



Sunset Hills October 2014

Greensboro, North Carolina

Annual Neighborhood Events

January
February
March
April
Easter Egg Hunt
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
December
Lighted Christmas Balls
Food Drive, Running of the Balls

Neighborhood Meeting

November 13

6:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church
1900 W. Market St.**

Agenda

**Updates on Madison Ave
SHNA budget
Zoning issues
Running of the Balls
Issues you bring to the table
for discussion**

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VOLUNTEER Opportunities

We need some people to help prepare the newsletter: editing, arranging, proof reading, keeping track of ads. Contact Marlene Pratto, mrpsunset@gmail.com. We are trying to print six times per year, although we will only make five in 2014.

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Sources of Neighborhood Information

The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association has a web-site, 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 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 \$10 directly to the treasurer, Emily Herman at 2512 Berkley Place. Checks for more than \$10 will be accepted as *donations* to the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association.

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Your Neighborhood Association Works with and for YOU!

By Mike Pendergraft

Nine young men from UNCG rented the house at 1706 W. Market Street and made it the *de facto* headquarters for their fraternity. Their presence and their activities led to traffic problems and noise complaints by the neighbors. When those neighbors realized that the property owners had petitioned to rezone the house, they went to work! Our neighborhood is zoned R-5, a status that does not permit fraternity or sorority houses, or in fact any group of more than four unrelated adults. To change the zoning would open the possibility of homes becoming small businesses or other group residences.

SHNA members contacted the Fire Marshall, because even in the case of rezoning, a fraternity house building code requires an automatic fire suppression sprinkler system; they contacted the City of Greensboro; UNCG's Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Michael T. Byers, Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Enterprises; and our City Council Member, Nancy Hoffman; City attorney Tom Carruthers, and others.

Within a matter of weeks the owners agreed to ask the young men to move and the owners may move back into the house in January of 2015. (We welcome our neighbors return!)

Thanks to all the hard work that led to such a good resolution!

Thank you,

Membership and Treasurer's Report

By Emily Herman

As of October 1st we have 295 paid households. Dues are \$10. Our fiscal year goes from January to December, so dues are due now. Dues are for the current year only. Any additional amount is considered a contribution. 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. Send a check **made out to SHNA for \$10.00** 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.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Many thanks to the following people who made contributions since the July newsletter: Melissa Greer, Wally & Martha Overman and Tom & Giselle Wells.

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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Angie

Service to Animals in the Guilford County Animal Shelter

Delaney and Cameron Jacke invite other teens in the neighborhood to join them in collecting items for the Guilford County Animal Shelter. On Saturday, November 1, Delaney and Cameron and others will collect canned cat and kitten food, cat litter, dry dog food and puppy food.

The shelter is non-profit, and is always in need of supplies for the animal population. The most urgent needs is for food, but they also need paper towels, laundry soap, bleach, and dish soap.

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



UPDATE ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON ELAM

By Gerry Alfano

The good news is that the pedestrian island on Elam has been installed. The bad news is that the Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT) will not install state law pedestrian signs at the island. Chris Spencer, Engineering Division Manager for GDOT, has informed us that

Due to a combination of factors including the narrowness of the street, the skewed approach angle for Rolling Road and the small corner radii, we had to design these islands to be mountable so that delivery vehicles (UPS, FedEx, etc) and Fire Trucks can traverse the intersection. After looking at this closely, we can't locate a spot within the intersection where we could safely locate these signs without fear of them getting routinely hit by turning traffic.

Unfortunately, this results in some drivers ignoring the pedestrian crossing and continuing to speed on the street. We will work on making the crossing more visible and finding other methods of reducing speeding on Elam. If you are one of the drivers who use North Elam to cut through between West Market St. and West Friendly, please consider an alternate route. North Lindell Road is a better and safer way to travel between Market and Friendly. If you do use Elam, please be sure to obey the speed limit and watch for pedestrians. Pedestrians in the crosswalk have the right of way and drivers must yield to them.

There is a statewide campaign in North Carolina – **Watch for Me NC** – to increase pedestrian, bicycle, and driver safety. North Carolina was given a federal grant to educate state residents on pedestrian, bicycle and driver safety because the state has a high rate of pedestrian and bicycle accidents. **Did you know that under North Carolina state law, drivers must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks – even if the crosswalk is not marked?** For more information, you can visit WatchForMeNC.org or contact Daniel Amstutz, the Bicycle Pedestrian coordinator for the City of Greensboro, at 336-373-2211.

We can make our neighborhood safer for everyone – drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Drivers, please don't speed and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially after dark. Bicyclists, follow the rules of the road. Pedestrians, cross at crosswalks and make sure you are visible at night. We can all work together to reduce accidents by being cautious, alert and considerate of each other.

Please contact Gerry Alfano, Transportation Chair, at 336-272-3512 or mtisdel@att.net if you have questions or suggestions about making our neighborhood safer.

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Herford talks turkey

ATTENTION: ALL DOGS & CATS!

Turkey Day is quickly approaching. Even though it's tasty, it will do bad things to your waist and your tummy, too. Turkey skin and gravy are high in fat, which can cause life-threatening pancreatitis or severe digestive problems. So be strong and hold out for your regular dog or cat food. Otherwise, I may be seeing you at the clinic.

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A Dogs Life in Sunset Hills

By Melissa Greer

I moved into my first house in Sunset Hills on Kensington in the mid 90's and have been in love with this neighborhood ever since. Having grown up in Greensboro in other similar areas I found the energy and feel of living here the closest I had felt to being home. One of the things that stood out immediately was the great mix of people and animals which brings me to the point of this article.

