Great Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods

Sunset Hills Fall 2012
Greensboro, North Carolina

Annual Neighborhood Events
January
February
March
Easter Egg Hunt
April
Great American Cleanup
May
Annual Pig Picking
June
Summer Fun in the Park
July
July 4th parade and picnic
August
National Night Out
September
Big Sweep Event
October
Halloween party in the park
November
Neighborhood Meeting
December
Lighted Christmas Balls
Food Drive

Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, November 15
7:00 p.m.
First Christian Church
1900 W. Market Street

Dear Neighbors,

This time of year often lends itself to quiet reflection of another year gone by. From most outward appearances, it's been relatively calm, quite pleasant and peaceful in Sunset Hills. We are indeed fortunate.

Due to neighbor vigilance, reports of crime remain relatively low. Our greenways have seen warm gatherings of neighbors convening for our wonderful Pig Pickin’, celebrating Fourth of July and supporting our police by showing up for National Night Out. Along Madison Avenue, new oak trees are slowly taking root and adding to the beauty of our sidewalks and streets. The Garden Club has been busy quietly planting and tending to the trees, shrubs and flowers that adorn our greenway.

We also pursued National Register listing for Sunset Hills and anticipate the final designation proceedings to take place at the

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Sources of Neighborhood Information

The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association has a website, Facebook page, and a listserv. Pictures of neighborhood events appear in color on the website and in much larger numbers than we could ever print in the newsletter.

Get to know your neighbors in text and print and learn the news: http://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org. While looking at the site, be certain to go to Discussion Group and submit your email address to be added as a member of the monitored listserv after your dues are paid.

The neighborhood Facebook page is: https://www.facebook.com/SunsetHillsGSO

When you have a question about tradespeople, spot a stray dog or cat, note something unusual, submit a message to the listserv and the message goes out to all the members. The listserv is monitored to keep the messages relevant to this area and on topics about the neighborhood.

Dues

Dues are due in January. However, it is never too late to pay for the current year. Please remit your $5 directly to the treasurer, Emily Herman at 2512 Berkley Place. Checks for more than $5 will be accepted as donations to the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association. Dues will be $10 in January, 2013.

New Rates for 2013 Newsletter Advertising

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Add $5 if your dues are not up-to-date. Once you have made arrangements for an ad, send your check to Emily Herman, address above. Thanks to our advertisers for helping to offset the cost of this newsletter.

VOLUNTEER Opportunities
Thanks to those who have taken positions since the last newsletter. There are still some openings. Would you consider filling one?

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Representative to the Neighborhood Congress
Mike Pendergraft
Tour of Historic Homes in Classic Sunset Hills

Benjamin Briggs, executive director of Preservation Greensboro submitted this message to Katherine Rowe, Sunset Hills Historian.

Thank you to the Sunset Hills neighborhood! Preservation Greensboro’s second annual Tour of Historic Homes featured the classic Sunset Hills neighborhood on the weekend of May 19-20, and attracted attention to the community from across the state and the country.

The neighborhood tour earned mentions on WUNC-TV, WFDD radio, on electronic billboards across the city, the News and Record, Rhino Times, and the Hamburger Square Post. Over 150 volunteers came to Sunset Hills to help manage the crowds of attendees. Tour-goers filled neighborhood restaurants such as Emma Keys and the Lindley Park Filling Station, and even enjoyed lunch at the First Moravian Church. In all, nearly 600 tickets were sold, and when combined with the volunteer tour-goers, we estimate over 750 people participated in the event. Tour attendees enjoyed all seven houses open for the event, with a common sentiment that no one could pick a favorite. We hope this event has helped raise awareness of Sunset Hills here in Greensboro and beyond. With pending recognition through the National Register, we know that the community will continue to thrive as one of the Gate City’s most treasured places.

Thanks again for welcoming us to the neighborhood so warmly!

And from me, I'm really proud of the 'hood and your support of Preservation Greensboro. Thanks for making this a great tour for them and for your generous spirit during the weekend. We couldn't ask for better neighbors!

Katherine Rowe

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state level this fall. The Greensboro City Council endorsed this initiative with a unanimous vote to proceed and we are confident the majority of properties in Sunset Hills will qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Please read the article in this newsletter for more information regarding this program.

We are fortunate to be surrounded by neighbors who volunteer in different capacities: Carl Phillips, our listserv creator and moderator who ensures the delivery of timely and important information to many of our residents through our growing listserv; our newsletter editor Marlene Pratto who generously gives her time and talents to the production and printing of the newsletter, Emily Herman for keeping a watchful eye on our neighborhood funds, Ellen Wells for keeping up with our police department reps and block captains (we need more!), Michael Pendergraft for serving as a representative with the Neighborhood Congress, Harvey Herman for his photography talents, Gary Rogers for organizing the Pig Pickin’ and a slew of other individuals who quietly work to ensure our neighborhood is vibrant, safe and friendly. Apologies to those of you left off this list but please be assured we are very grateful for your ongoing contributions to Sunset Hills.

