

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Neighbors,

Boylan Heights has a **decades long tradition** to kick off the summer season. The **Memorial Day pot-luck picnic**. The celebration has been on hold for two years because of the pandemic, but this year we are back on. The picnic starts at 6:00 on Memorial Day (May 30th) at the Project Enlightenment playground. Every family brings a dish to share and water and soda are provided. The picnic is a great way to chat with neighbors and maybe meet new ones too. Being outdoors it is a safe way to meet. Hope to see you all there.

Don Davis — BHNA President

HISTORY IN THE HEIGHTS

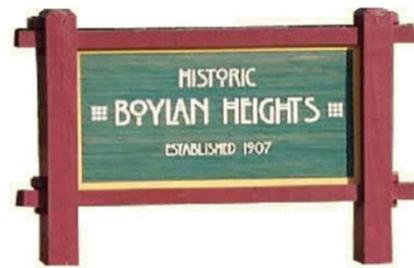
Central Prison is a good neighbor, for instance, they never have late-night parties. But on rare occasions, they do drop by unannounced, such as the prisoner who escaped in 2020 and stole a truck from the neighborhood. Marion Womble Wynne recounted an incident in her reminiscences of growing up in Boylan Heights. Mrs. Wynne grew up at 236 S Boylan on the corner Mountford Ave and S Boylan. At the time Mountford was the main entrance to the prison.

"One day, Mom was sitting in the front porch swing when a prison truck rounded the corner by our house. A prisoner jumped off, was ordered to stop and didn't, so a guard shot him dead on the spot". Mrs. Wynne's mother was the star witness at the guard's trial. The guard was acquitted possibly due to Mrs. Womble's testimony that the prisoner kept running after the guard had yelled for him to stop.

FYI that is Mrs. Wynne as in Wynne-Brown funeral home.

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 (919) 412-1054 dunbarcc@aol.com 422 Cutler Street



ACORN AVENGERS HOST RAFFLE FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT CERTIFICATION

As you may know, Boylan Heights' very own Acorn Avengers have been leading the neighborhood in the effort to become the first certified Community Wildlife Habitat in Raleigh. For each individual property in the neighborhood that gets certified as a Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation, we earn points towards Community Wildlife Habitat certification. Thanks to many amazing neighbors, we have earned 31 out of the 40 points needed!!

The Acorn Avengers are raffling off several exciting prizes to neighbors that certify their yards by June 19. All you need to do is: Reach out to the Acorn Avengers or visit NWF.org/certify to learn about the 5 elements needed for wildlife habitat in your yard (you probably have most of the elements already!)

Incorporate all 5 elements into your yard and certify your property as a Wildlife Habitat with the NWF by June 19 via mail or online (\$20 cost), and

Forward your certification confirmation by June 19 to the Acorn Avengers at AcornAvengers@googlegroups.com. We need your confirmation in order to enter you into the raffle!

Prizes include:

A 3-month CompostNow subscription (1 available)

A \$100 gift card to the delicious Irregardless Cafe (1 available)

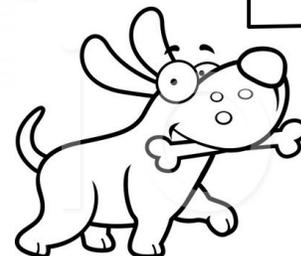
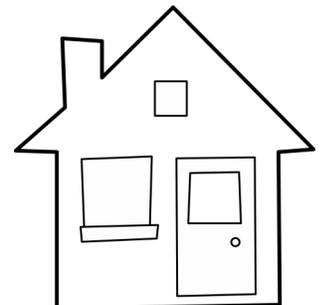
An official "Certified Wildlife Habitat" sign from the NWF to display in your yard (2 available, \$30.00 value)

Winners will be announced in early July. Let's show everyone what our neighborhood can do to support nature and wildlife in the City of Oaks!

-The Acorn Avengers

BOYLAN HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS

This is a place where you can share things that are happening around the neighborhood. If you're a new neighbor, or just had a baby, added a new dog to the family, etc. We would like to welcome you or congratulate you. Please email president@boylanheights.org.



BOYLAN HEIGHTS SUMMER CAMP

The Boylan Heights Association is sponsoring a summer day camp for kids on June 11-12! The camp is free to 6-12-year-olds who live in Boylan Heights. Teenagers are encouraged to volunteer to be junior counselors. Applications are now open to non-residents as well as residents. We'll celebrate with a community-wide picnic on Sunday, June 12 at Project Enlightenment. Questions? Contact Amy Marschall at amymarschall7@gmail.com.

