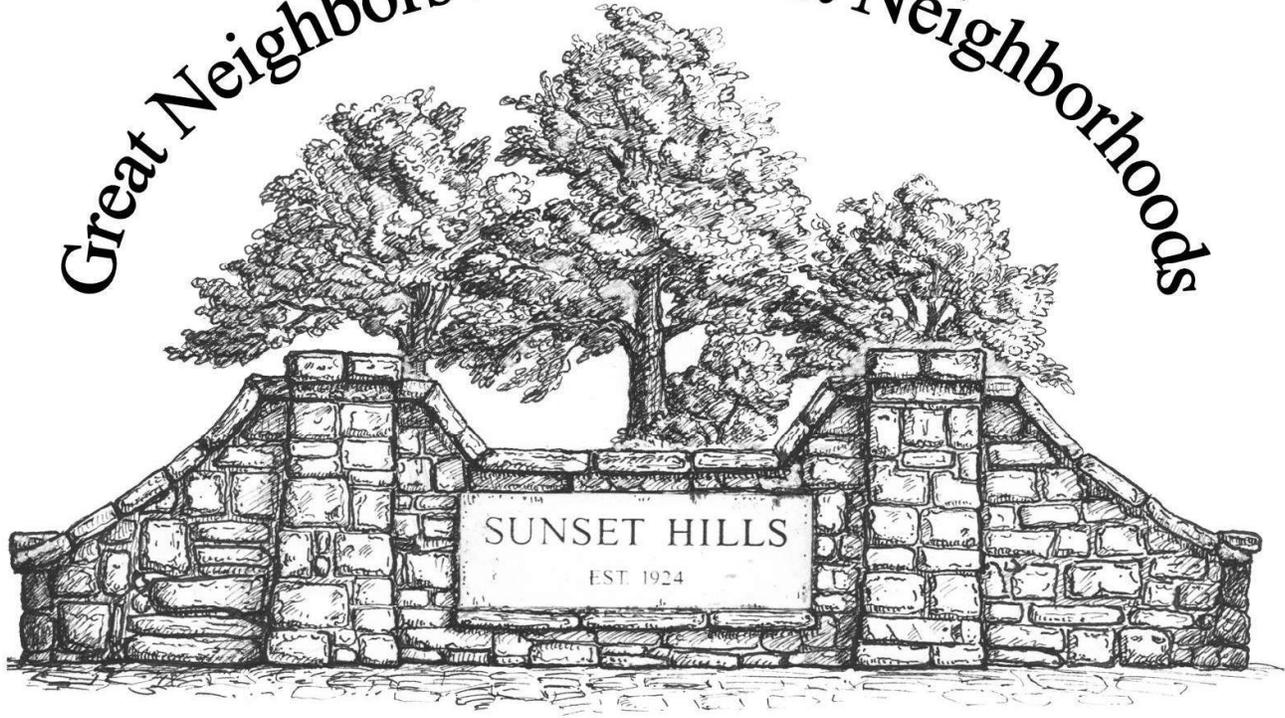


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Sunset Hills February 2021

Greensboro, North Carolina

Annual Neighborhood Events

January
 February
 March
 April
 Easter Egg Hunt
 Great American Clean-up
 May
 Annual Pig Pickin'
 June
 July
 July 4th Parade and Picnic
 August
 National Neighborhood Meeting
 September
 Big Sweet Potato Festival
 October
 Neighborhood Meeting
 Haloween Party in the Park
 November
 December
 Lighted Christmas Balls
 and Drive, Running of the Balls

Calendar for non covid 19 time

The President's Message

From Scott Michaels

There are so many things I love about living in Sunset Hills. For this edition of the newsletter, I want to focus on just one aspect: Sunset Hills is a pet lover's dream neighborhood.

Sunset Hills is so walkable and one of the joys is seeing so many people walking their dogs. We just lost our dog, Charlie. That's one of the reasons I'm thinking about all this. He was an old man of 15, but he still enjoyed short walks in the neighborhood.

