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## Sunset Hills March 2018

Greensboro, North Carolina

### Annual Neighborhood Events

January

February

March

*Easter Egg Hunt*

April

*Great American Clean-up*

May

*Annual Pig Picking*

June

July

*July 4th Parade and Picnic*

August

*National Night Out*

September

*Big Sweep Event*

October

*Neighborhood Meeting*

*Halloween Party in the Park*

November

*Lighted Christmas Ball Workshop*

December

*Lighted Christmas Balls*

*Food Drive, Running of the Balls*

### Changing of the 'Hood

Dear Neighbors,

As most of you are already aware, Joann Strack and I officially announced at the board meeting this past Thursday evening (Feb. 22) that we will be stepping down as association co-presidents. It was not our intention to step down at the same time but as fate would have it both of us now have additional workload responsibilities, as of this year, that will take much more of our time. We have both served for the past 8 years as co-presidents and also feel it is time for some new blood to take the helm. Speaking for both of us, it has been an honor to serve under such talented, committed and caring board members. If you're interested in serving as President/Co-Presidents, we want to hear from you!

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## Sources of Neighborhood Information

The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association has a website, Facebook page, and a listserv. Many pictures of neighborhood events appear in color on the website and on the Facebook page.

Get to know your neighbors in text and print and learn the news: <http://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org>. The *information* tab contains a list of tradespeople recommended by neighbors. If you are not on the listserv go to *Email listserv* and submit your email address to be added as a member of the monitored listserv. The neighborhood Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/SunsetHillsGSO>

When you have a question about tradespeople, spot a stray dog or cat or 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. You must have paid your 2017 dues to submit a non-emergency message to the listserv.



**DUES are due in January. However, it is never too late to pay for the current year. Please remit your \$10 directly to the treasurer, Elaine Brune at 2504 Sylvan Rd. Checks for more than \$10 will be accepted as donations to the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association.**

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While on the topic of change, it's important that we continue to pay attention to happenings in our vicinity. The large stone home on Arden recently went up for auction. We are not certain how the buyer will use this parcel of land in the future. Will they live in it? Sub-divide the property? Can they do that?

There are a large number of vacant homes on the south side of Walker Ave owned now by the Cato company. Is there a future plan to build high density housing in lieu of these old homes?

To help answer these questions, we asked representatives from the City of Greensboro zoning department to attend our upcoming meeting to help us understand how the neighborhood might be changing in the years ahead.

Please join us for a neighborhood meeting on Thursday, April 26, 6:30pm in the basement fellowship hall of First Christian Church on the corner of Overlook and Market Street. We look forward to seeing you then.

Carl Phillips and Joann Strack

## City Launches Mobile App for Recycling and Trash Info

Greensboro Field Operations has launched a new mobile phone app – GSO Collects -- that tells residents everything they need to know about the City's residential recycling and trash collection operations. The free app is available for Apple and Android.

"If you get the GSO Collects App, you'll never miss a collection again," said Tori Carle, Greensboro's recycling program manager. "The app let's you set reminders to put out your yard waste, recycling, or that old chair you've got taking up space in the garage. The app will also notify you if there is any service change due to a holiday or inclement weather."

GSO Collects also helps residents determine which items are recyclable or should be taken to the household hazardous waste collection site. Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/collects](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/collects) for more information and to use the desktop version of the app.

*From the Neighborhood Congress*

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## Greensboro recycling information on line

No matter how much we read in individual messages from Tori Carle or articles in this newsletter there is always something else you want to know.

Use this website to answer your questions:

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/field-operations/recycle>

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# Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd, 2018

7:00 p.m.

