

President's message - The volunteers on the ArtWalk committee are hard at work preparing for the 33rd annual signature art event in December! Volunteers bring this event together, from the planning, organizing, invitations, artist's jury, concessions, and all the other work required to support our visitors and over 150 guest artists and their hosts. Read below to see how you can be a part of it!

We still have an open VP position on the BH Board and will be holding a **special election** at the next neighborhood meeting on October 21 to fill this position. If you or someone you know wants to serve, we will accept nominations at the meeting immediately prior to voting.

In addition to the special election, our monthly meeting will also have the normal updates on finance and any development updates around the neighborhood. Our featured topic will be from members of the **Dix Park Conservancy**. We'll get an update on the role of the Conservancy, what's going on at Dix Park, and how we can get engaged. Please plan to attend for these updates at the BHA monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 21, at Hartwell (620 W. South Street). Bring your neighbors, meet and greet other neighbors, enjoy a beverage, and thank our sponsors at Hartwell.

The latest **BHA Meeting Monthly Minutes** and the **Agenda for the upcoming association meeting** can be found by going to www.boyланheights.org and clicking on [Meetings](#). This and past **unabridged newsletters** can be found by clicking on [Newsletter](#).

We are excited about the upcoming neighborhood-wide tree planting project. This volunteer event on Saturday, October 18, is a coordinated effort of Acorn Avengers working with Raleigh City staff from both Urban Forestry and Volunteer Services. Thanks to all the volunteers who have signed up to help plant our future shade canopy!

- Frank Haynes, Boylan Heights Association President

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LIVE MUSIC BY CATS IN THE BAG
SPOOKY DRAG SHOW
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NEWSLETTER FOR BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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OCTOBER 2025

HISTORIC BOYLAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY YARD SALE

NOVEMBER 15 | 9AM - 1PM

(Rain date: November 16th)

Declutter, discover vintage treasure, and find that perfect piece!



Community Yard Sale (Alexandra Quinn) - Are you looking to declutter? Or to find that perfect piece of furniture? I'm organizing a Boylan Heights Community Yard Sale on Saturday, November 15 (with Sunday as a rain date)! A co-chair is needed, along with 5-10 volunteers to help with hanging posters, distributing flyers, creating online marketing, posting event support, and other opportunities that come up. Block ambassadors can volunteer to rally neighbors or possibly cluster the sales to common yards. Alexandra will also need everyone in the neighborhood to consider participating to make this a fun tradition for our neighborhood! Please reach out to Alexandra at 202-802-8006 or donyalexandraquinn@gmail.com to volunteer or to be a block ambassador.

ArtWalk (Emily Romblad, Sabrina Percher, Susan Thompson, ArtWalk Co-Chairs) - The 33rd Annual event is just around the corner on Sunday, Dec 7, 12-5 PM (rain date: Dec 14).

This beloved neighborhood tradition thrives thanks to our incredible community — from volunteers and hosts who open their properties, to those leading marketing, design, and concessions, and so many others working behind the scenes. We'd especially like to thank the ArtWalk Committee for their dedication and creativity in keeping this event strong year after year, and extend a big thank-you to [Clean](#)

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SUNDAY DEC. 7TH 12-5PM

We need your help to make it another fantastic year! **Volunteer** shifts are just two hours or less, so you'll still have plenty of time to explore and enjoy the event. Opportunities include:

- Help artists unload and find their spots
- Direct traffic and greet visitors• Distribute promotional materials
- Staff the information booth and food concessions
- Assist with event setup and teardown

We're also welcoming sponsors — all proceeds go right back into our neighborhood to support ArtWalk and other community initiatives. Please volunteer, help spread the word, and learn more about sponsorship opportunities, by emailing boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com.

Bad Idea for Dix Park (Will Hooker) - I live at 704 McCulloch Street. I am a landscape architect and an emeritus professor from NC State University where I taught landscape design for over 35 years. I have practiced here in the Triangle, around our state, and in San Francisco, California. I have designed a number of parks in these places. I have recently heard of a proposal that is circulating concerning Dix Park. This is being advocated by some rich and powerful people and is very ill-advised, very short sighted, and would represent an extremely bad precedent for the future of Dix Park – as well as for our whole city. Some people want to put condominiums in Dix Park!??

Central Park in New York City, the best urban park in the U.S. and one of the best in the entire world, is a model for what Dix Park could become. Central Park was started in the 1850s, and since its inception has continuously had pressure exerted on it to convert portions of it to more commercialization. Thankfully these proposals have been thwarted, allowing Central Park to be what it was intended to be, a place to offer "... a retreat from noise, pollution, and overcrowding." That is also what Dix Park should be. And with Raleigh's population continuing to explode, being one of the fastest growing cities in the country, every square foot of land devoted to trees, meadows, and open space, will be ever more precious.

The argument for condominiums seems to be that we need to create revenue generating means in the park in order to afford its completion. After 165 years Central Park is still to be completed. We should be in no overly artificial rush to do so here - we should be building our park as we can afford it. As it is now, with very few amenities completed, the park is still a rousing success. It is the relief from urban crowding that makes it so, and we should do all that can to preserve that relief.

Are there revenue generating enterprises that are appropriate for Dix Park? I'm sure that there are some, but they will never bring in huge revenues, and will not cover the costs of maintaining the park. These could be places like a restaurant and/or snack bar, or perhaps a bicycle and/or a scooter rental facility. These support the visits of the citizens coming to enjoy the park. If we are to have a great urban park, we must acknowledge our need to finance its operation, including its maintenance and its continual evolution and building.

But I hear that the expense of maintaining Dix Park is overwhelming. A good deal of those current costs are for maintaining the existing buildings. Almost all of these buildings are old, neither aesthetically pleasing nor really well built, and not suitable given today's environmental demands for

sustainability. There's a simple solution to that problem - get rid of them. Tear them down. In spite of the specious arguments of the preservationists, most of the old buildings are not pleasing, and should not be part of our efforts to create an aesthetically beautiful and well-functioning urban park.

And finally, while studying landscape architecture at the undergraduate and graduate levels, I learned about the concept of 'symbolic ownership.' This is the reality of people feeling that they own something even if in fact they are typically only located nearby. This is certainly what will happen if folks are able to purchase condominiums in Dix Park. They will 'symbolically own' the park and will be offended when normal citizens, who just want to enjoy the open space, invade 'their' park. This would be a major travesty, and would make the park unattractive for all of us normal folks.

Please, please! do not allow condominiums to be built in our park. Your legacy, and the legacy of our city, positive or negative, may very well depend on this decision.

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the newsletter? Let us
know your ideas!**



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