All of these happenings could not take place without the efforts of our neighbors. What are your plans for 2013? Would you consider lending some of your time and talents to the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association in the upcoming year? As Carl Phillips so often reminds us, “Great neighbors make great neighborhoods.” We need you!

Sincerely yours, Jo Strack, Vice President and Eric Patton, President
Helpful Back-to-School Information

The following material contains information sent to central city neighborhoods by Jim Cayton, our GPD neighborhood resource officer. Some of it has been transmitted earlier to neighbors who subscribe to the Sunset Hills Neighborhood listserv.

Do you know the SRO in your child’s school?

The School Resource Officer is often described as a parent’s best partner in problem-solving and maintaining school safety. The SROs are trained to deal with everything from peer pressure, drug and alcohol use, homelessness and absenteeism, to school and domestic violence.

Bullying has become one of the most common problems in our schools. This may range from verbal bullying and ostracism from social groups to physical and sexual intimidation. Nationwide, bullying has resulted in tragedies leading to deaths, suicides, and physical and emotional long-term damage.

Substance abuse is another hazard to learning, whether it’s alcohol (the most common), taking someone else’s prescription medicine, or using illegal drugs.

The police advise parents to stay involved in their child’s educational and social affairs, even – or perhaps especially – when maturity is not developing as anticipated.

Safety Issues by Age Groups

Pre-K to Middle School: “Stranger danger” and bullying are two safety areas to discuss with very young children. Aggressive behavior often begins around 8 years of age and may lead to fighting. Other topics to discuss with this age group: street safety, including the prohibition of horseplay at bus stops; individual property rights.

Middle to High School: In addition to safety measures already discussed with younger children, this older group may have to deal with peers offering drugs; more aggressive bullying; and /or the lure of gang activities. Suggestions for parents: maintain a list of phone numbers and addresses of your child’s friends and share with them and their parents your rules and expectations for your own child. Driving is a rite of passage in this age group; teach your child good driving habits by demonstrating them yourselves, and stress the importance of safety over peer pressure and distractions such as eating or listening to loud music. No phoning or texting is an absolute rule – and law. Remind children in this age group to seek out a respected adult to discuss issues that are bothering them. Sometimes that adult may not be the parent; let them know that’s okay.

College/University: This age group faces new and exciting temptations as they approach adulthood. Remind them to 1) trust their instincts – if a situation is uncomfortable, leave; 2) always let someone know where they are going and when they’ll return; 3) keep keys on their own persons at all times – key rings contain a lot of personal information to people who know how to use it; 4) do not share computer codes or passwords; 5) avoid isolated locations on campus; 6) keep a cell phone handy in case of the need to call a ride or 911.

www.gsopd.org is the website for the Greensboro Police Department. Click on “Crime Prevention Tips”, then click “Protect Yourself” and then click on “Teens and Youth”; you will find a variety of sources which cover such topics as Streetwise Way to Be; Sexual Assault Prevention; Teenage Victims of Crime; Bullying; and Dating Safety.

Our thanks to Jim Cayton and the GPD!

Ellen Wells
Come pick up dinner tonight; Our fridge is always stocked with healthy family dinners

Monday-Friday 11pm-6pm and Saturday 12pm-6pm.

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Beef Tips in Cognac Mustard Sauce  Pork Tenderloin Medallions  Basil Chicken Salad

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Free Public Lecture at UNCG
Come and hear Dr. Rob Dunn, Lecture: The Wild Life of Your Body, Bedroom, and Life.

Dr. Robert Dunn, Department of Biology, NC State, will present stories and new research about how our relationship to other species big and small determines who we are and how we live. This free program is sponsored by UNCG STAMPS Science scholarships and Greensboro Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society.

Dr. Dunn writes for several scientific magazines, including The American Scientist, Discover, Smithsonian, and the Wilson Quarterly. His blog is http://www.robrdunn.com/ and he is on Facebook. A recent entry states: “Its official, the yourwildlife.org team went to the beach for our retreat and found bed-bugs (or one big one anyway)…”

When and Where: Wednesday, November 7th at 7:30 pm, 136 Petty Science, UNCG. Parking is available in the parking deck on Mclver Street. For more information, contact UNCG’s Department of Physics and Astronomy at 334-5844 or Marlene Pratto, 275-4422.
The Sunset Hills Garden Club maintains the Greenway Park from West Market to Friendly Avenue as part of the City of Greensboro’s Adopt-a-Park program. Over the years, the Garden Club members have installed plantings that have greatly enhanced the beauty of the area. One last area, adjacent to Friendly Avenue, remains undeveloped. This is a particularly visible area since there are always motorists driving by on Friendly. Nancy Foster, on behalf of the Sunset Hills Garden Club, submitted a grant proposal to Greensboro Beautiful for a Neighborhood Initiative grant to beautify this area. The grant for $600 was awarded in January to the Sunset Hills Garden Club to purchase plantings and bluebird houses. The purpose of the project is to improve the aesthetics of the area, to create an informal bluebird sanctuary, and to serve as a demonstration garden for winter and fragrant plants.