1. Carl Phillips and Joann Strack are stepping down from Co-President roles, due to increasing work demands and time constraints. We are thankful for all they have given to our community.
2. The suggestion was made to adjust the by-laws to include term limits.
3. A call will go out on the Sunset Hills Listserv, and the next SHNA newsletter, for open board positions.
4. The Sunset Hills Listserv needs a new coordinator.
5. There is a possibility that Yahoo may discontinue listserv services. Other platforms for the Sunset Hills Listserv were discussed. Google has a community listserv option called Google Groups, and Nextdoor also provides a similar platform.
6. 111 Arden Place update and discussion about potential zoning issues, depending on the outcome of foreclosure auction
7. Newsletter:
  - Ads discussion
  - Friday, March 2nd deadline for the March issue
8. Greenway Park is now Sunset Hills Park
  - Discussion about future park plantings and projects
  - Sunset Hills Park is a City of Greensboro park, not a private Sunset Hills neighborhood park
  - Sunset Hills Garden Club has great relationships and partnerships with Parks & Rec and Greensboro Beautiful
  - The Garden Club is assigning members responsibility for beds, and will put a call out to the neighborhood for more volunteers
  - Want to keep the park natural and attractive to birds, etc.
9. Continued discussions about traffic and speed enforcement on Friendly Avenue and Elam Avenue
  - We need to encourage safety, especially if GDOT wants to encourage pedestrians and cyclists
10. The next Sunset Hills Neighborhood Community Meeting, pending church availability, will be on Thursday, April 26th. "Changing Times."

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Meyers

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# Sunset Hills Park Adopt-a-Bed Program

By Michelle Togut

Among the many perks of living in Sunset Hills is having access to our neighborhood park. Part of Greensboro's extensive park system, Sunset Hills (formerly Greenway) Park offers 9.7 acres of not only natural areas that provide a home to many birds and other critters, but also recreational facilities including two playgrounds and a tennis court. The city's Parks and Recreation Department officially manages Sunset Hills Park and in the past couple of years has improved it by adding electrification and resurfacing the tennis court. However, given that the city currently manages more than 150 parks, and that the number of new parks keeps growing while the Parks and Recreation staff does not, keeping these parks in peak condition requires the help of the neighbors who enjoy them.

Many years ago, the Sunset Hills Garden Club adopted the section of the park that runs between W. Friendly Avenue and W. Market Street. Twice a year, members have gathered to pull weeds, spread mulch, and prune back overgrowth. But as our membership has grown less young, our group has turned over some of these tasks to paid landscape professionals, using our dues to finance maintenance of the stream beds and other tasks requiring extensive physical labor. The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association has also generously contributed to the upkeep of the park, recently providing necessary funding for the Garden Club to hire landscaping services.



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Yet, there are still many smaller maintenance tasks that need doing. Last summer, several members of the Garden Club did a walking tour of the area between Friendly and W. Market and identified each of the various garden beds that dot the park. These beds were then grouped into nine distinct areas, which various members "adopted." Each adopter agreed to monitor the beds several times a year to determine what needed to be done to keep them in good shape, be that weeding, pruning, mulching, or watering.

We'd love to have the help of neighbors in this ongoing program to ensure that the park is a pleasant place for folks to enjoy nature, walk their dogs, and play with their kids. If you're interested, please contact Gerry Alfano at [mtisdel@att.net](mailto:mtisdel@att.net). Gerry will be happy to provide you with more information about the Adopt-a-Bed program and put you in contact with the volunteers in charge of each bed. The park is an essential part of what makes our neighborhood great. With the combined efforts of the community, it will continue to flourish.



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From the by-laws of the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association, the president presides at all meetings or designates the appropriate presiding officer, develops the agenda for all meetings, and assigns areas of responsibility to board members after consultation with the individual officer or committee chair.

The Vice President conducts association business in the absence of the president and acts as a special assistant to the president. If either of these positions appeals to you, please send email to  
Carl at [cwpjr5524@aol.com](mailto:cwpjr5524@aol.com) or  
Joann at [joannstrack@gmail.com](mailto:joannstrack@gmail.com).