A few years after I moved to Sunset Hills I got a five week old Italian Greyhound puppy and named her Lucy. I knew she would be warmly welcomed as I had gotten to know a lot of my neighbors as they were walking their dogs.

There was a lady that walked her two whippets every day by our house at the exact same time and I remember being so excited to introduce her to my new arrival. There was also my neighbor two doors down who had a beautiful yellow lab and a black lab that always barked at Lucy when we walked by his yard. That was the first time I saw her hair stand up on her back and I loved how that small dog was so tough (especially with a fence protecting her)! She barked just as much as the larger dog.



When I first brought Lucy home she weighed three lbs and my next door neighbors asked me if I had gotten a pet squirrel. I will always remember them fondly for that and many other reasons.

About 10 years ago I found my present home on Pinecrest, a street I had always loved and hoped to live on one day. Lucy was used to a dog door so I had one installed immediately and hoped the adjustment would be quick. The yard was completely enclosed either by fencing or a brick wall. I would come home from work and my dog, that had never jumped a baby gate, had jumped the wall and was waiting across the street in my neighbor's yard keeping an eye on the house and waiting for me, too nervous to be in a new house without me. Some nice trellises have lined that brick wall since then but they remind me now of how inseparable we were.

There were plenty of new dogs around our new home. There was Coda the black lab who guarded the front porch across the street. I have a great memory of Coda and Bella playing in the snow this past winter on my walk with friends to The Corner. My next door neighbors have had two beautiful white German shepherds and friendly Scooter. Sometimes in my back yard I see a flash of white and I know Ava has jumped the fence again. We have puppies and young dogs around now and it is a comforting sight to see Boulder and Izzy playing but also to see Joon who reminds me of my older Lucy because you can tell she runs the show and doesn't have to expend a whole lot of energy to do it. I am not naming the dog owners on purpose. They are all friends and neighbors and we share a common bond. Loving and being loved by a dog is special.

With dogs come laughter and fun. I remember when Oreo, my friends black lab around the corner kept jumping the invisible fence and swimming in the neighbors fountain across the street. I remember thinking Batman, another black lab, was Oreo and trying to drag him across the street home to no avail and realizing that Oreo was home safe inside.

Dogs are protected in Sunset Hills. It's a great feeling to know that neighbors look out for each other. Lucy escaped from the back yard in recent years and my friend was driving down Greenway and saw what he thought was a small deer in Greenway Park. After seeing her pink collar, he realized it was Lucy and brought her home. When our other dog Lexie got out after I accidentally left the gate open, we had all sorts of neighbors calling with sightings and helping us search until we luckily found her.

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I love seeing Emma on her walks and she always loves coming to my yard. I love seeing Finn and Riley and I miss Rhoda and Sadie. I enjoy visiting my friends around the corner and getting to see Nicky, Tucker and Casey. Nicky gave me some much needed love not so long ago. I miss Gracie, another sweet black lab and Allie, a just as sweet yellow one. As I walk by their house I love being greeted by Tanner, Abbey, and Mattie and it seems so quiet when they are inside.

There are others too. I look forward to meeting them all.

I love the familiarity that comes with a close neighborhood. There is such a great representation of so many breeds of dogs and just as many awesome rescues. It's a great reflection of the diversity of our residents that make this neighborhood such a wonderful place to live.

So back to Lucy. I lost her in August and she would have turned 16 this month. I haven't lived in this house without her and I have to admit it is a work in progress. I dedicate this article to the most incredible dog I could have ever hoped for with the sweetest spirit imaginable. I know there will be others but there will never be another Lucy. She had an awesome life here in Sunset Hills and I do too.

(Nothing against cats, I am just allergic!)

Holiday Goodies for Your Pet OR NOT!!!!

By Dr. Christine Hunt

We always like to include our **Fur Kids** in the holiday festivities. However, there are several safety issues with pets that must be considered; many of these can be life threatening. Chocolate contains two ingredients, xanthine and fat which can cause extreme toxicities if ingested even in small quantities. Xanthine derivatives in chocolate are in the caffeine family and the side effects include extreme stimulation of the skeletal and cardiac muscles, the brain, the respiratory center, the gastro-intestinal (G.I). tract, and the vascular systems. Two ounces of pure baking chocolate will cause severe side effects in a 60 pound dog. The onset of symptoms occurs 1 1/2 to 2 hours after ingestion and can last as long as 36 hours. Hyper excitability, seizures and a persistently elevated heart rate of over 200 beats per minute can progress into fatal heart failure if left untreated.



Chocolate or any other treat with a high fat content can cause pancreatitis. Raisins and grapes that are used in holiday baking can cause irreversible kidney failure. The mechanism of toxicity is still unknown, but the ingestion of just one raisin can cause fatal kidneys in a Chihuahua. Our traditional holiday meals can also contain fatty foods (ham, turkey fat, gravy) that can cause severe G.I. upset including pancreatitis. Xylitol, an artificial sweetener in sugar free gum and candies, causes a severe drop in blood sugar, seizures and liver failure.

Live plants frequently used during the holidays include lilies, poinsettias and forced bulbs such as daffodils and tulips. Ingestion of these plants range in toxicities from G.I. upset to fatal toxicities, especially in cats. Different plant foods used on indoor plants also can cause seizures, G.I. irritation and respiratory distress, especially when used in combination with pesticides.

Any time you suspect your pet has had exposure to any holiday treats or decorations, please contact your veterinarian immediately. Don't wait to see if symptoms develop because irreversible damage may already have occurred.

