

## ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Neighbors,

Happy New Year to everyone in the Heights. Hope your New Year resolutions are going well. Our resolution is to restart neighborhood gatherings. Among the neighborhood events you may remember, depending on your time in the neighborhood, are the Graduation Party potluck (where we celebrated all the neighborhood graduates with food and a kazoo procession) Big Boylan Bash (a neighborhood block party), the Fall Festival (I am the proud owner of the First-Place apron from the Chili Cookoff) and The Best of Boylan (an auction of neighbors' handiworks). We are ready to start a new tradition or revive an old one. Come to this month's meeting on Tuesday the 17th to share your ideas.

At neighborhood get-togethers we frequently had fundraising events to support the neighborhood charitable donation program and last year to help fund the revived Boylan Heights Camp. We could definitely use help with ideas for these important components of our shared values.

Don Davis — BHNA President

**TIMOTHY VANDERWEERT**  
**JUNE 21, 1958 – JANUARY 9, 2023**  
By Donna Kay Smith

My husband Tim Vanderweert and I moved to Boylan Heights just about 9 years ago. We have loved being here every single day since. On January 9th, Tim died after having been diagnosed with cancer in 2020. While I am the extrovert of us two, Tim was the one who made a point of talking to everyone he ran into as he walked our dogs. When walking with him it seemed to me, he knew the name of every adult, child, and dog that we passed. This was not the introverted, quiet husband that I knew, but it was clear to me how much he enjoyed and valued being part of this community. His care for you came back to me in spades in recent weeks as he declined and then died in our home. All of those people he stopped and talked to surrounded both of us with love and food, someone to sit with him for a bit while I took a shower, walking our dogs - just generally and unceasingly caring for us both. I cannot begin to tell you how much this eased the pain I felt. I never expected this from neighbors. It is just not something I have ever encountered. There are no words to express my gratitude and how much your support did to carry me at one of the most difficult times of my life.

Tim had a number of degrees: in philosophy, religion, law, and photography among others. He practiced as an attorney here for over 30 years. He was also and most of all the most talented photographer and painter I have ever personally known, and his work is known worldwide. As anyone who talked to him knew - he loved animals and most especially dogs. If you live within a few blocks of us, then you are also probably aware of his passion for motorcycles and his commitment to starting his bikes up every couple of weeks just to keep them running smoothly. He also loved our little house and this community. I remember when we moved here over-hearing someone at some local event talking about how "special" Boylan Heights was. You are more than special - in ways I cannot ever begin to describe fully. I will miss Tim deeply and I know that there are so many here who share my grief. Thank you all so very much for that sharing.

JANUARY 2023

## ARTWALK RECAP

By Lyman Collins

The 30th Boylan Heights ArtWalk continued the great tradition of our neighborhood hosting both artists and art lovers for some of Raleigh's best holiday shopping. This year over 130 artists participated at 56 locations. Within that number are 17 neighborhood artists, including one youth artist.

The weather cooperated with just enough chill in the air to remind us that it was December, and the holidays were right around the corner. We continued the tradition of the Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association food concession with a big thank you to Jim and Leslie Kellenberger for donating their time AND the food, as well as the volunteer team that stepped up for prep and sales duty. Another special thank-you must go to Lee Davis and the staff at Clean Advertising & Design. Not only did Lee open up his space on McCulloch to host six artists, but his team also designed all of the ads and images we used this year all as a sponsorship contribution.

Overall, many artists reported great sales (with several saying it was a record setting show) and all expressed thanks for the welcoming feeling they received from hosts, volunteers, and Boylan Heighters in general.

Of course, this event would not be possible without a legion of volunteers. The most unique feature of ArtWalk is neighbors hosting artists on porches and lawns, so thanks first to all the neighborhood hosts. In addition to the volunteers working the neighborhood concession stand, there were information tent staffers and set-up/take-down crew. And a special big "Thank You" goes out to the ArtWalk Committee, who worked the past several months to make this event happen.

This year also marked the third year we specifically dedicated our awards to the memory of Elizabeth Dunbar, ArtWalk and overall neighborhood volunteer extraordinaire. So, congratulations are extended to our 2022 Elizabeth Dunbar Award winners – Best New Artist: Kathleen Grebe; Best Returning Artist: Yumi Okita; Best Studio Artist: Gerry Lynch; Best Display: Christine Harkey. People's Choice winner was Lyne Lassen.

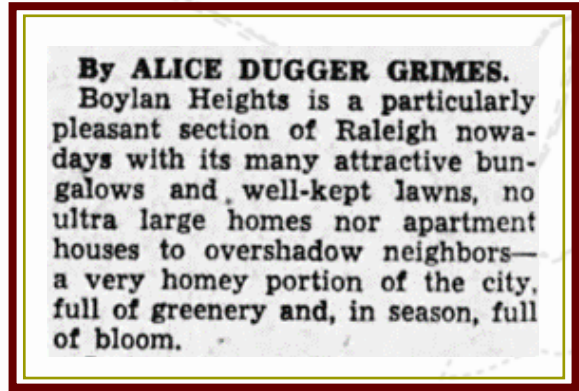
Thanks again to all who make ArtWalk one of Boylan Heights most enduring traditions.