## What to do with unused and unwanted nail polish

When you no longer want your bottle of nail polish, it should not just be tossed into the trash. Nail polish often contains toxins that are harmful to the environment, so nail polish should not go into the landfill.

Even if your nail polish is dried out or gummed up something can be done with it by you or someone else or it can be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste Center 2750 Patterson St. (Wed-Fri 10-6 and Sat 8-2.)

You can also consider creative reuse options for your old nail polish! A quick google search will show you how to revitalize dried-out or gummed up nail polish and give you plenty of uses for it other than polishing your nails. (Example: <https://www.bustle.com/articles/91334-13-hacks-for-old-nail-polish-that-have-absolutely-nothing-to-do-with-your-nails> )

Or you could consider taking your old nail polish to Reconsidered Goods so that others in our community can use the paint, bottles, or both for creative purposes. <http://www.reconsideredgoods.org>.

Chemwise has a mailin recycling program. (<http://chemwise.org/services-nail-polish.html>) They are able to process the bottles and recycle the glass container, applicator brush, and the polish. It is not a cheap program, but if you gather enough nail polish between you and your neighbors it could be worth it!

*From information provided by Tori Carle, City of Greensboro.*



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# The Dragon in our Family

By Kathleen Martinek

What I remember most about my cousins Barb and Cindy were the two weeks my sister Anne and I spent at their house in the summer. It was only 45 min away in St Charles, IL, but it was a real vacation. We went to Pottawatomie Park, swam and picnicked, went on the rides.

Cindy would try anything. While Barb was content on the swing set, Cindy was climbing with the boys. She played all sports, loved sewing and gardening, and was an A student all the way through college at the University of Dayton, even President of the National Honor Society. She majored in Elementary Education and married John her senior year. They had their first child at 22 and Cindy was in her element-- mothering, teaching, leading girl and boy scout troops, creating an exciting home.

They had 2 more kids and then at age 30 things started to change. Barb noticed Cindy acting funny and having trouble relating to people. They both remembered their father and their eighteen year old brother with the same mysterious symptoms that no one wanted to talk about—difficulty speaking and carrying out basic daily tasks like brushing teeth and making a sandwich. Later came the wild movements and the family went through “hell” trying to take care of her. Few doctors and hospitals knew how to treat it except to move Cindy to a nursing home where she was wheeled in a special mesh “bucket” to keep her from falling out. She died there in her late 40’s.

I recall my father’s words: “We **have** to get rid of this dragon in the family.”

**Huntington’s Disease is a family disease** -- Because it is directly hereditary, each child of a parent with the defective gene has a 50/50 chance of getting it. There are often three generations of HD in the same family at the same time. It is a brain disorder and, like Cindy, most people eventually are not able to walk, talk, think or reason.

But there is so much **HOPE** now! Two major breakthroughs in the last eight months have caused cheers around the world. We are getting closer to finding an effective treatment.

To raise awareness, the Martinek family is sponsoring our 2nd annual **Hoops 4 Hope free-throw shooting contest, Saturday, April 21, 8:30-11:30 at Grimsley H.S.** to benefit the NC Chapter of Huntington’s Disease Society of America. It’s a **family event perfect for any athletic ability - boys and girls ages 6-18**. Please share with neighbors, kids and grandkids

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Contact Peter Martinek-Jenne, martinp3@gcsnc.com, or 336-268-0534. Be ready to sink a ton of baskets and have a blast!



# Happenings at First Christian Church

*By Lee Hull Moses*

If you've been by the corner of Market and Overlook on weekdays recently, you may have noticed a bit more activity as we've welcomed two new community groups in recent months.

The RemARCable Community is a program of the ARC of Greensboro, which provides programs and resources for adults living with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Now meeting at First Christian on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, the RemARCable Community offers participants classes in pottery and cooking, exercise classes, art therapy, and much more. It's been great fun to stop downstairs to see what new art project they're working on, or to hear the Zumba music drift up to my office on Tuesday afternoons.