DEADLINE for Submissions for the December Newsletter is November 30.

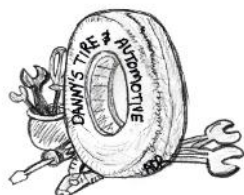
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Halloween Party in the Park

Every October, the Sunset Hills neighborhood has had a Halloween Party in the Park (the playground park between Market and Berkley Place) and this year is no different! Sunday October 26th from 3-5 p.m. our neighborhood park (the playground park between W. Market and Berkley Place) will be the site of the most horrific fun yet! Bring your costumed trick or treaters, your treats and prepare yourself for a good time. We'll have treats, decorations, a pinata, a costume parade and more. For more info or to volunteer, please email Michael Driver, our host with the Ghost.... I mean the Most! at 336.254.7609 or email him at YourHome@triad.rr.com. And see you there.

The two clowns on the right grew up in Sunset Hills and are now fathers of their own Halloween costumed children. Paul Pratto in polka dots and Adam Herman in the vest. Photo courtesy of Harvey Herman.



Keep your house and stuff safe.

Please make sure all your locks are working properly, and make sure you lock your home and car. An incident occurred in a neighborhood near ours. It was a crime of opportunity where someone either knew the homeowner's routine or just happened to find the house unlocked. If you have a routine, try to vary it so no one can plan a crime while they know you are usually away from home.

Photos from the neighborhood ladies wine and cheese party by Melissa Newman appear here and on the next page. Thanks to Melissa for sending them in.



The Teal Pumpkin Project for an Allergy-Friendly Halloween

By Kerry Meyers

This Halloween, FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is encouraging food allergy families to start a new tradition: painting a pumpkin teal and placing it on your porch as a sign to other families managing food allergies that you have non-food treats available at your home. Your teal pumpkin is also a way to raise awareness in your neighborhood about food allergies!

Purchasing inexpensive non-food treats to hand out is a great way to include all children in trick-or-treating, and we hope that the Teal Pumpkin Project will be a tradition for years to come.

Examples of non-food items include: glow bracelets or necklaces, pencils, markers, boxes of crayons, erasers, bubbles, mini Slinkies, whistles or noisemakers, bouncy balls, coins, spider rings, vampire teeth, mini notepads, playing cards, bookmarks, stickers, and stencils. Print out FARE's teal pumpkin poster to post next to your door to notify visitors that you are handing out non-food items in support of all children with food allergies.

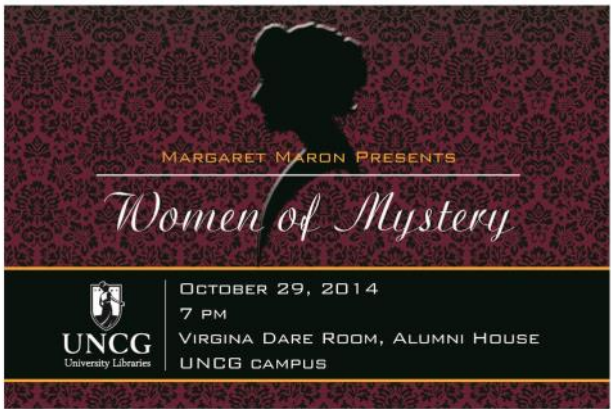
For those with pumpkin allergies, you can paint a plastic pumpkin. Painting a plastic pumpkin is also a way to reuse the same pumpkin year after year. Acrylic or spray paints are recommended, and those with milk allergies should avoid using milk paint.

FARE would like to thank the Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee (FACET) for this wonderful idea. We are pleased to bring it to the attention of families across the country, and we hope you will join in our effort to make Halloween more inclusive for children with food allergies!

For the poster and more information, please go online to: <http://blog.foodallergy.org/2014/10/06/the-teal-pumpkin-project-for-an-allergy-friendly-halloween/>


Happy Halloween!





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State historic rehabilitation tax credits end in 2014

By Katherine Rowe

This year, the NC legislature did not renew historic rehabilitation tax credits offered for the last 38 years. Sunset Hills became eligible for the credits in 2012 when our neighborhood was named to the National Historic Register.

Several neighbors were able to use the 30% tax credit for approved rehab of their Sunset Hills home. The tax credit could be applied directly to their yearly state tax bill.

There is still a bit of time for property owners who spend \$25,000 or more and have qualifying homes and approved projects. If the approved rehab and paperwork are complete before December 31, 2014, you may still apply for those credits.

For details on this NC historic rehabilitation tax credit opportunity, contact the **NC Historic Preservation Office** at <http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/tchome.htm>.

Lawn Signs Remind People to “Lock It or Lose It”

From a notice by Linda Bennett and Susan Taaffe, Co-Chairs, Greensboro Neighborhood Congress

“If everyone followed these two simple crime prevention tips, we could make our city so much safer,” said Capt. Jeff Lowdermilk, Commander of the Southern Patrol Division. Approximately, 80% of vehicles that had items stolen from them were unlocked, according to an analysis of police reports. “This leads to increased opportunity for crime because the primary MO for these thieves is to walk through apartment and business parking lots and pull on vehicle door handles to determine if they are locked,” explained Lowdermilk. “And that brings me to the second important message on the signs-- report suspicious activity. We encourage people to call us if they think something is out of the ordinary.” The first **Lock It or Lose It** signs are being posted in two apartment complexes where theft has occurred.

Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes Highlights: Monday, October 6th, 2014

Submitted by Kerry Meyers

Stream Cleanup

Coordination of the Big Sweep (September) and Great American Cleanup (April) events with a local Boy Scout troop that has adopted a stream in the Sunset Hills neighborhood.

1706 Market Street re-zoning update

See report by Mike Pendergraft on p. 3.

Treasurer Report & Dues

See financial report on p. 19.

Should we have a neighborhood project?

Co-President Updates

Madison Ave closing, update from Kotis Properties: The two barriers are a requirement of Greensboro DOT. They would not allow just one. They are working on estimates for the turn around and the changing of all of parking. Regarding a timeline, the agreement with the city is to revisit the timeline in 6 months. The vegetation plan is part of this work and will be done along with the turn around. The vegetation plan has not been completed.

Running of the Balls

See p. 15

Garden Club Update

Culvert update – The City asked for bids but they are being held up by a glitch between city and state requirements for height. A few plant losses because of harsh winter, discussion about alternative plants, erosion in the stream area. There are currently two different signs in the park – “Greenway Park” and “Sunset Hills Park”. Voted to change the official park name of record to “Sunset Hills Park” – City of Greensboro will note this and replace the “Greenway Park” sign. See p. 18-19.

Elam Traffic/Pedestrian walk

See p. 4

Newsletter

Plans to publish some extra newsletters to distribute to College Hill residents.

This issue, and future issues, will feature neighborhood churches and their history.

Block Captains

We always need more help! Discussed having a “gratitude” event for the ones we have, and our need for more volunteers.



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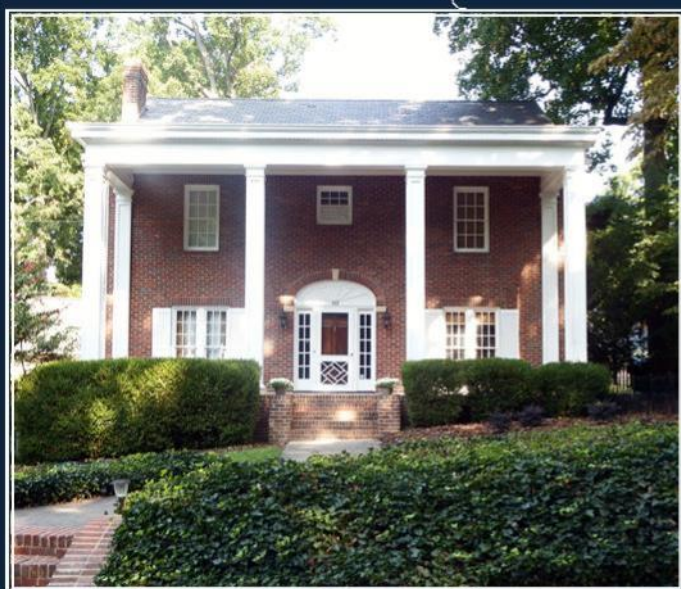
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Losing a Giant

By Melanie Rodenbough

Like many of you, we have been blessed on our Sunset Hills property with two giants – that is, two giant willow oaks, one in front and one in our back yard. We recently had to say good-bye to the one in back because it fell victim to disease. A few years ago, we noticed the canopy was shrinking and thinning. We called in the doctor – John Reilly, of JR Landscape and Trees – and he treated it two years ago. While that bought us some time, this year the signs were unmistakable that the tree was dying. The canopy was a shadow of its former self, with large dead limbs hanging over our roof.

The process and expense of taking down such a giant tree is not inconsequential. I don't recommend it if you don't absolutely have to. One neighbor said we won the (unhappy) prize of having the largest piece of equipment in our yard. The day it came down, I left for most of the day, unable to watch. I grieve the loss as one to our family as well as our property. We miss the shade and will miss it more next summer. We remember the sounds of children swinging from those mighty limbs in years past. Our backyard birds were silent for a full day after the roar of the saws stopped; thankfully, they have returned to our feeders but now have to find their perches in neighboring yards.

Our neighborhood trees are such an asset, as many of us realize now that Duke Energy threatens to desecrate and destroy them. In fact, while John was here, we had him prune and cut back the other Giant, the one in the front yard and on the side where the power lines run, hoping to please the Duke folks and keep our remaining giant oak healthy and beautiful. Time will tell.



Yard with willow oak.

Yard missing its willow oak.





Running of the balls

We here at Running with Horses Events wanted to take a minute to say thanks to all the folks who have helped make the annual Running of the Balls a huge success. It is without any exaggeration that we say we could not have done it without the folks in the Sunset Hills neighborhood. In two years, we've had over 4,000 participants, raising over \$40,000 for Second Harvest Food Bank. To help you understand how big an impact one night can make, Second Harvest Food Bank can provide 7 meals for each dollar it receives – this means we've been able to provide them with enough money to provide over a quarter of a million meals to people and families. People's lives are better today because of the silly fun that you enabled us to offer to folks outside of your great neighborhood.