Plantings will feature plant material with winter interest and fragrance to demonstrate to area homeowners choices they can make to add seasons of interest to their own gardens. The plant list includes Muhlenbergia capillaris (Muhly Grass), Callicarpa japonica (Beautyberry), Ilex "Sparkleberry" including "Southern Gentleman" for pollination, Camellia susanqua, Sunflowers, Osmanthus, Viburnum urkwoodii, and Vaccinium ashei (Blueberry). The installation of bluebird houses will enhance the area as a wildlife habitat and hopefully bring students to the area. The selected plantings also feature berry bearing plants which will attract a variety of birds and contribute to the ecological education benefits of the area.

The Greenway Park is a vital part of the Sunset Hills Neighborhood. Neighbors meet each other as they walk their dogs or walk to get some exercise. Children play on the playground equipment and people of all ages use the tennis court. A variety of neighborhood events are held in the Greenway Park. The Sunset Hills Garden Club members hope this project will add to the residents’ enjoyment of the park, as well as teach them about local wildlife and inspire them with ideas for their own garden.

The Sunset Hills Garden Club meets once a month on the third Wednesday of the month. Anyone interested in attending a meeting or joining the club, please contact Jackie Tanseer at 336-209-8751 or tanseer@aol.com. (See page 7 to see where the plants will be. The street is Friendly and the cars are going west.)

Jackie Tanseer and Gerry Alfano

HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE PARK
OCTOBER 28 3-5 P.M.
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Greenway Park area that will soon be beautiful with new plants. See page 6.
TIPS ON LEAF COLLECTION

We are lucky to have many wonderful canopy trees in the Sunset Hills neighborhood. In the fall, they drop lots of leaves. Here are some tips on what to do with all those leaves.

1. The most environmental friendly method of leaf collection is to shred your own leaves and use them as mulch or compost them.

2. The City of Greensboro does not start loose leaf collection until **November 13**. It continues until January 26th. Leaves that are out on 11/13 will be collected by 12/21. Leaves that are out on 11/26 will be collected by 1/26. This means that you can have a pile of leaves out for a month or more before they are picked up. The city does have an interactive map on their website that allows you to track the loose leaf collection (http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/). Click on **interactive maps** and find **leaf pickup**.

3. Rake leaves to the edge of your yard behind the curb - not in the street. Many homeowners pile their leaves in the street. These leaves often end up in the storm drains. They also make the streets less safe, especially if the street is narrow or the leaves get wet. Remove sticks, rocks, and other debris that may damage city equipment. Do not park vehicles on, in front of, or near leaves. **DO NOT DUMP YOUR LEAVES IN THE GREENWAY PARK.**

4. You can put your leaves in clear plastic bags or plastic or metal trash cans and they will be picked up every week just like other yard waste. Many homeowners do not use clear plastic bags for yard waste. Be aware that the city staff can refuse to pick up yard waste that is not in clear bags.

_Gerry Alfano_

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**PHOTOGRAPHERS**

If you are a photographer, professional or amateur and you take photos at neighborhood events that you would like to share, please send them to Robin to post on our website. We will use some of them in the newsletter. Not everyone in our neighborhood uses the internet so print is one way to share with them. See p. 2 for email address and see photos in the issue for examples.

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**In case you missed this before:**

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http://neighbors.whitepages.com/

Just plug in your address, and see what happens!

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_Ron Small, President_

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Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Highlights
(Detailed minutes by secretary Kerry Meyers in PDF format are on the web page under news.)
6 September 2012

Discussion about Sunset Hills Neighborhood signs and the most cost-effective solutions: Approximately $250.00 overall cost to update.

Treasurer’s Report
Report for 2012 year-to-date was distributed; beginning bank account balance as of 01/01/2012 was $2,831.52 and currently is $3,487.50; 258 households are currently paying dues

Garden Club
Greensboro Beautiful has given a $600.00 grant to Sunset Hills for the Greenway Area. Joann made the suggestion that when the Garden Club receives the grant, the SHNA consider matching it.

Environmental Affairs
Alex Elkan was introduced and welcomed as the new Environmental Chair on the Sunset Hills Board of Directors. The Big Sweep Community Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 15.

Transportation
The stop sign at the intersection of Madison and the Greenway has been stolen.
There is a need to communicate with residents about tree clearance on sidewalks and city ordinances.

New Business
Discussion of bats in Sunset Hills; a Sunset Hills resident is a bat researcher. (see article on p. 16)

An email will go out the listserv to announce the Neighborhood Walk on October 1st and the locations to be visited.

A National Register Historic District Community meeting will be held on Monday, September 24th, at First Christian Church. The next steps for the National Register designation, and information on state and federal tax credit programs for historic properties will be discussed.