Drifting in from another part our building, I can hear languages from all over the world. Church World Service, an organization which (among many other things) helps refugees get settled in our community, hosts a citizenship class at the church two mornings a week. Some students have been in the United States for years and have decided it's finally time to make it official. Others are very new to our country and are still learning their way. Thanks to patient and knowledgeable volunteer teachers, these students are well prepared for the requirements to become a citizen.

The ARC and Church World Service join several other community groups - including the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association - who regularly meet in our building, and we are pleased that our space is getting put to good use. If you're part of an organization in need of space for an event or a meeting, email us at [info@fccgreensboro.org](mailto:info@fccgreensboro.org).

To learn more about the ARC of Greensboro, visit <https://www.arcg.org/> or stop by the church and we'll introduce you.

To learn more about Church World Service, visit <http://cwsgreensboro.org/> to find out how you can help.

To learn more about First Christian, visit us at [www.fccgreensboro.org](http://www.fccgreensboro.org) or come worship with us on Sundays at 10:00. In Holy Week and Easter, we'll have several special services:

Palm Sunday: March 25 — 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: March 29 — 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: March 30 — noon

Easter Sunday: April 1 — 9:00 Breakfast and Egg Hunt, 10:00 Worship

We'd be happy to welcome you.

We'll also be out at the Corner Market at Elam and Walker on Saturday, March 17, raising money for the market's Green Greens program, which provides additional funds for people receiving food assistance to purchase fresh produce at the market. If you're out and about, stop by and say hi!



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# My Musical Journey from Pit to Stage

*By Kevin Dollar*

I've played guitar for most of my life. In fact, I can't remember a time that didn't involve the instrument. In my adolescence it was an identity for me - the thing I did that set me apart from others. In my early adulthood it was my budding career and I lived by the philosophy of saying yes first, and then asking what the gig was later. I still do that from time to time.

I like to be exposed to all styles of music and people from all walks of life in the hopes that I can share those experiences with my students. As I enter my fourth decade in the music business, I find myself still trying to learn and to do those things that I never got around to in my earlier years of playing and performing. When the artistic director of the Greensboro Opera Company, David Holley, asked me if I would agree to being on stage in costume instead of performing as a member of the orchestra, of course, I said yes.

I've known David since my early years as a student in the School of Music at UNCG. David was an intimidating presence in the academic world, always slightly larger than life to me and belonging to the world of "voice" that rarely crossed paths with those of us in the guitar department. Over my nearly twenty-year tenure at the Music Academy of North Carolina (MANC) I had the fortunate opportunity to personally meet and professionally work with David. David was frequently involved in MANC events (his partner Laura taught piano there). This led to my brief stint in *Don Pasquale* and started my path towards the opera stage.

Several years ago I relocated to Greensboro, specifically the Sunset Hills area, having been a commuter since 2001. As I started to reintegrate myself into the local community more actively, all sorts of opportunities arose. I became a member in three local groups (swing, Latin and rock bands), opened a private teaching studio in the downtown area but more importantly started to look for ways to invest myself into the aspects of the music scene that I wouldn't normally be a part of.



When I got the first call from David about helping out with Greensboro Opera Company's (GSO) fundraiser for last year's "*Carmen*," I knew I was about to start a relationship that would be fun, rewarding, and perhaps a little intimidating. One of my projects, The Minor Swing Band, dressed for the part and played traditional European gypsy jazz for the event (aptly named GO Gypsy). In fact, violinist Ryan Eversole and I were able to accompany Sandra Eddy in the Habanera as she strolled through the room as a preview of her upcoming operatic performance. This experience gave me my first taste of performance in costume, and I was already looking forward to more of the same. When I got the next call from David about performing in the *Barber of Seville*, of course I said yes, without giving it a second thought.