I was always impressed with how courteous everyone was, even before the pandemic, to be sure to give dog walkers the appropriate space. The give-and-take between people out for a stroll, a run, or other dogwalkers has always been easy and considerate. We know how to share in this neighborhood. There are lots of people who we see and pass regularly whose names we don't know. However, we frequently know their dog's name!

I also don't want to leave out cats. We have a 16-year-old cat, Mr. Sloane, who watches life go by from our living-room window. He is strictly an indoor cat with no desire to go outside. But he appreciates watching others.

I love how the neighborhood values pets and how we all pull together during pet emergencies. The ListServ is a wonderful

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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>. If you are not on the new Google groups listserv send an email to Adam Graham-Squire (adam.grahamsquire@gmail.com) and you will be added. The listserv is monitored. 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 2021 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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tool for neighborhood communication. I prefer it to Nextdoor as it's strictly focused on Sunset Hills, and the moderators help keep the tone civil and the posts relevant. It's an invaluable tool when a pet is lost or found.

I'm always impressed by how fast people post on the ListServ when they find a pet running loose. I also appreciate how people frequently try to protect those loose pets by keeping them in their yards or houses until the owner is found.

We look after our furry friends here.

As I said, we lost our dog Charlie last week. I can't believe it, but we are exploring the possibility of adopting a new dog in a couple of days. The dog's owner passed away suddenly, and the dog needs a home fast, so we are going to meet him and see if he may be a good fit to join our little family. Mr. Sloane, our cat, has veto power, so I'm not sure if this will work yet...

This brings up two points I would like other pet lovers to remember. One is, please make provisions in your estate plans for your pets. We have. People need to know how to take care of your pets, just like any other dependent family member, should something unexpected happen.

And I also encourage you to adopt, not purchase, your pets. There are so many local pet rescue groups with pets that need homes. We usually adopt middle-aged pets. Part of the reason is selfish as they come already trained and housebroken. Another reason is that it's so much harder to place mature pets than cute little puppies and kittens. You may not have them for as long as a young pet, but the rewards are so great.



Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association Dues

January starts the new year for our dues payment. \$10 per household per year. These dues go to events in the neighborhood, our newsletters, and most importantly now, putting ~~it~~ back in the neighborhood. (read more about the tree reforestation project in this newsletter). Dues also allow you to post on our neighborhood list-serve where you can find, sell, or borrow items, report lost or found animals, etc.

Send or drop your payment off at Elaine Brune's house. 2504 Sylvan Road 27403. Make checks payable to Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association (SHNA). Or contactless at <http://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org/discussion.html>

Donations above the \$10 are greatly appreciated and allow us to expand our events and activities.

Please note we pay 59 cents to PayPal as a commission when paying contactless.

Elsewhere in this edition are the 169 members who have already paid the dues. Thanks and thanks for the neighbors who gave us a donation as well.



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WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Submitted by Mary Schwartz

The Greensboro Police Department [when fully staffed] is comprised of 674 sworn law enforcement officers and 113 non-sworn employees. The department is made up of five major components: Office of the Chief of Police, Investigative Bureau, Management Bureau, Patrol Bureau, and Support Bureau. The department's 787 authorized personnel are assigned within 14 separate divisions. A full range of law enforcement services is provided through the various components of the Police Department.

(<https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/police/about-gpd/how-gpd-is-organized>).

This sounds like a lot of employees, but it's important to remember not all are actually out in the patrol cars keeping us safe. The job is massive, and the department protects a population of 294,722 people in an area of 133.9 square miles. Officers patrol 1,040 miles of paved streets.

(<https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/home/showdocument?id=43315>).

It's fair to say police can't be everywhere at every moment. **While they've been sworn to serve and protect, we, as citizens, have the responsibility to be their "eyes" when the police aren't here. THIS is the value of a Community Watch because the residents are watching and reporting.**

There are 2 types of reports:

EMERGENCY:

Call 9-1-1. This is for an emergency such as a crime-in-progress, fire, and/or medical emergencies. If criminal or suspicious activity is happening at the moment, or has just happened, it's imperative to call police and get them on the scene as fast as possible. The quicker you call, the more likely it is they will apprehend the suspect.