SHNA Business
Discussion about dates in November for the next community meeting.
The SHNA newsletter will be distributed two weeks prior to the meeting; all ads in newsletter must be accompanied with payment; a motion was made and accepted to increase and set new advertising rates in 2013.
Goal for 2013 will be to strengthen the Block Captain Program.

Neighborhood Walk with City Council

Due to inclement weather on October 1, the Neighborhood Walk with City Council will be rescheduled for Spring 2013. Watch for further announcements.

Come to the Halloween Party in the park October 28 3-5 p.m.
Greenway Park south of Market. All ages are welcome. Come in costumes. Bring your cameras. Treats. Contact Michael Driver to lend Assistance or ask questions: crunchy@triad.rr.com. Also follow the information that will come via the listserv. If you are not on the listserv see instructions on p. 2.
The Greensboro Neighborhood Congress

The Greensboro Neighborhood Congress is a North Carolina tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. A citywide alliance to improve the quality of life in the City of Greensboro, it addresses issues of citywide importance and empowers neighborhoods to resolve concerns. GNC is a volunteer organization of 48 member Associations, associated with 90 neighborhoods and approximately 22,000 dwelling units. Any neighborhood may apply to join; there are no dues requirements. GNC has funds on hand of about $675. Its web site is www.gnc-nc.org. Sunset Hills was an early member, thanks to Carl Phillips.

The Congress meets monthly on alternating Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, usually at the public library. At each meeting neighborhoods discuss concerns and celebrations, and exchange ideas. GNC members have sat on many boards and commissions, including the Land Development Ordinance redraft, the sign ordinance, billboard ordinance, RUO ordinance, among others. The Congress receives regular updates about Building Stronger Neighborhoods, which provides grants for help with neighborhood organizations.

This year meetings have included presentations as follows:

**Ben Chavis**, Guilford County Tax Director, discussed the County’s 2012 property tax revaluations and the process that was followed.

**Julie Lapham** presented a video about the incidence of violence against woman and described the newly formed Violence Against Women Responders Network (VAWRN) of Guilford County, a group of professionals and volunteers representing law enforcement, researchers, judges, and nonprofit agencies dedicated to responding to and eliminating domestic violence.


**Darryl Kosciak**, Executive Director of Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH), explained the efforts of 12 organizations working to end homelessness in Guilford County.

City Police officers have reported concerns about security around “night clubs” and discussed possible actions.

**Sheila Carmon** of the City Planning & Community Development Department reminded that a city ordinance requires every single-family house to display address numbers 3” in height; the numbers must contrast with their background, and must be placed within 3’ of the house entrance or be visible from the street. Apartment and multifamily rules are different.

**Jenny Caviness**, Division Manager of Youth & Volunteer Services of Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department, discussed Adopt-A-Park, one of many Greensboro Inclusive Volunteer Experiences (GIVE). Only 18 of approximately 199 city-owned park settings currently are adopted, so many adoption opportunities are available. If neighborhood Adopt-A-Park participation declines, the city will reengage in those conversations. To learn how to participate visit [http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=1537](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=1537) or call 336-373-2733.

**Mayor Robbie Perkins** described several items of interest: including infrastructure, public safety, airport expansion, the nanoscience research programs, downtown redevelopment, and the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

**Russ Clegg** of the City Planning & Community Development Department explained the city’s annual Neighborhood Small Projects Program.

**Donna Gray**, City of Greensboro Community Relations Manager, described neighborhood walks which are organized to allow city management and city department leaders to see neighborhood on-site, hear about neighborhood’s points of pride and learn neighborhood concerns.

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Steve Sumerford, Assistant Director of the Greensboro Public Libraries, explained the Building Common Ground: Community, Civility and Compassion program.

Khalil Gallman, Outreach Specialist for the NC Housing Finance Agency introduced the NC Foreclosure Prevention Fund (NC FPC).

If you’d like to be involved with the Congress contact Michael Pendergraft at 336-275-0141.

Michael Pendergraft
A more detailed report of the Neighborhood Congress report may be found under News on the web page.

Neighborhood Meeting Agenda: November 15, 2012
- Police Report by Greensboro Police Department
- Treasurer's Report
- National Historic Designation summary and any OLG expansion news (Katherine Rowe)
- Committee News from Garden Club, Traffic/sidewalks
- Lighted Ball events and food drive (for humans and pets)
- Pleas for Block Captains (sign up sheet) and other volunteers
- Neighborhood Concerns
Sunset Hills is the Neighborhood of Mayors.

Six Greensboro mayors came from Sunset Hills:

~ Paul Lindley (204 E. Greenway Drive North) elected in 1931,
~ William H. Sullivan (202 W. Greenway Drive North) elected in 1941,
~ Boyd Morris (2403 W. Friendly Avenue) elected in 1955,
~ George Roach (101 S. Tremont Drive) elected in 1957,
~ John Forbis (formerly of 200 W. Greenway Drive South) elected in 1981,
~ Bill Knight (214 Ridgeway Drive) elected in 2009.