Before the performance, I found myself in a tuxedo performing "*Se Il Mio Nome*" from the *Barber of Seville* in our promotional event for the opera. During this 2017 Eastern Music Festival event, David had requested that I tease my hair out, wear a tie-dyed t-shirt and rock a Wah pedal (try Wikipedia for an explanation) on the theme from "*Hair*." His hair-themed "*Shave and a Haircut...*" show gave me one more chance to experience a little time on the stage and out of the orchestra pit. I even had a line or two in this one.



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David's creativeness is one of the main reasons that the GOC is so well-liked in our community. He doesn't just present an opera, he develops a sense of expectation throughout the year so that it's easy to feel more personally involved when the performances finally arrive.

When I received the call about meeting at a local coffee shop to discuss ideas for my role in the upcoming presentation by the company, I knew going in that I would agree regardless of what he proposed. When David asked me if I'd be willing to be on stage in costume, of course I said yes, and then returned home to agonize over the decision later. What did I know about being on stage in this capacity? When I'm out front, I'm presenting my music on guitar, but here would I have to do anything different? Well, the answer was yes as I was to find out after starting rehearsals. Guitarists are fond of improvising when playing rock or jazz, but you can't improvise in an opera. You also can't consult the score occasionally as you do when playing with the symphony pops or in a classical concert. You can't continue to watch the conductor when a cast member pops out of the scenery above you either.

Being on stage is akin to being in a dream. You are trying to act normal as if you were really in the situation being presented, and that's difficult when half of those around you are in tights, wigs and period dress and the other half are consulting notebooks and chatting in headsets to organize movement and scenery backstage. You try to remember where to look when the next event happens, and what chords to play in the next tune, when to pause, when to run off stage, when to smile and when to frown. In the entire 3-hour production I had only two tunes, my first being in the pit with the rest of the orchestra and the second being on stage. My journey from pit to stage in between those two songs was one of the most rewarding and joyous moments of my musical career. Next time David calls, I expect, of course, to say yes.



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## New Year, New Tax Plan – What Every Homeowner Needs to Know

By now you've likely heard that a new tax bill recently passed. But, what you may not know is how homeowners will be impacted by the changes. If you're in the market to buy or already own your home, here's what you can expect in 2018 and beyond:

### Deductions to your Deductions

Arguably, the most significant change to the tax plan is in how many interest deductions are now available to homeowners. With the previous plan, Americans received several tax incentives that made home ownership more affordable and quite appealing. The new plan impacts the following deductions:

1. **Mortgage interest.** Previously, qualified homeowners could reduce their taxable income by the amount of mortgage interest they paid each year – up to one million dollars for married couples filing jointly (\$500k for singles or married couples filing separately).

**Mortgage interest is still tax deductible with the new plan, but only up to \$750k for married couples filing jointly (\$375k for singles or married couples filing separately).** This change impacts all homes purchased after December 15, 2017, and is also applicable to mortgages on second homes.

2. **Property tax.** The new bill now includes restrictions on the amount of property tax you can deduct from your taxable income. **Now, homeowners may deduct up to \$10k in property taxes** (\$5k for couples filing separately and singles), including state and local taxes or sales taxes.
3. **Home equity.** With the former tax plan, homeowners could deduct the interest paid on home equity debt for reasons other than to renovate your home (like for college expenses, for example). **The home equity deduction was completely eliminated with the new tax plan.**
4. **Moving expenses.** The old plan included deductions for qualified homeowners relocating for a new job. **Now, moving expenses are only deductible for active duty members of the armed forces.**

### To itemize, or not to itemize.

Another significant change: an increase in the standard tax deductions (or, the flat amount that the tax system lets homeowners deduct, no questions asked). **Beginning in 2018, the standard deductions per household nearly doubles, increasing from \$12,700 to \$24k** (for married couples who file jointly).

This change means more Americans will likely forego itemizing their taxes for 2018. In previous years, itemizing typically resulted in more money in your pocket at refund time. Now, you may be able to save time by not itemizing and still benefit financially.