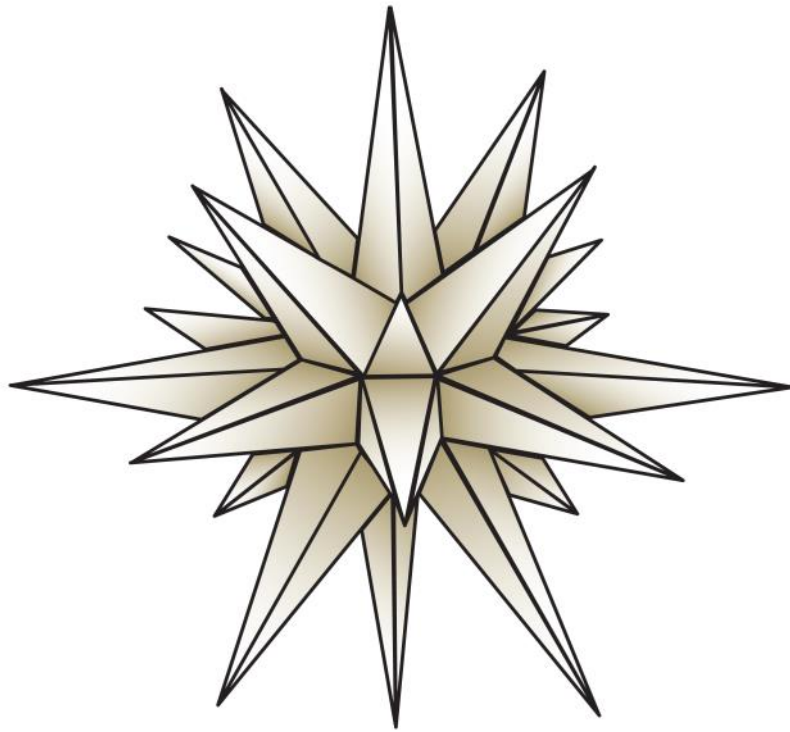
This years date is set for Saturday night, December 13th. We are maintaining the cap of 2,500 participants out of a desire to make sure that we are good neighbors and good stewards with the opportunity this race provides. Some other things to look forward to for the 2014 event include three great bands, a simplified course, more buskers and carolers along the course, and a bigger emphasis on food donations from the participants. Also, make sure to get a copy of the December issue of Runners World magazine where the race will be featured in its "Races and Places" section. This upcoming year, we will also give participants long sleeve T-shirts, The Running of the Balls website is up and running with registration open as well. As was the case last year, residents and sponsors have a separate discounted registration to make sure family and friends are guaranteed a spot in the race. The registration link for residents can be found at <https://rotb-residents.eventbrite.com>.

Residents and their guests are guaranteed registration in the event regardless of the status of non-resident registration.

There are opportunities for in-kind sponsors, financial sponsors, groups and volunteers to be a part of the race again this year. We've already had the folks from Alliance Urology and JA King step up and commit a total of \$7500 to our cause as sponsors in 2014. As a reminder, 100% of the financial sponsorships will go directly to Second Harvest Food Bank.

So, mark your calendars for **December 13, 2014** – it's going to be a great night for a great cause!

Sincerely, Nick Loflin and the RWH Gang
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Candle Tea

A Greensboro Christmas Tradition

Friday, December 5 2:00–9:00
Saturday, December 6 10:00–3:00

There is no charge.

*Join us to celebrate Christmas
in the tradition of Old Salem.*

First Moravian Church
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*candles made & trimmed... the tavern... music...
the Putz... Moravian stars... advent wreaths... crafts...
chicken pies... lovefeast buns... sugarcake...*

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History of the First Moravian Church and Announcing the 52nd Annual Candle Tea

By Randy Furches

Many residents in the Sunset Hills Community enjoy the chicken pies, music, period costumes, and other festive activities during the Candle Tea held at First Moravian Church the first weekend in December. But did you know the Moravian Church is part of the Old Salem community, having its origins in the New World as early as 1732? Or did you know that what is presently known as the Candle Tea “tavern” was the original church building? Read on to learn more about the history of our church and Candle Tea.

The Beginning

The Moravian Church is the oldest Protestant denomination and was founded by followers of John Hus in 1415 after his martyrdom in Prague. The next 300 years brought persecution and worshipping in secret. The remnant of Hus’ followers migrated from Moravia and assembled on a farm in Southern Germany in 1722 and began the first organized World Mission outreach.

Global Expansion

The Moravians’ first mission trip was to the New World – arriving on Saint Thomas Island in 1732 in an attempt to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to, and even attempt to free the slaves there. (Many of our members at First Moravian Church are Moravians from the Caribbean Islands.)

The Moravian missionaries’ next stop was Pennsylvania to evangelize the Indians. On one of these many Moravian mission voyages, their co-passengers were John and Charles Wesley. The brothers were so impressed with the faith of the Moravians in the providence of Christ during a terrific storm, the Wesleys returned to England and founded the Methodist Church.

North Carolina

A group of 15 Moravian missionaries hiked from Pennsylvania to North Carolina in 1753 and decided to buy a large plot of land from Lord Granville, founding Bethabara, Salem, and Bethania and secured the Moravians’ presence here in The North State. Also in 1753, Adam Spach came from Germany to buy 1000 acres of land and founded the Friedburg Moravian congregation in what is now southern Forsyth County.

In the early 1900’s the Moravian Church had established congregations in Salem and Winston and in the surrounding countryside. But then came our first endeavor in another major city.

Greensboro

By 1906 a number of Moravians had moved to Greensboro to work and live, and they expressed “much interest” in having a Moravian church there. In 1908 the Province purchased the former Grace Methodist Church on East Lee Street, and the Greensboro Moravian Church was formally organized by Bishop Edward Rondthaler.

In 1918 the congregation started a Sunday school on West Lee Street about a mile from the church on East Lee. A year later The Wachovia Moravian, the Province’s magazine, began to call the congregation the “First Moravian Church of Greensboro.” But the area surrounding First Moravian was considered to be “over-churched.” The congregation stagnated, then began to dwindle. Financial difficulties arose, and First Moravian’s future was in doubt. The congregation needed a true renewal.