## PAPERLESS!

The Boylan Heights newsletter is now paperless 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 SusanEHThompson@gmail.com asap (you can opt-in for future months by emailing Susan before the first day of the 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!

## HISTORY HEIGHTS

Dreaming of what you will plant in your garden this year, let this article from the April 21, 1935 News and Observer be your guide. The article describes the wisteria reaching to the top of 640 W South St. The beautiful garden at the rear of 919 W Lenoir Street with its Japanese Snowball bushes and a pond with fish of many hues, not to mention the 350 rose bushes. 1009 W Lenoir had yellow rose bushes blooming in the front. While 435 Cutler has the finest specimen of yellow Jessamine in the city. Mrs. Theim at 502 Cutler grows one of the largest Spireas in Raleigh, 42 feet in circumference. 1003 and 1005 W. South were both commended for their fine lawns and good shrubbery.



# BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 @ 7pm via Google Meets

## Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors

Don Davis (President), Mike Motsinger (Vice President), Margaret McEndarfer (Treasurer), Susan Thompson, Melissa Bailey (Past President), Officer Blake DiCello (RPD), Lyman Collins, Eleanor Schmidt and Pete, Cornelia Motsinger, Leslie and Jim Kellenberger, Judy Murray, Frank Haynes, Rob Allen, Jay Spain, Amy Marschall (Secretary)

## Approval of Agenda and Minutes - done

**Police Report:** Neighborhood traffic issues and managing traffic Officer DiCello was away for the past two months, but he's back, and crime is very low in BH. He will get the plans for the holiday event at Dix to us. He is always available for phone calls 8-3, M-F, for community issues (call 911 for emergencies): 919-306-3465. Email: blake.dicello@raleighnc.gov. **Questions:** Guy trying to open doors in the middle of the night. Officer DiCello says it is usually juveniles; the answer is "lock, take, hide"—try not to leave things of value in the car, especially not in plain sight.

Glenwood South issues. Officer DiCello says Glenwood South is a high priority and extra officers will be there on the weekend evenings (T-S). He notes that Raleigh has fewer police personnel; 17 years ago, there were 750 for a population of 300K; now 600 for nearly twice as many people. Officers were on hand when the stabbing of last weekend happened.

No-outlet signs. Officer D will get information to Don about how to get additional signs. (I missed what the first thing here was—are we already getting some at specific places, but we have an option for more)

Speed signs (which tell drivers how fast they are going) - Officer Sciolli has it on his list of projects. Officer D will follow up with him. Rolled over car in September? Officer D will try to find out what happened and let us know.

Crossing Western Blvd - dangerous, and no tickets are issued. Officer D will add it to the list. Discussion of red-light cameras; he will let us know if that is a possibility at the next meeting.

Lyman reminds Officer D that Art Walk should be on the radar of the PD. It's Dec. 4, noon - 5:00.

Officer D leaves and Don suggests getting someone from enforcement to come to a meeting.

**Financial Report: Art Walk** - all expenses and income for the month. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y3eZqDrY66A9ctGXNfU8b8wLNkynWzFG/edit>

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**Committee Updates: Artwalk** - Lyman Collins 101 returning artists, including 17 neighbors; 16-20 new artists Lyman shares the poster and invites us to find places to post them; they will go up before the parade on Saturday. The committee is working hard to get them up around town. Ads in print and on the web are going live; Walter Magazine will feature Art Walk as Dec. highlight and they will publish award winners. Volunteers are needed! The Kellenbergers are coming back to do the concession, which has been our greatest fundraiser. We need staffing to make it possible. Clean (new business in the Raleigh Saw building) - they did the poster design and they're hosting 6 artists. They are really jumping in. There will be a display of t-shirts through the years at Art Walk - Joseph Huberman has 12.

**Dorothea Drive planting** Allison Hutchins had planned to be here to talk about the plans, which she's worked hard on. She has a waitlist for volunteers.

**Old Business: Development beat** - W. Cabarrus and S. Boylan and Hargett. Old Helen Wright Center will be a 12-story residential building. Building across from Wye Hill was approved for 20 stories (eastern side) and now, across the street - there will be an application for 20 stories. South and S. Saunders was approved for 7 stories and mid-block across from Hartwell was approved for 4 stories. The property containing the rental units is approved for 3 stories

**New Business:** Patrick Buffkin backed away from development at North Hills that he was pushing, and it has been postponed. Question about N-S routes between Western and Hillsborough. Don says there's a long-term plan for West to go through to Western, but not in our lifetime.

BH Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17 · 7:00 – 8:00pm  
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/hix-ctxr-xfz>

## Agenda

- I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- III. Police Report - Officer Blake DiCillo
- IV. Financial Report
- V. Committee Updates -
  - a. ArtWalk: Lyman Collins
  - b. BRT—City looking for volunteers, some positions are paid
- VI. Rezoning 120 S. Boylan and Boylan bridge beautification
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: