

## ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hi Neighbors,

This is a wonderful time of the year in the Boylan Heights neighborhood (albeit a bit disrupted by the fiber installation project). The trees are in beautiful colors, and with the cooler weather, people are out and about.

We are looking forward to our 31st annual ArtWalk, our signature event! Thanks to all who have been working so hard to organize this event and to those who have already volunteered to work on the day of the event. See details about ArtWalk elsewhere in this newsletter. Please support this event that consistently brings accolades to Boylan Heights.

I want to thank Michelle Robinson for her service as a board member and also as editor of the BH newsletter. She needed to step back from both functions, so we are seeking new talent for these positions. Please let me know if you are interested in contributing your time in either role. [michael.motsinger@gmail.com](mailto:michael.motsinger@gmail.com)

There is a lot going on in and around our neighborhood these next weeks and months. Come to our meeting on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 at Rebus Works to hear about things that affect our neighborhood. If you cannot join us in person, here is the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84971494819?pwd=wNshOVws0WYPa7JpaaNXRblHWE5KJe.1>

Meeting ID: 849 7149 4819

Passcode: 277861

Mike Motsinger, President

## POETRY AT ARTWALK!

A traveling poetry trail is making its debut at this year's ArtWalk thanks to the United Arts Council in partnership with Raleigh Fine Arts Society. The poetry trail is a creative placemaking initiative by United Arts to amplify the voices of the students who entered the Triangle-wide Spoken Word Competition for high school students. This initiative was created by the 2023 Piedmont Laureate, Dasan Ahanu. The 12 students will be featured on QR codes that can be scanned to watch their video performances of their original poetry. The 12 featured poets are the top scoring students from 83 submissions. Be sure to look for the poetry walk where visitors can experience these young writers' poems.

# REBUS

We thank Rebus Works for providing space for our Boylan Heights association meeting. Please check out their upcoming events.

**Saturday, November 18 - Freshly Baked By Meg**  
9am-12 PM

**Saturday, November 18- Gouge Wrestling**  
1-3 PM Parade Of Champions

**Friday, December 1 - Part Of The Art + Coffee Series**  
Kristin Walsby - Art Opening 6-8 PM

**Sunday, December 3 - Boylan Heights Artwalk**  
12-5 PM

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE BOYLAN HEIGHTS' 31ST ARTWALK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, FROM 12 PM TO 5 PM!**  
(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10)

### What's ArtWalk All About?

It's an art extravaganza when our beloved neighborhood transforms into a vibrant, outdoor holiday market, filled with talented local artists eager to showcase their unique creations. They'll set up shop on porches, lawns, and studios. Think potters, jewelers, painters, photographers, metalsmiths, woodworkers, glassmakers, and more, all gathered to offer you an incredible selection of artwork. Our very own neighborhood artists add a special touch to the event, showcasing the rich artistic tapestry of Boylan Heights. All the artists joining the event were carefully chosen by a jury. On the day of the event, you'll get the chance to vote for your favorite artists.

### Volunteer Wanted!

Join us in making ArtWalk a success! We need helping hands for info booths, signage set-up, event preparations, promotion, and social media. We'll make sure our volunteers have plenty of time for shopping too! Email [boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com](mailto:boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com) with the subject "volunteer."

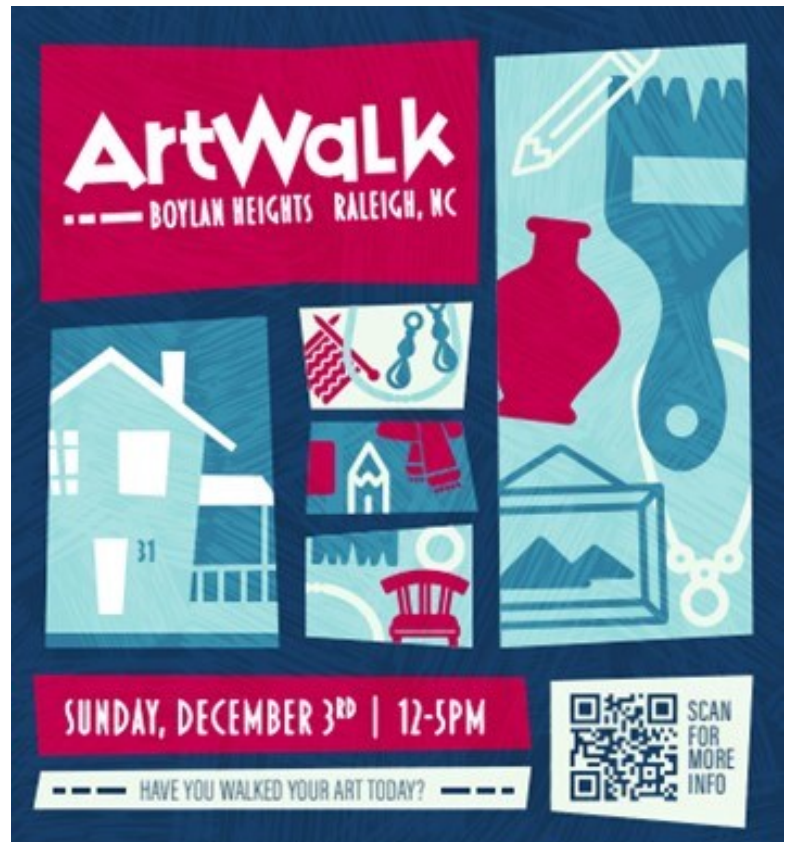
### Spread Holiday Cheer

To keep the holiday spirit alive, consider adding some extra holiday decorations to your house. *There'll be a leaf collection service between November 28th & December 1st.*

Connect with us on FB and Instagram for updates and inquiries at [boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com](mailto:boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com).

Your ArtWalk Chairs,

Emily Aldridge, Sabrina Percher, & Susan Thompson



## ACORN AVENGERS NOTES

The air is cooling and leaves are falling. While raking those leaves to the street is certainly an option; using them to enrich the soil, to mulch your garden beds, and to support a diverse and thriving ecosystem is another way to go.

### **Use Leaves to Fertilize your Lawn**

While a heavy mat of whole leaves can damage a lawn over the winter, shredded leaves serve as fertilizer to enrich the lawn. Use a mulching lawn mower, add a mulching blade to your mower, or just use a regular mower to shred dry leaves. You'll need to push your mower over a pile of dry leaves several times to shred them into smaller bits. You can also use a leaf shredder. Top dress the lawn with the bounty. A half inch or so of shredded leaves make a great fertilizer.

### **Use Leaves as a Mulch for Garden Beds**

Leaves make great mulch for garden beds. If you use shredded leaves they break down much faster and enrich the soil. But whole leaves will break down over time as well. Let earthworms dig in all the nutrients. This organic matter enriches the soil and lightens up heavy clay soil making spring planting much easier. Mulch also helps conserve water and suppress weeds.

### **Compost those Leaves**

Composting is an ideal way of getting rid of vegetable, garden, and organic waste. Leaves are particularly coveted. Good compost is made up of about 3 parts "browns" (dry leaves, pine needles, straw,

paper, etc.) and 1 part greens (vegetable scraps, grass clippings, coffee grounds, etc.) plus a bit of water and mixing. While households may have an endless supply of greens, browns can become scarce by the time spring comes along. I like to keep a barrel of shredded leaves to use throughout the year. Ripened compost is known as black gold. It does amazing things for the garden!

## BOYLAN AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT

Boylan Heights, in partnership with the West Morgan Neighborhood Association and the Friends of the Boylan Bridge, Inc., a non-profit established by residents of West Morgan and Boylan Heights, is working on a public art project. This project is to beautify and enhance the Boylan Avenue bridge. We understand the importance of this major entrance not only to our neighborhood but also as a framework for countless photographs of our great city skyline. We are currently looking for an artist to design and install artwork on the bridge's four concrete walls.

Learn more and apply by email for the [Artwork for Raleigh's Boylan Avenue Bridge artist call](#)

# BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Boylan Heights Association Meeting

October 17, 2023

**Location:** Rebus Works

Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors: Michelle Robinson (Vice President), Don Davis (Past President), Margaret McEnderfer (Treasurer), Amy Marschall (Secretary), Will Hooker, Rob Allen, Kris Troost, Lyman Collins, Matt Daniels, Susan Thompson

Approval of Agenda - moved, seconded and passed. No minutes.

**Police Report:** Officer DiCello is not here.

**Financial Report:** Major expenses: ArtWalk and insurance. No income. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox?projector=1>

**Old Business:** Meeting at Dix about what buildings to tear down. At the last meeting, there was talk of a special tax for properties on the edge-Lake Wheeler area and Centennial Campus. One proposal would include taxing parts of Boylan Heights. They don't seem to want to do that.

**ArtWalk:** Update by Susan Thompson; applicants have been notified of acceptances, declines, and waitlists. 230 applied. All are invited to join the next meeting. Contact Emily, Sabrina, and Susan if you are interested at [boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com](mailto:boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com). The Kellenbergers will be back to sell food, and we will have other vendors at new location in BH. Volunteers are needed to help with the food, too. Lynn Senior will organize them.

**Zoning changes:** Don asks us to note Jay Spain's FB post about a zoning change request. There is a planning committee meeting Thursday. South and S. Saunders has been approved for 12 stories. The request to be considered now is a property that abuts that property (at Dorothea and S. Saunders) which, on the other side, abuts single-family housing. Planning pays attention to how many people show up. Jaycee Park on Wade Ave., 6 p.m. Don encourages us to go. It

lasts about an hour.

**New Business:** Boylan Bridge Pumpkin Glow: Feedback. It was a great tradition, and the neighborhood needs traditions. Traffic is a legitimate concern. Will suggests a photo contest for photos from the bridge. Discussion about how to handle that-ArtWalk in the future? Monthly winners in the newsletter? Prize money?

**Christmas Caroling:** Review of last year's caroling event and discussion of how to handle it if we want to do it.

**Platform Building Tour Update:** Michelle went. They have a space for artists to work and are looking for teachers. The atrium area connects to retail space. Hot yoga is in place but the rest is in flux. We are not welcome to use the pool area. The units are quite luxurious.

**Directory:** paper, printed one, proposed by Will Hooker. Last done in 2006. It's a lot of work.

**Fire safety:** Michelle consulted with a fire person who recommends not putting plants that dry out in the winter too close to the house.

## Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- III. Police Report: Officer DiCello RPD
- IV. Continuing Business
  - a. ArtWalk update (Susan Thompson)
  - b. Development Beat (Don Davis)
  - c. Halloween recap
  - d. Holiday caroling
  - e. Boylan Bridge Beautification (Lyman Collins)
- V. New Business
  - a. Newsletter editor and distribution
  - b. Dix Municipal Service District