Roach served during the sit-ins at Woolworth's, the five-and-dime store that's now the International Civil Rights Museum. Morris’ family owned the Mayfair Cafeteria, which integrated right after the Civil Rights Acts of 1964. Roach oversaw such integration strife that it was necessary to have Police stationed outside his door on South Tremont. Remembering where we came from makes us who we are as a community, said Stefan-Leigh Geary of Greensboro Planning and Community Development and the Historic Preservation Commission. Her remarks came at a neighborhood meeting Sept. 24 at First Christian Church.

Sunset Hills is up for designation as Greensboro's 13th National Register of Historic Places, if approved by the National Parks Service. Sunset Hills would join twelve other Greensboro landmarks as "areas of historic and cultural significance," said Geary at the meeting to discuss the nomination. Jennifer Martin Mitchell, a historical consultant who uncovered our many mayors, wrote the nomination - all 374 pages of it.

Mitchell spent a year researching Sunset Hills. She recorded 1,079 resources - homes, structures, parks and even park bridges - to include in the survey. Mitchell wrote a brief description and history of each home as well as photographed it. To find your home, click on the link below and go to section seven of the survey. You'll find street names in alphabetical order and can easily scroll to your address.


A quick summary of the nomination shows that Sunset Hills has four churches: First Moravian, First Christian, Our Lady of Grace and St. Andrews. The predominant architectural style is Colonial Revival, followed by Cape Cod. Next is Tudor Revival, period cottage style, a few Craftsman bungalows, Minimal Traditional and ranch. If a home or structure was built before 1966, it is considered to be contributing to the historic district.

Herb Tucker, of 2518 Berkley Place, requested Mitchell look into adding Ebenezer Lutheran church. It faces Walker - a street not in the district - but has a South Tremont address and meets the age requirements. Mitchell agreed and added that if the building met the criteria, it could be added at a later date since the nomination/survey is already in process.

Ann Swallow, the North Carolina coordinator for the National Register, spoke next about benefits of living in a National Register neighborhood. She highlighted three:

~ There are no restrictions on remodeling your home's interior or exterior. None.
~ Homeowners are allowed a 30% tax credit on approved projects. Swallow mentioned that a kitchen remodel was probably eligible but altering room layouts (knocking out walls and rebuilding spaces) probably was not. Only contributing properties are eligible for credits. If your Sunset Hills home was built before 1966 and hasn't been significantly altered,
your home is considered contributing and thus eligible. There are also tax benefits for rental home owners. For more info, contact the preservation architect and homeowners tax credit coordinator David Christenbury at david.christenbury@ncdcr.gov or 919-807-6574. Also, try www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/tchome.

~ If the neighborhood stands in the way of a federal or state building project i.e., highways or campuses, the NC Historic Preservation Office will work with the "responsible federal agency" to stop or minimize effects on the historic places.

There are 450 places on the National Register in North Carolina. On October 11, the nomination committee meets in Raleigh to discuss the Sunset Hills nomination. If they pass it, the nomination goes to Washington D.C. to the National Parks Service where it will be open for public comment for 45 days. A decision from the Parks Service on whether or not to include Sunset Hills in the National Register of Historic Places could be made by December.

Of course homeowners who object to the nomination may appeal to Ann Swallow at the state historic preservation office. It takes more than half of owners to cancel or stop the listing.

Katherine Rowe, Sunset Hills historian

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Forbis House 200 W. Greenway South  
Photo by Harvey Herman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
These events are mentioned in this newsletter.

October 28, 3-5 Halloween party  
November 6, General Election  
November 7, Biology Lecture at UNCG, open to the public:  
November 15, Neighborhood Meeting  
November 17, Animal Shelter Food Drive
Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Eric Patton, Board President

Greensboro Police Department – Central Division Update:
- Crime stats since the beginning of the year – very few. Great efforts in neighborhood reporting and preventing.
- A serial # tracking sheet is encouraged to use. Fill out the serial #’s of all items covered by insurance, in the event a robbery does occur in a home.
- John Dobbs: A former Sunset Hills resident who now panhandles in Sunset Hills, please be aware of him. He has a record as a violent panhandler that is almost borderline robbery.
- The Florida Law regarding the Trayvon Martin shooting was read. The NC law reads that if a person feels they need to protect themselves because they are in fear of death or bodily harm, there must be a need to articulate why a person felt it was necessary to shoot because of fear of life.
- Listen to the dispatchers, do not follow someone or take it upon themselves.
- A good witness is needed. The best parts of Neighborhood Watch Programs are the eyes and the ears. It’s okay to call the police if concerned about something.