Ultimately, the new tax plan will impact every taxpayer differently. Even with the lower interest deductions, the bill introduces new tax brackets, which could reduce your individual tax rate and increase your paycheck. How you are personally impacted is contingent upon various factors beyond homeownership. Be sure to do your homework to know what you can expect with the new tax laws.

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## News from Lindley Elementary

Spring has sprung at Lindley! Our students are busy with spring plantings in the garden, science fair projects that will go on display in April, and finishing up the year mastering the concepts of their grade level. This time of year also keeps us busy with kindergarten registration!

If you or any of your neighbors have children who will be 5 by August 31st, please encourage them to stop by the school to pick up paperwork for kindergarten registration. There are many options in Guilford County, but Sunset Hills is fortunate to have a strong elementary school in our own backyard! The Lindley staff is warm and engaging with our students; PTA works with staff to add arts and educational enrichment activities to reach students with varied learning styles; and the student body is rich and diverse. Sending your children to Lindley keeps your family connected to our community and your children connected to neighborhood kids that will become lifelong friends. If you've got a rising Kindergartener, stop by the office to register today and make sure you ask about the **KinderCamp event on May 8th from 8am-noon.**

The following special Lindley events are open to the public. Please drop in and join in the fun:

### **Thursday, March 29, 5-7pm: International Night**

Enjoy international performers, food trucks and displays of students' own cultures in the cafeteria.

### **Tuesday, April 24, 5-7pm: Family Science Night**

Our friends from the chemistry & biology departments at UNCG are back with demonstrations in the auditorium, hands-on experiments in the classrooms and students' science fair projects on display.

### **Friday, May 18, 5:30-8:30pm: Spring Carnival**

Step right up to our Lindley midway - complete with traditional carnival games, hot dogs and fair food, bake sale, silent auction and raffle baskets. All proceeds benefit Lindley PTA.

**Saturdays Mornings at the Corner Market:** Look out for Lindley's garden stand and purchase fresh produce from our garden this summer!



### **Calling All Music Lovers!**

Starmount Presbyterian is holding its 34th annual "**Bach's Lunch**" concert series **March 19-23**. To celebrate Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday on March 21st, Starmount holds classical music concerts in the sanctuary every day at 12:15pm. The concerts feature well known pianists, vocalists, strings or brass players, and this year, even a classical banjo player! All concerts are free and followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring a group, but please call (336-299-8131) to reserve your space so we can adequately plan for lunch. Check out [www.starmountpres.org](http://www.starmountpres.org) for more details on our featured musicians this year and for other community events happening at Starmount.

We would also like to invite our neighbors to join us for the following Holy Week celebrations. Come for the music, praise and joy of the season and meet our new pastor, **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee!**

**Maundy Thursday, March 29:** Worship at noon followed by light lunch in the fellowship hall.

**Good Friday, March 30:** Observe Good Friday with a special music service at 7pm featuring chancel choirs from Starmount Presbyterian Church and Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

**Spring Festival, March 31:** Bring the whole family to our Spring Festival from 11am-1pm. We'll have food trucks, Easter egg hunts, garden tours, games and much more.

**Easter Sunday, April 1st: Worship at 10am**

## OUR BEST FRIEND



The highlight of each morning's walk by the Sunrise Walkers walking group is our encounter with Oliver, the wonderful four-year old Labrador/Boxer mix belonging to Tom and Wendy Sibley. With his friendly, gentle manner, he has made dog lovers out of the most dog-adverse members of our group. We typically meet Oliver as he bounds out of Greenway Park to greet us as we walk by. He can spot us even on the darkest mornings because of the solar-powered lamps dangling from our hands. He eagerly greets each of us in turn, repeatedly licking our outstretched hands, gloved or not. Tom reports that Oliver prefers to be with

people rather than other dogs, gets along well with cats, but loves to chase after possums and raccoons. We sorely miss seeing Oliver on the days when Tom is out of town on business—Wendy prefers to take him on his walk a little later in the morning.

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# UPDATE ON TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SUNSET HILLS

*By Gerry Alfano*

I am happy to report that we have had some progress in our campaign to improve traffic safety in Sunset Hills. As many of you know, we have been working with Adam Fischer, Director of the Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT), the police department's traffic enforcement unit, and Nancy Hoffmann, our district 4 city council representative, following a serious accident at W. Greenway and W. Friendly last May. We held two SH neighborhood meetings, one in September and one in November, with GDOT and the police department to address the issues and come up with solutions.

**Radar Speed Signs** – The police department put up two radar speed signs on Friendly before Christmas. These signs were battery powered and were taken down after a few weeks because they needed to be recharged. We currently have two signs on W. Friendly – one facing west near N. Elam Ave and one facing east near N. Tremont. There are also two on N. Elam – one facing north near Rolling Rd. and one facing south near Madison Ave. One of the signs on each street is solar powered and belongs to GDOT. The other two are battery operated and belong to the police department. They seem to be having a general effect on reducing speeding in those areas.

**State Law Yield to Pedestrian signs.** We have been trying to get these signs on the pedestrian islands on Elam. These signs make these islands much more visible to drivers. The island at S. Elam and Camden did not have a sign until the first week in February. The island was installed in September and there was post, but no sign. Sometime in January the post was flattened. Finally, 5 months after the installation of the island, we have a sign at Camden and S. Elam. The sign went up on the pedestrian island at Rolling Rd. in January. When GDOT installed the pedestrian crossing at Rolling Rd., they were not willing to put in a sign. However, after our meetings with GDOT, Adam Fischer agreed to install one.

**Elam and Friendly Pedestrian Crosswalk Signals** – We have never had a real crosswalk signal at N. Elam and W. Friendly, even though there is a bus stop, Wesley Long Hospital with the Moses Cancer Center is a block up on N. Elam, and Friendly Shopping Center is a few blocks west. GDOT agreed that we need crosswalk signals at that intersection. Adam Fischer estimates that these pedestrian signals should be installed sometime in April.

**Traffic Light on W. Friendly at W. Greenway** - Adam Fischer reports that they are studying the possibility of putting a light at W. Greenway and W. Friendly. GDOT is not going to divert traffic as they originally planned, but they are going to do a count at both intersections (E. and W. Greenway) to meet the signal warrants. A complicating factor which may make a traffic signal at this location impractical is that there is no left turn lane on Friendly Avenue. There could be some operational issues if they installed a traffic signal without a dedicated left turn lane. GDOT is continuing to evaluate this.

**Timing of the Traffic Lights at W. Friendly and Radiance** – If you have used the pedestrian crossing light at W. Friendly and Radiance, you know how fast cars approach that intersection. In addition, there is quite a bit of red light running. According to GDOT, the lights there are not timed because the distance is too far between the traffic lights at Elam and the lights at Radiance. If they install traffic lights at W. Greenway, then they could also time the lights so that cars going above the speed limit get stopped at this light.

**Four-way Stop Signs** – There is no progress to report on installing additional four-way stop signs. We did request a four-way stop at Sylvan and S. Chapman and we also discussed four-way stops at other intersections. I will follow up with Adam Fischer on this issue.

**Speeding on W. Market St.** – This was supposed to be included in the speeding assessment of Sunset Hills, but it has not been done. While the speeding does not seem as wide spread as that on Friendly, it is still a problem, especially going east from Chapman. I will also follow up with Adam Fischer and the police department about this problem.

Progress is slower than we would like, but we are moving forward with some changes. The police department promised that we would continue to get traffic enforcement from its unit, but I have only seen them in SH once since the Running of the Balls. Currently, the traffic enforcement unit consists of only five motorcycle officers. We are competing for them with the entire city. Clearly, we need more officers dedicated to traffic enforcement.