Donald Conrad (1929-34) re-inspired the congregation with a number of new members.



Then George Higgins (1934-41) shepherded it to a new site on South Elam Avenue. The property was purchased in 1937, and a “hut” was built. The “hut” was supposed to be only a temporary place of worship for the congregation, but it was more than 10 years before ground was broken for the new sanctuary. Finally on April 3, 1949, First Moravian dedicated its new church.

The Candle Tea

We invite you to experience this rich history and attend the 52nd Annual Candle Tea at First Moravian Church on Friday December 5, 2014 (2:00pm to 8:00pm) and Saturday December 6, 2014 (10:00am to 3:00pm).

Begin in our Sanctuary at 304 S. Elam Avenue in Greensboro where you will enjoy beautiful music and talks on Moravian history.

Experience fragrant beeswax candles being made in our Candle Hut, and then move on to the New Fellowship Hall where you will find our Putz (a miniature Christmas scene filling the entire performance stage), ladies trimming candles, Moravian stars, pottery, advent wreaths, chicken pies with gravy, gingerbread and other Moravian baked goods, crafts, artists and other special finds.

A walk to our Candle Hut will show you how the traditional beeswax and tallow candles are still handmade, continuing hundreds of years of craftsmanship.

Our Tavern offers a moment from the past where you can enjoy a large fireplace, lively music, Moravian sweet coffee, lemonade and delicious Moravian sugar cake at no charge.

Enjoy the beauty of a live nativity and traditional Moravian Brass Band as well as a variety of seasonal music. Many say this Candle Tea is the beginning of their celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Please join us and make it a tradition for your family too!

What’s Happening at the Park?

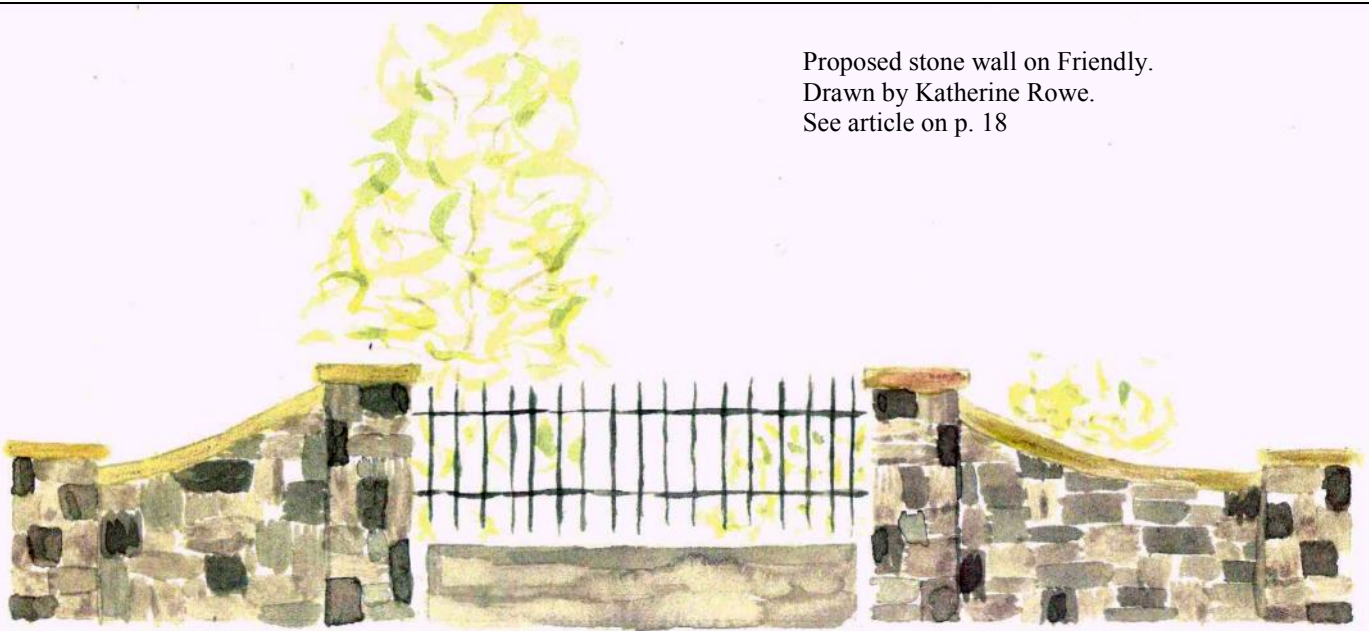
By Jackie Tanseer and Gerry Alfano

You may not have noticed, but the park that runs through Sunset Hills has undergone some additions and improvements, thanks to the Sunset Hills Garden Club. There will be further changes in the near future. The Sunset Hills Garden Club has been able to make the improvements with grants from Greensboro Beautiful and the City of Greensboro, as well as funds and volunteer help from the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association. We have bluebird houses in the park, as well as a Little Free Library next to the playground area in the section of the park between West Friendly and Rolling Road. The garden club has added plantings to that section of the park. In the upcoming year, the city will be installing an attractive rock wall to replace the silver metal railing above the culvert on West Friendly. Not long ago, that area was an eyesore and the rusted metal posts and chain were a safety hazard. The drawing, created by Sunset Hills’ own Katherine Rowe, is a sketch of the wall. (see page 19).

Recently, the park acquired an official name: Sunset Hills Park. When Jackie Tanseer was doing research for the Small Neighborhood Project proposal that will be covering the cost of the rock wall, she discovered that the park was referred to as Greenway Park as well as Sunset Hills Park. To minimize confusion, especially with the new greenway, it was suggested that the park be named Sunset Hills Park. With approval from the garden club and the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association Board, that will be the permanent name for the park.