Treasurer’s Report
- The new bylaws have now been included in the fall Sunset Hills Neighborhood newsletter, the Sunset Hills website, the spring Sunset Hills Neighborhood newsletter, as well as the listserv. A motion was proposed and accepted for the new bylaws to be accepted as presented.
- So far in 2012, 188 households have paid dues out of 800 residents in the Sunset Hills neighborhood.
- $3,568.00 is currently in the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association bank account.
- Discussion about raising the SHNA dues in 2013 from the current amount of $5.00 to $10.00 annually.
- Dues are not a requirement, just a suggestion.
- $5.00 annual dues have not been increased since prior to 1976.
- Majority of meeting attendees support the idea of increasing dues to $10.00.

Acknowledgments
Thank you to Emily and Marlene for all of the hard work with the Sunset Hills Neighborhood newsletter. Thank you to Carl for all of his hard work with the listserv.

Transportation Committee
Contacted GDOT and we are one of the best neighborhoods in Greensboro for sidewalks. Encouragement to call the city and put in a work order to fix a sidewalk if it has cracks and is starting to become unsafe. Please do not park on sidewalks – it is illegal.

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Update from Eric:

Encouragement for our neighbors to read the SHNA newsletter, participate in neighborhood activities and events, and step up to open positions on the Board.

Garden Club

Help is needed with watering the new trees in the coming months. The Garden Club is open to suggestions about the neighborhood and participation from neighbors.

Sunset Hills Electronic Communications

- The last three newsletters have been posted on the SHNA website.
- The listserv is a tremendous communication tool.
- Please encourage neighbors to use both of these for information.
- Discussion about a delivery packet to new residents.

Historian

- OLG is currently at 50% of their goal of raising $6 million, with $3 million pledged.
- On April 14th, an architectural symposium about our neighborhood will be at Blandwood. This is a free event.
- The neighborhood tour is scheduled for May 19-20. Bestway is selling tickets – they are sponsors, as well as Emma Keys.

Other items

- Historic Designation is still in progress.
- Ashley Goble is heading up the Easter Egg Hunt and volunteers are needed.
- Sunset Hills was featured in the recent issue of O Henry Magazine.
- Guest: Pat Tillman, candidate for the school board.
- Herb Tucker, Sunset Hills resident had some comments regarding the historic designation: He worked 25 years at Buffalo Presbyterian Church, which was given historic designation. He is appreciative of the efforts of the Sunset Hills Board for working towards this goal, and specifically Katherine Rowe. He knows it is special to be nominated for this type of designation.
- Reaffirmed to keep Mike Pendergraft as the liaison with The Greensboro Neighborhood Congress.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm by Eric Patton, Board President
Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Meyers

TIPS ON SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Fall is a wonderful time to walk and we have a great neighborhood for walking. Let's make it as pleasant as possible for everyone by making sure that we keep our sidewalks safe.

1. Walk all the sidewalks on your property line. The homeowner is responsible for any sidewalks that are on his or her property line. That includes sidewalks on the side or the back of the house.
2. Clear off any vegetation on the sidewalk. Many home owners have ivy or other plants growing near their sidewalks and they allow the plants to invade the sidewalks. CLEAR OFF ANY VEGETATION THAT IS ON THE SIDEWALK. The sidewalk should not be covered by anything, including acorns and leaves.
3. Cut back any bushes or other plants that hang over or otherwise interfere with walking on the sidewalk.
4. If you have tall bushes or trees that overhang the sidewalk, you need to cut the branches so that pedestrian can raise his or her arms and not hit the branches. There should be at least an 8 feet clearance.
5. Report damaged sidewalks to the City of Greensboro, 336-373-CITY (2489). The city will replace the sidewalk at no additional cost to the homeowner. You can call about any sidewalk damage you encounter. You don’t need to be the homeowner to request that a sidewalk be repaired.
6. Please do not park vehicles so that they block the sidewalk. It is illegal to do so and you can be ticketed. It not only makes it difficult for the walkers and runners, but it can damage the sidewalk.

Gerry Alfano
Bats in our Backyards

Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell

With Halloween approaching symbols of bats are everywhere. Almost everyone associates bats with the vampires we see at Halloween but the truth is that of the approximately 1400 species of bats that can be found on earth, only three species feed on blood and they feed on the blood of domesticated animals like chickens and cows. The three species of bats that feed on blood are found in Central America and they don't suck blood. Rather, they use sharp teeth to create a cut that drips blood. Then, they lap up the blood with their tongue while the cow or chicken sleeps. These three species are known as vampire bats and their blood feeding behavior has evolved from the insect eating behavior of their North American cousins (think about how insects swarm around wounds of wild animals).

There are no blood-feeding bats in Sunset Hills, or North America for that matter. All of the bats in our neighborhood eat insects. Most species of bats in North America eat insects and the added value of North American bats for controlling insect pests is in the billions of dollars. The bats in Sunset Hills are all nocturnal. During the day they roost in trees, attics, or under roof shingles. If they are female and it is the summer time they are roosting with, and nursing, their babies (they are mammals after all). Around early evening the bats start to wake up and by sunset they emerge from their roosts and start to feed. They feed for a few hours and then they take a break to digest (or nurse their young) before feeding again before dawn. Just before dawn they head back to their roosts for another day of rest.

