and their kids having to cross Hillsborough St to get there. So, in 1924 the neighborhood offered the park free of charge to the Raleigh school system if they would build a school. The system took them up on the offer. The deed signed by every property owner had the proviso that if the school system ever gave up the property it would revert the neighborhood.

The school opened in 1927 and became a hub for Boylan Heights. The PTA was ruled by the women in the neighborhood. In 1974 enrollment was dropping, so the school was shut down and PE took its place. PE was so successful it outgrew its space, and a large addition was added to the south side of the building starting in 2001 and finished in 2003. PE for its almost 50 years in Boylan Heights has been great addition to the hood and a great neighbor.

## DIX HAPPENINGS

There are so many things happening at Dix lately. Here are a few...

***Inter-Tribal Pow Wow celebrating the legacy and culture of North Carolina Indigenous communities! - October 8***

In partnership with indigenous community organizers and the Dix Park Conservancy, join us for Dix Park's Inter-Tribal Pow Wow. The community is invited to experience a day of competition dancing, music, and vendors showcasing the incredible legacy and culture of Indigenous communities living in North Carolina today. Time: 11:30 am - 6:30 pm Location: The Big Field at Dix Park, 101 Blair Drive Raleigh, NC 27603

***Falling For Local - October 15***

Celebrate Autumn in Raleigh with a Market & Festival at Dix Park! Local Makers & Vendors, Triangle-Area Craft Beer & Cider On Tap, Food Trucks, Live Music & Entertainment, Kids Zone, Free Pumpkins. Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Location: The Big Field at Dix Park And of course **Yoga in the Park, Tai Chi in the Park, Kindermusik, Birdwatching, Little Explorers, Connect + Create, Art on the Hill**, and so much more continue to keep us moving all around the Dix property, if not just to walk and enjoy nature!



## ARTWALK UPDATE

by Lyman Collins

Plans are proceeding for this year's ArtWalk – our 30th! The application has been sent to artists and can also be accessed on the Boylan Heights website. So far over 75 artists have applied with the deadline still a month away. And I thought artists had the reputation for procrastination – glad to know we have so many on top of things! I'm reminding neighborhood artists that you are almost always automatically accepted and have a lower participation fee. The ArtWalk committee (such a dedicated group!) has begun meeting and we are always open to new members, so if you would like to help with the planning, please contact me at boylanheightsartswalk@gmail.com or call me at 919-337-3633. We still are looking for new ArtWalk leadership. Please give some thought to stepping up. If you are worried about such a commitment, a new idea is percolating that could rotate leadership, so no one is locked into a long-term office. Remember, ArtWalk is less than three months away on Sunday December 4. Let's get ready to walk some art!

## BH ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

In honor of the 30th anniversary of ArtWalk, the Boylan Heights Archives Committee is seeking any recollections, including origin stories, memorabilia (T-shirts), and photographs from previous ArtWalks. Please send them to bharchivescommittee@gmail.com. We welcome help in assembling what we collect as well as with ongoing efforts to build a record of life in the hood.

Kristina Troost, on behalf of the BH Archives Committee

## BIKE BROKEN?

You know you want to get on that old bike and tool around the neighborhood and beyond! Flat tires, gears don't shift, brakes need adjustment, wheel bent... need a tune-up? You pay for parts, labor is no cost.

Contact Dan Dunbar  
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In honor of the life & legacy of Peggy Churn,  
Pinnacle Financial Partners & Project Enlightenment Foundation present...



# PROJECT PALOOZA 2022

A CELEBRATION OF PROJECT ENLIGHTENMENT'S SERVICE TO CHILDREN,  
FAMILIES, AND EDUCATORS IN WAKE COUNTY SINCE 1969

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH | 10:00AM - 1:00PM**  
PROJECT ENLIGHTENMENT  
501 SOUTH BOYLAN AVENUE  
RALEIGH

Join us for  
Face Painting  
Balloon Animals  
Food -Music  
Bookmobile  
Crafts & Games!



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## BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

August 16, 2022 @ 7pm via Google Meet

Welcome & Meet Your Neighbors

**Approval of Agenda & Previous Month's Minutes:** The meeting agenda was approved unanimously. The previous month's minutes were unanimously approved.

**Police Report:** Mike Motsinger recapped the National Night Out Event followed by an ice cream social. Officer DiCello was not able to attend the meeting.

**Financial Report:** John Bush presented a short report covering July and August finances. Income included the sale of three neighborhood watch signs sold; expenses included some reimbursements for the Boylan Heights Summer Camp.

**District D Election** – Jennifer Truman attended the meeting. She introduced herself as an active member in the community having lived in district D for 15 years in a variety of different housing types and neighborhoods across the district. She described being most passionate about transit, housing, urban agriculture, architecture/design, and sustainability. Jenn took questions from the neighborhood on issues related to the Transit Overlay District, BRT along Western Blvd, affordable housing, citizen engagement, and development patterns. Jenn can be reached at: [jenn@jennifertruman.com](mailto:jenn@jennifertruman.com)

**Art Walk** – Lyman presented an update on this year's Art Walk

sharing artists will be receiving information later this month. As this is the 30th anniversary of the signature neighborhood event, Lyman is looking for new leadership with the goal being to identify a person or persons to learn and shadow this year's event before taking on next year's event.

**Labor Day Picnic** – Don and Lyman will be coordinating the planning and will be sharing information via Facebook group shortly. The discussion on neighborhood referrals was postponed given time constraints.

Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Tuesday, Sep 20 · 7–8 PM  
Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gzw-ywpz-iaa>

### Agenda

- I. Welcome and meet your neighbors
- II. Approval of agenda and minutes
- III. Police report
- IV. Treasurer's report
- V. Committee updates
  - A. ArtWalk - Lyman Collins
- VI. Old business - development update
- VII. New business