The Sunset Hills Park, which runs from West Friendly Avenue to Berkley Place (one block south of West Market St.) has been a project of the Sunset Hills Garden Club for many years. The club has an Adopt-A-Park agreement with the City and has added planting beds over the years to enhance the beauty of the park. The park is a real asset for the neighborhood, providing an area for families to play and have picnics, as well as the site for numerous neighborhood events.

Proposed stone wall on Friendly.
 Drawn by Katherine Rowe.
 See article on p. 18



Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association
Financial report as of 10/1/2014

Beginning Balance 1/1/2014	\$5,655.81
Income	
Dues/Contributions, 295 households	3,205.00
Newsletter Ads	2,120.00
Pig pickin	420.00
Bank chg reimbursement	12.00
Total	\$11,412.81
Expenses	
Print Newsletters	1577.77
July 4th	643.41
National Night Out	296.88
Pig pickin	313.26
Administrative expenses	85.77
Total	\$2,917.09
Ending Balance	\$8,495.72

A Tale of Potter's Pickled Peppers

Update: The Potter Garden by *Carole Lindsey-Potter*

The garden has been a wonderful family journey, a learning experience with ups and downs. After planning, designing and building the raised beds, we got a late start planting in mid-June. We basically planted a wide variety of veggies, most of which we got for free from New Garden Gazebo. The plants took off immediately. Some did very well, particularly the Roma and cherry tomatoes and most varieties of the large tomatoes. The sweet peppers were prolific and the many varieties of hot peppers really thrived, pleasing my husband who loves hot foods. He enjoyed making our own Potter Hot Pepper Sauce which we are enjoying. I canned hot salsa and tomato sauce. This was my first experience canning but it won't be my last. Our cantaloupe vines were magnificent, but when we started traveling in September, they just fizzled out and we never got a melon. The onions, lettuce and spinach never developed. I should have separated the carrots but did not so they are not developing well. When we sit at our kitchen table on the second floor overlooking the garden, we enjoy the morning glories every morning. Next year we want to get an earlier start and really learn more about planting calendars. Meanwhile we will continue to enjoy our canning efforts and the peppers and tomatoes that we are still harvesting. (see photos on page 20))

Lindley Elementary - Your Neighborhood School: *A Wonderful Place to Learn and Grow!*

By Palmer McIntyre

Lindley Elementary provides a wonderful learning environment to more than 500 children, many from our neighborhood. As a true neighborhood school, there is a strong sense of community among families, with many children walking and riding their bicycles to school. We are fortunate to have such a good school choice in our neighborhood.

Even if you do not have children attending Lindley Elementary, there are many ways to support the school and help the success of our students. Here are a few ideas:

Become a Reading or a Math Buddy - we can connect you with a classroom teacher and you can make a big difference in someone's life by giving 30 minutes once or twice a week! Or be a **Lunch Buddy** and eat lunch once or twice a month with a student who would really benefit from some one-on-one time with an adult friend. Interested or want to find out more? Email lindleypta@gmail.com and we can get you started.

Be a Community Reader - On November 20, Lindley will celebrate literacy by inviting members of the community to come read a book with a class. You will help inspire a group of children to love books and reading. Interested? Email lindleypta@gmail.com.



Link Your Harris Teeter VIC Card – #2872 or ask for Lindley Elementary.

Collect Box Tops and Labels for Education – give these to a neighbor Lindley family or drop them off at the school office. These little scraps of paper and cardboard mean real dollars for our school!

Make a Gift to Lindley – Lindley's PTA is raising \$17,000 to help support technology improvements. As the second oldest school in Guilford County, our school is outdated in many ways! Your gift is fully tax deductible and you can contribute by check to Lindley PTA or as an online donation – see Lindley Elementary's homepage and click on Fun Run to be connected to our secure online

donation system.

Volunteer in our School Garden – With classes or to help with general maintenance and upkeep. Interested? Email lindleypta@gmail.com.

Vote YES on November 4 to Support Our School and Students - Lindley Elementary PTA joined many other Guilford County PTAs to endorse the proposal to increase our county sales tax by ¼ cent, to bring additional revenues into our schools. The increase—just 25 cents for every \$100 spent—will generate up to \$14 million each year for our schools and students. After years of massive cuts to education, the funds are much needed to keep teachers in our classrooms and to maintain school buildings. This tax will not apply to basic necessities, such as groceries, prescription drugs and gasoline. And 40% of the revenue will come from people who live outside of Guilford County.

Lindley Students Engaged in Service Learning

Last year, Lindley students raised more than \$5,000 to sponsor a well in South Sudan, inspired by a “One School, One Book” project. Students read **Long Walk to Water**, which tells the story of the Lost Boys of Sudan – boys ages 5-15, who walked more than 1,000 miles to escape civil war in their country, facing daily challenges of wild animals, rebel attacks, crossing rivers and hunger and thirst. Our school invited two Lost Boys who now live in Greensboro to visit Lindley to share their personal journey, and they embarked on their own personal journey, collectively logging 1,000 miles of walking around our school track. By raising \$5,000, our students know that they will bring clean water to a community in South Sudan that has none. This project meant a great deal to our students. The “Lindley Elementary Well” will be dug sometime between December and May!