Camper Application: <https://forms.gle/AmnFYm2RJI TfNtT9>

Volunteer Application: <https://forms.gle/R1vCCsFPRFxx9wHX8>



CPR / FIRST AID AND BLS CLASSES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022

Location: Studio 1104 (1104 W Cabarrus Street, in the hood)

Times: CPR and First Aid Class: 9am - 1pm

Basic Life Support: (For medical professionals): 2pm - 6pm

Cost: Sliding Scale \$40 - \$90

(We ask that if you are not planning on volunteering with the neighborhood summer camp that you pay full price if possible. The \$40 covers our expenses but we are fully volunteering our time at that price.)

What you get:

- E-Card 2 Year certification through the American Heart Assoc.

- AHA CPR / First Aid Provider Manual

- Use of all CPR / First Aid equipment during class

Sign up: Please email Dr. Carlie Huberman at EliteArtsPT@gmail.com

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

April 19th, 2022 @ 7pm via Google Meet

Welcome & Meet Your Neighbors: Don Davis (President), Dan Dunbar (Vice President), John Bush (Treasurer), Melissa Bailey (Past President), Michael Dunn (Secretary), Susan Thompson (At-Large), Lyman Collins, Mike Motsinger, Corny Motsinger, Amy Marschall, Leila May, Don Palmer, Laura Weislo, Emory Ball, Linda Caldwell, Jade Brennan, Ethan Hyman, Josh Marlow, Caitlan Ward, Jay Spain, Mark Jolly

Approval of agenda and previous month's minutes: The agenda was approved, and the March minutes were approved with one notable revision: Leila May and Don Palmer were present for the meeting, though they were not listed under "Welcome & Meet Your Neighbors." Your humble secretary sincerely apologizes.

Financial Report: John Bush reported that the only financial activity during the previous month was a \$499 payment to Dorothea Dix Park to reserve a site for the summer camp. \$100 of that is a deposit that will come back to the Neighborhood Association.

Summer Camp: Amy Marschall reported that the Summer Camp organizers released sign-up forms for both campers and volunteers. They opened up registration to participation from outside the neighborhood, so spread the news! They will be gearing up for the final planning phase in May. Carlie Huberman, one of the camp organizers, will be teaching a CPR/First Aid certification class in the neighborhood on May 28th, for both camp volunteers and other interested neighbors. Email carlie@huberman.org for more information or to sign up.

Old Business: Development Beat - Don Davis provided an update on the rezoning request for The Big Pit at 611 W South St. The developer is requesting a change to seven stories at the corner of W South and S Saunders, 4 stories in the middle, and 3 stories on the side closest to the neighborhood. Jeff Denny, who lives in Dorothea Gardens, put together a presentation that shows what the Future Land Use Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Downtown West Gateway Plan envisioned for the area. Don will be attending the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on April 26th and presenting Jeff's material. Don added that Jay Spain is putting together

a petition opposing the rezoning request. This may lead to a discussion within the neighborhood about what types of development people want to see on the edges of the historic district. Laura Weislo asked if the neighborhood has involved Councilmember Stormie Forte in the discussion. Don said that they haven't yet, but the Neighborhood Association Board is working to set up a general meeting with her and wants to foster a relationship with her and the rest of City Council.

New Business: Board Elections - Board terms end in May, and the Board is looking for interested volunteers to fill positions. Positions that will be open include Secretary of the BHNA, ArtWalk Committee Chair, and Best of Boylan Chair. However, if anyone is interested in another Board position (President, Vice President, Treasurer, or At-Large), that interest is certainly welcomed. Please contact Don Davis at donaldmdavis@bellsouth.net or president@boylanheights.org.

Rocky Branch Cleanup - Laura Weislo reported that the stream cleanup earlier this month featured 11 volunteers. They collected 78 pounds of trash (including a bike frame, leather jacket, and grill) and 36 pounds of recyclables along the Rocky Branch between Hunt Dr and S Saunders St. She is planning for another cleanup in late September or early October.

BH Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, May 17 · 7:00 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zie-swqm-yrx>

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- III. Police Report
- IV. Financial Report
- V. Elections for Association officers
- VI. Committee Updates - No updates this month
- VII. Old Business: Referrals; development beat
- VIII. New Business: Memorial Day Picnic