In our neighborhood there is a good timing and temperature guide to follow if you want to catch a glimpse of feeding bats at work: if the birds have stopped singing in the evening and it is warm enough for insects to be flying there is a good chance that you will see bats. If the birds have stopped singing and it is a warm evening, look up in the air and backlight against the sky. If you see something flying that looks like a big moth, it is probably a bat. If it is still sort of light out you are probably watching a tricolored bat (Perimyotis subflavus). Tricolored bats are Sunset Hill's smallest bats and they are eating soft-bodied insects like mosquitoes and other flies. A few minutes later, other species will show up and they will all look larger than the tricolored bat. The big brown bat (Eptesicus fuscus) is our beetle eater because this bat has the strong jaws needed for chewing beetle parts. Other species you will see are the red (Lasiurus borealis), evening (Nycticieus humeralis), free-tailed (Tadarida brasiliensis), silver-haired (Lasionycteris noctivagans), and hoary (Lasiurus cinereus) bats. Hoary bats are our largest bats and are named for their white tipped fur that resembles hoar frost. Hoary bats specialize in eating moths. There are a few other species that you might see but these seven species are the regular work-horses in Sunset Hills that do us, and the Piedmont ecosystem, a huge service by feeding on our insects and controlling their populations.

This Halloween season, as you see generic images of black bats everywhere, remember the diversity of real bats that live and work in Sunset Hills. Here, as elsewhere, bats face a number of threats that include habitat loss, habitat change, and disease. The first step in helping the bats in our backyard is to understand what they are and what they do.

Importantly, remember that bats are wild animals that are protected by the State of North Carolina. For both your and the bat's safety never approach or handle a bat. -- leave that up to wildlife professionals! If you have any questions about bats or would like to learn more, send me an e-mail at mckalcou@uncg.edu.

Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell is an Associate Professor of Biology at UNCG. She has studied bats and other small mammals (wild mice) for over 20 years. She and her students are interested in both conservation of, and acoustic communication in, wild bats and mice. She teaches courses in Vertebrate Zoology and Animal Behavior.
Something New This Year for the Lighted Christmas Balls

There are two Lighted Christmas Ball (LCBs) making events this fall outside of Sunset Hills. The Sunset Hills event will include launching and installing the LCBs around the neighborhood. Plans are not final so watch the listserv for further information. Also check [www.lightedchristmasballs.blogspot.com](http://www.lightedchristmasballs.blogspot.com) for information and the instructions. The Greensboro public library is sponsoring one workshop. Please share this information with your friends who ask.

**Lighted Ball Making Workshop**

Monday November 5, 2012 at 6:30pm  
Tannenbaum/Sternberger Room, Central Branch, Greensboro Public Library, 219 N. Church Street  
Have you seen the "Light Balls" [http://www.lightedchristmasballs.blogspot.com](http://www.lightedchristmasballs.blogspot.com) in the trees around Greensboro and wondered how to make them? Join us for a workshop and make your own. Community volunteers will help you create your own lighted decoration. You will need to bring:

1. Two strands of outdoor lights (100 bulbs per strand) per ball.
2. Two cans of food for the Food Bank of Northwest NC.

Also, bring heavy gloves if you have them.

R.S.V.P. to Beth Sheffield by November 1, 2012, 336-373-3617

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The next newsletter will be Spring 2013. Advertisers be alert to new prices on page 2.

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Neighbors,

We are starting a service project for the benefit of the Guilford County Animal Shelter. The shelter is non-profit, and is in desperate need of supplies. Their most urgent needs are canned cat and kitten food, cat litter, dry dog food, and puppy food. But they also can use paper towels, laundry soap, bleach, and dish soap.

On Saturday, **November 17, 2012**, we will be collecting supplies to take to the shelter. Please join us by placing your donations near the curb, in bags, and marked “Animal Shelter”. We will start around 9:00AM, and hope to deliver to the shelter, when they open, at noon. If it is raining, please put items in a plastic bag.

If you are a teen, and would like to join us in this “just because” project, please contact us at maryjacke@yahoo.com

Thanks, Delaney, 15 and Cameron, 12

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First Moravian Church

304 South Elam Avenue  
Greensboro, NC  
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[www.greensboromoravian.org](http://www.greensboromoravian.org)

“In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, love.”