How the Potters Garden Grew (see p. 19)

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC) Report

By Mike Pendergraft

Guest speakers at the October 9 GNC meeting: **Lane Harvey Brown**, Guilford County Schools Director of Volunteers, Partnerships & Grants, reviewed the purposes for which a proposed quarter-cent local sales tax increase is considered on the November 4th election ballot. School volunteer opportunities are available for persons of all skill and experience levels at any of Guilford County's 127 schools. The school system supports over 72,000 K-12 students. Contact Brown to inquire about volunteerism at 336-370-2342 or brown12@gsnc.com.

Linda Sutton, Central NC Organizer for Democracy NC, and Willie Taylor, Board member with the League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad, discussed voting rules passed by the NC Legislature and very recent changes to those rules. Whenever a Guilford County resident changes their place of residence they should update their address with the Guilford County Board of Elections, 301 West Market Street, P. O. Box 3427, Greensboro NC27402. The office is open 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Early voting is available October 23 through November 1 for the November 4, 2014 general election. Visit http://www.co.guilford.nc.us/elections_cms/forrequirements, sample ballots, early and regular voting locations, etc. or contact cfox@co.Guilford.nc.us or phone 336-641-3836. These organizations encourage every eligible voter to vote. They suggest watching a very informative YouTube video which reviews major changes in NC voting laws including voter registration, early voting, absentee voting, and Election Day voting at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8TgbI5UBj0&feature=youtu.be>.

Guest speakers at the September 13 meeting **Kevin Lundy**, Program Officer for Community Development at the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (CFGG), reviewed tri-annual opportunities to apply for Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) grants typically of \$300 to \$3K/year up to a maximum of \$5K/year. Eligible projects involve leadership development, community building activities, increasing technical competencies, wellness, health, and "green" projects, walkability projects, or youth, children and family projects within or among neighborhoods. BSN grants typically grant a total of \$30-\$40K/year among Greensboro neighborhoods. For assistance, grant guidelines, and grant applications contact Kevin Lundy, 379-9100, klundy@cfgg.org and visit www.cfgg.org. **Daniel Amstutz**, Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator with the City of Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT), reviewed two city programs. 1- Through the city Sidewalks Construction Program sidewalks are included into new road construction and new development projects. Residents may petition for residential sidewalks. Sidewalk construction priorities are for high speed streets, commercial properties, connectivity, high density/high use areas, filling walkable gaps between these areas, safety in high crash areas and geographic equity within the city. Over 45 miles of city sidewalks have been paved since 2006 and 54 miles of sidewalks currently are in the GDOT design process. Sidewalks are funded by city bonds and with federal transportation funds. Potential sidewalk areas are surveyed, designed, mapped, right-of-way acquired, and construction bids gained prior to construction. Recent city councils have committed to increased pedestrian access, mobility, and safety. 2- Through a Watch For Me NC statewide campaign, the city, A&T State University, UNCG, and the NC Department of Transportation received a grant to increase awareness of driving, pedestrian and bicycling safety. Drivers must always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. For more information visit WatchForMeNC.org.

Guest speaker at the, August 14, 2014: **Ellen Whitlock**, Executive Director of Senior Resources of Guilford reviewed a plethora of services available locally to all persons in Guilford County age 60 and over, regardless of income, as well as resources for caretakers of senior populations. Senior Resources of Guilford serves our diverse community of seniors and their families by advocating and providing supportive services to enhance the independence, health, and quality of life. Contact SeniorLine at 336-333-6981. Callers are directed to specialized assistance including housing resources, adult day care and respite services, in-home evaluation by social workers, transportation to/from medical appointments, home delivered meals, food assistance and nutrition information, noontime meals at nine Guilford County sites, free legal services, home repair programs, health/dental resources, depression screening, Telecare daily phone check-in guidance with Medicare insurance and prescription drug plans, assistance for caregivers of seniors, citizenship and English as a Second Language classes. Senior Resources also offers speakers for other organization meetings. Whitlock encourages GNC members to contact your state and federal legislators to urge additional financial support to meet the needs of the coming "boom" of senior populations. www.Senior-Resources-Guilford.org

SOONER than We THINK

The leaves are just starting to turn and fall from the trees, but it is not too long until we will be launching the Lighted Christmas Balls into our lovely trees.

We take this time to **thank** Anne and Jonathan Smith, and of course, the designer of the Lighted Christmas Balls, Allison Smith North. Our neighborhood is well known for cheering people up as they leave the Comprehensive Cancer Center and for collecting food for Greensboro Urban Ministry and other local food banks.



The Running of the Balls raises money for Second Harvest Food Bank and the canned good brought by the runners and watchers helps with the GUM food bank and other local food banks.

As Carl Phillips says, Great Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods.



HELP WANTED

The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association is in need of good males and females to assume some of the leadership positions needed to run the organization. On page 2 note that we have open positions for vice-president, Community Watch/block captain coordinator and play group chair. We can use some people on Saturday mornings to help the garden club in the park and we can use some strong folks to help get the newsletter moved from car to house and then we need lots of people to deliver the newsletter. Contact anyone listed on page 2 to express your interest.

NEWSLETTER

Once again we have new authors and photographers featured in this newsletter. We have follow up authors as well. We will have more of those so we can learn how projects turned out. We hope you enjoyed the articles and will be willing to write an article or story sometime in the future. You may submit something at any time to mrpsunset@gmail.com. It might be wise to make the subject NEWSLETTER.

WANTED Block Captains WANTED

Thanks to all who help to deliver the newsletters. Please help or continue helping. Contact Elaine Brune, bardsley-brune@triad.rr.com. 378-1990 to volunteer south of Market and Carl Phillips, cwpjr5524@aol.com north of Market.

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