Please contact me if you have questions or have additional suggestions on how we can improve traffic safety in Sunset Hills.

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# Community Advisory Committee Notes February 11, 2018

By Mary Schwarz (720marybeth@gmail.com)

Tonight's meeting was the first since November, 2017, due to the Christmas lunch for Greensboro Police Department (GPD) in December and the severe weather in January.

—We met Captain Thompson, newly appointed/hired to be the Captain for District 1, in which Sunset Hills is located. He made a very nice first impression: experienced, has worked in District 1 before, is the father of 3 year old twins.

—You can check your credit reports for free at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com), I have not personally checked this site, but it was recommended by Officer Wingfield to another neighborhood representative who was having strange charges on her credit card.

—Yellow Dot Program: this was new to me, so I thought others would like to know about it. Greensboro Police & Guilford County Sheriff's office are working together to educate people about the Yellow Dot Program. Residents can fill out a form with medical information. Then they place a yellow dot sticker at their front door or rear car window that alerts police and EMTs to look for pertinent info such as medication lists if are needed. See link for exact information on the yellow-dot-program. (<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/police/community-programs/yellow-dot-program>)

—City Council meetings have a new format: 1st Tuesday of the month is Town Hall style, where anyone can sign up to speak for a five minutes on any subject they wish to address. 3rd Tuesday of the month is business format, which will still include some public input at the beginning.

—HiYa app is helpful for robo calls on your mobile phone, I have no idea which types of phones it works with, but several people were suggesting it.

—Ride-Alongs are available with GPD, check the link to schedule: [ride-along-programs](#)

—Issues in other neighborhoods: 1) low income housing coming on Muir's Chapel Rd (zoning meetings being held); 2) influx of tree removal people knocking on doors - not all are insured - don't use door-to-door offers, call the city arborist first - you are responsible if uninsured people are injured on your property or if they damage property around the tree; 3) GPD does NOT encourage Neighborhood Watch participants to patrol the neighborhoods using guns; as always, lock cars & watch out for neighbors.

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314 Warren St	3	2	\$209,900	\$200,000	8	10/12/17	2,277
110 N Lindell Rd	3	2	\$248,900	\$244,000	63	10/18/17	2,270
1708 Sylvan Rd	3	2	\$249,000	\$247,500	3	09/21/17	1,488
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Marlene and Carole need some help with the newsletter. You could write an article or you could draw a picture or write a poem. You could interview a neighbor and write a story about that person. You could take photos of neighborhood events or objects that we need for illustrating articles.

If you are not feeling creative, then you could be the point person for collecting the ads via email. You could edit the articles we receive from those who write. You could check the formatted newsletter to be certain all ads for the issue are included.

If you want to spend your time outdoors, you could volunteer to deliver the newsletter. There are many opportunities to assist in preparing and delivering the newsletter. AND we only do a newsletter 4-5 times a year.

Please contact Marlene at [mrpsunset@gmail.com](mailto:mrpsunset@gmail.com) and specify what you would like to do.

219 households and friends of Sunset Hills have paid 2018 dues. Many thanks to all who have paid and made contributions over the amount of dues. These monies are used to fund our newsletters, various activities and expenses we have in the neighborhood. The latest one was saying thanks to our police officers by providing them with a deli tray at the annual police officer lunch in December.

Your dues also allow you to post non emergency items on our listserv. If you have items to sell, seeking recommendations for plumbers, electricians, helpers, etc you can ask on our listserv for local comments. Not on the listserv? See Page 2 on how to join.

Thanks everyone for your dues and contributions. If you haven't paid your dues please send or drop off a check to our treasurer, Elaine Brune 2504 Sylvan Road Greensboro, NC 27403 or you can pay via PayPal.

The PayPal link can be found on our website: <http://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org/calendar.html>.

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