Sunday School for All Ages — 10 am

Worship and Children’s Church — 11 am

Come Worship with Your Neighbors!
SENIOR CITIZEN PROTECTION FROM SCAMMING (but useful for all)

(A good reason to pay dues and sign up for the listserv is to get information such as this. It was sent around in July, but it is always pertinent)

Senior citizens are highly vulnerable to scam artists and often, when they are targeted, do not report scams to the police because of embarrassment. The police department is continuing its campaign to increase senior safety awareness by alerting us to the most common scams:

- sweepstakes or prize scams involve sending a fake check with the promise to pay the taxes if the winner pays a hefty fee.
- magazine and book subscriptions that are fraudulent; the publications never arrive and the seller's address is not legitimate.
- home improvement offers requiring money up front for supplies and then are never performed or completed once the scammer has the money in hand.
- "phishing" is a particularly dangerous scheme involving someone calling and purporting to be representing a bank that needs verification of Social Security numbers and/or credit card information; this results in compromised personal data and identity theft.
- in the "Child in Trouble' scam, a caller warns that a loved one has been stranded or seriously injured and needs funds, and asks that funds be wired to the loved one at a given address. This has been used by overseas scammers as well as those in the U.S.

How does a savvy senior take precautions?

- develop a regular schedule each month to pay bills.
- have your monthly income checks deposited directly into your bank account to prevent theft from mailboxes.
- monitor financial transactions to spot unauthorized withdrawals immediately.
- develop a good relationship with a teller at your bank, one who will recognize your signature.
- beware of a new "best friend" who asks personal questions.
- be suspicious of unsolicited business calls for service; hang up if the caller is persistent or is asking for personal information.
- engage in social activities that prevent loneliness; obvious isolation makes you a target for con artists.
- use a shredder! Destroy credit card offers, foreign checks from an unknown source, and questionable sweepstakes deals.

What to do if you are a victim:

File a police report immediately and contact your bank. Don't buy into the idea that you are not as sharp as you once were -- have a plan and use it!

More information is available from these resources.

- Better Business Bureau (336-852-4249) to check out businesses or charities.
- Internal Revenue Service (336-574-6024) to report tax fraud or retirement plan abuse.
- Social Security Administration (336-854-1809) to report fraud, waste, or abuse against Social Security.

Ellen Wells

*Hint: Cut out this page and keep it where you can review it and where the contact information is readily available.*
KNOW A NEIGHBOR and A QUILTER: Barbara Stewart

I have been quilting since I was a teenager, and it is still one of my favorite hobbies, as well as one of the most interesting and unique forms of American artwork. My quilts are all hand-pieced and hand-quilted, so each one takes a very long time to complete. I quilt for the pleasure of quilting as much as the pleasure of creating the finished projects, so, like most quilters, I give away most of the quilts I make. I also love visiting quilt museums and learning more about the art form.

Below is my most recently completed quilt. The piecing pattern is “Ocean Waves”, and the color scheme is typical of a Mennonite quilt or an Amish quilt. The quilt contains about thirty different colors in the small squares. I made this quilt for my daughter’s graduation. It contains over two thousand pieces and took about two years to complete. Although you can’t see it in the picture, the quilt has an elaborate feather quilting pattern in the blue and the black borders, as well as in the black squares. (Please see this edition of the newsletter at sunsethillsneighborhood.org to see the beauty of the quilts in color.)

This is the first quilt (page 20) I ever made, and it is one of the few quilts I have kept. I began it when I was eighteen years old and finished it about twenty years later (stopping along the way to make some quilts for nieces and nephews as they came along). This is called “Broken Star”, another typical American quilt design, and it also has about two thousand pieces in it. The quilting on this one is easier to see.
This quilt (at the side) is a little different as it combines applique and piecing. The quilt was made for my niece when she was born, and I made a similar one for my other niece. The pattern is “Dresden Plate.” The “plates” are pieced and then appliqued to the white fabric. The colored edging pieces are also appliqued, and the quilting is a feather design.

This last quilt (page 21) combines embroidery and some quilting, although the embroidery is the star of the quilt. The design came from the
Tennessee wives of forest rangers, and the drawings are of wildflowers common to Tennessee and also to North Carolina. The quilting outlines the flower patterns. I made this quilt when I was about twenty five years old, and I have kept it for my first grandchild (someday).

Barbara Stewart
Membership and Treasurer’s Report

As of October 12th we have 264 paid households. Dues are $5.00 for this year. We voted to raise dues to $10.00/year starting in 2013. Membership entitles you to use the listserv, a wonderful way to stay in touch with the neighborhood; ask for help; sell/give away stuff; get vendor recommendations from your neighbors; and help reunite the occasional lost dog/cat/bird with its frantic owner. Check out the front page of this newsletter for annual events that bring neighbors together for social occasions and work projects that help to keep our neighborhood looking good. If you haven’t already done so this year, please send a check made out to SHNA for $5.00 to me, Emily Herman, 2512 Berkley Pl. If you use two names and want to be listed that way or use a name other than the one on your check, please let me know. Call me at 275-6015 if you have any questions.

Remember, dues ($10.00) for the new fiscal year will be due on January 1st.

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Mike & Audrey Albright
Conrad & Diane Alexander
Jim & Betty Allen
Ellen Ammirato
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Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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— Dennis & Nancy King Quaintance