

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Neighbors,

This month we continue with our invitations to District D candidates for City Council. People often get caught up in national politics, but I cannot emphasize enough, as I said in previous newsletters, local politics is where you can have the biggest impact on things that directly affect you. And the best way to have an impact is getting to know the candidates, so if you have a problem, you can pick of the phone and give them a call.

To that end we have invited **Todd Kennedy** to this month's meeting. Todd is an environmental consultant and has served on several city boards. Come meet the candidate and start having an impact.
Don Davis — BHNA President

SAVE THE DATE! TREE PLANTING

Plans are in the works for a tree planting event on Tuesday, November 22 in the afternoon. We have partnered with the City for the planting of 24 new trees along Dorothea Drive to enhance the buffer between our neighborhood and Western Blvd. The City is kindly providing 7-gallon trees (a mixture of hollies, magnolias, and cedars) as well as a planting demo, mulch and other necessary supplies. Boylan Heights is responsible for providing the volunteers! Stay tuned for more information, including how to sign up in the coming weeks.

ROCKY BRANCH CLEAN-UP!

The Rocky Branch cleanup will be November 12 from 9-noon. Come join the Big Sweep in removing litter from Rocky Branch near Dix Park on November 12, 2022, from 9:00 am to Noon. This beautiful creek flows into the Walnut Creek watershed, so let's keep the litter from detracting from the beauty of our area and everything downstream. Pre-registration is required (<https://form.jotform.com/220304791220039>), and volunteers must be ages 13 and up. Adults must register and accompany children under the age of 16. Everyone who volunteers must sign a release form. If anyone is under the age of 18, then a parent or guardian must sign their form as well. Please come appropriately dressed for the weather in clothing that can get wet, torn, or messy with long pants and closed-toed shoes. Volunteers will be divided into teams that will tackle various zones including along the greenway, Western Blvd and in the creek bed. Please bring water bottles. All other supplies will be provided. This site has some steep banks, bees/yellow jackets, and possible poison ivy. Volunteers can park at the large parking lot in front of the Chapel (1030 Richardson Dr. Raleigh, NC 27603) and meet at the Greenway Trail Head at Dorothea Dix Park on Tate Dr. at Boylan Avenue. For more information on the clean-up, email Laura Weislo (coffnrgl@gmail.com) or for more about the Big Sweep or how to register, contact Alex Heinemann (Alexandra.Heinemann@wakegov.com).



GOING PAPERLESS!

The Boylan Heights newsletter will be changing from a print-only format to a (mostly) digital format effective January 1, 2023. To save on expense and neighbors' volunteer time, the newsletter will be distributed via the email listserv and via the Facebook group on a monthly basis. We will still distribute printed copies to neighbors who opt in to receiving printed copies. If you want printed copies, please contact Susan Thompson at susanehtompson@gmail.com before January 1, 2023 (you can opt-in for future months by emailing Susan before the first day of that month) with your name and address. If you are having trouble joining the email listserv, you can contact president@boylanheights.org. We are excited to (mostly) join the digital age next year!

HISTORY IN THE HEIGHTS

Did you know that Mountford Avenue, (running next to Heights House) was once the shortest state road in NC. Why, you may ask, was a one block street in a residential neighborhood a state road? It was one of the main entrances to Central Prison. I guess the state felt it needed to be sure it was maintained properly.

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



POTTERY OPEN STUDIO EVENT

Sunday, October 23rd | 12-4PM | 1201 W Lenoir St

Seconds Sale ~ Demos ~ New Work!

Join the Lenoir St Potters for a fall celebration! Marina Bosetti, Liz Kelly and Xena Electra open up the studio and break out the clay with pottery demos, a seconds-sale and new work. Come see your neighborhood potters!



BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 20, 2022, 7 PM Google Meet

Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors: Don Davis (President), Amy Marschall (Secretary), Allison Hutchins (At-Large), Melissa Bailey (Past President), Lyman Collins, Rob Allen, Chad Wilkins

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: given by Don Davis. John Bush is moving. Margaret McEndarfer is willing to serve out his term as Treasurer. We will vote at the next meeting in accordance with the by-laws.

Committee Updates: **Art Walk** - Lyman Collins updated on the number of applications. The deadline is still ahead. We expect to have 130 vendors, including 20 neighborhood artists. Still looking for Art Walk Chair. Lyman suggests a three-person leadership team and limited terms. It does not have to be overwhelming. Art Walk will end if no one is willing to keep it going. A stipend might be offered for the chair. Lyman is not in favor of it.

Old Business: Development update. Building across from Wye Hill - attorney is asking for variance to build a 20-story building. Area across the street is now under development and they are asking for the same. The property next to Planned Parenthood is owned by the same people and will likely be further developed soon. Allison Hutchins continues to try to engage the city on the plan to plant trees on Dorothea.

New Business: Newsletter - Discussion of moving the newsletter to electronic form and how to do it. We will let people know in the next one(s) that this is coming. Discussion of making sure there are

some paper ones available (perhaps at Rebus) and getting all the information we need on the website. **Welcome Committee** - Discussion of welcoming committee, which has died out. Revitalizing neighborhood events like the picnics could be a part of reinventing the welcoming committee. Engaging newcomers would be a good way to get people to get involved. **District D Election** - Todd Kennedy, District D candidate, will be at the next meeting. By-laws need attention.

Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, October 18 - 7-8 PM

Google Meet joining info

Agenda

I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

III. Police Report

IV. Meet the Candidates - Todd Kennedy running for City Council in District D

V. Financial Report

VI. Election of new Treasurer

VII. Committee Updates -

A. BRT - New plantings along the Dorothea Drive fence

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business:

A. Digital Newsletter