NON-EMERGENCY:

For reporting a crime or criminal activity that has already happened or incidents that are not an emergency. These are calls where police will respond as time allows. Give as much detail as possible. A call-back number will enable them to call you back for more information or for follow-up to your report.

1. Call the police non-emergency number (**336-373-2222**) or
2. File a report online using the Greensboro P2C website (<http://p2c.greensboro-nc.gov/main.aspx>) This website was launched in December, 2005 for citizens of Greensboro to find police information about criminal incidents or report such incidents. Using this website, citizens can
 - Report non-emergency crimes
 - Retrieve and print incident and accident reports from the Web
 - Map and view information about recent activities and arrests
 - Review a daily bulletin of recent events
 - View an active list of GPD wanted individuals

A CRIME YOU CAN PREVENT

This is a crime citizens can easily help prevent by locking cars and leaving nothing of value inside.

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LOSE IT

PLEASE SECURE YOUR VEHICLE
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2723

Reported Larceny From Auto Cases
As of December 11, 2020, there have been 4% more auto thefts when compared to the 5 year average which is 2253.

PLEASE HELP US WIN THIS FIGHT...LOCK YOUR CARS

Options for Used Strings of Christmas lights

These ideas were collected from the listserv mail messages and from John Kelly. John Kelly does indeed use the old strings of lights and you may also.

From John:

"I would love to get the ends (wire cut from male and female outlet back to the first light)." So part of each string can be used and the rest can be recycled.

Some things to consider before recycling your strings of lights:

- If two strings are out, plug in each string separately to make sure you don't have a bad fuse.
- Check the fuse; ; it's cheaper to replace the fuse than the string. (The fuses with spare "bulbs" are in the original light box.)
- Buy replacement lights the day after Christmas at 50-75% off.
- Buy replacement lights the day after Halloween, hardware stores have purple and orange lights that will be 50-75% off.
- Mix colors when one string goes out, blue and white...red and white...multi and green. It doesn't have to be exact and it adds a cool variety to the mix.
- Save your string using a cheap plastic wire spool from Lowe's.
- Advanced technique - Save the ends from the strings and make your own light weight cheap extension cords using 18/2 thin black wire and splice in the cut ends. Much lighter than heavy drop cords and visually blend into trees better.

Now having exhausted the options for extending the life of your strings, here are ideas on how to recycle them.

- 1) The "GSO Collects" app has trash and recycle schedules and other good info. —It also has a place to search for an item to find out which can it goes in or whether it should go elsewhere. According to the app, Christmas lights are considered electronic waste and should not go in the green can or the brown can. I always take them to Patterson St. (address below), but love hearing that there are alternatives.
- 2) We had many strings of the 100 count mini Christmas lights that were not working and had to be replaced before the LCB season. I could not bear to put them in the city trash and learned that Reconsidered Goods (see address below) will take them and give to a recycler. The recycler then takes them and separates the metal from the rest.
- 3) Christmas lights can be recycled at the household waste site on Patterson Ave (address below) or there is a commercial metal recycling center on S. Elm/Eugene near the GSO City Emergency Services Center. Maybe next season we can have bins to collect these lights so they do not go to the landfill?

Reconsidered Goods 4118 Spring Garden St.

Ecoflo/ Greensboro Household hazardous waste 2750 Patterson St. check hours as they change.

<https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/field-operations/recycle/gso-collects>

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Grimsley/Kiser Cross-Country Trail

By Roger Bardsley

Generations of cross-country runners at Grimsley High School and Kiser Middle School have trained and competed on a short but pretty trail in a natural area that lies between Wendover Avenue and the school campuses. Everyone who has driven Wendover has passed this forested property, lined with a dilapidated chain link fence. On the trail you can hear the traffic, but the forest environment and the stream can let you get away from the city for a few minutes.

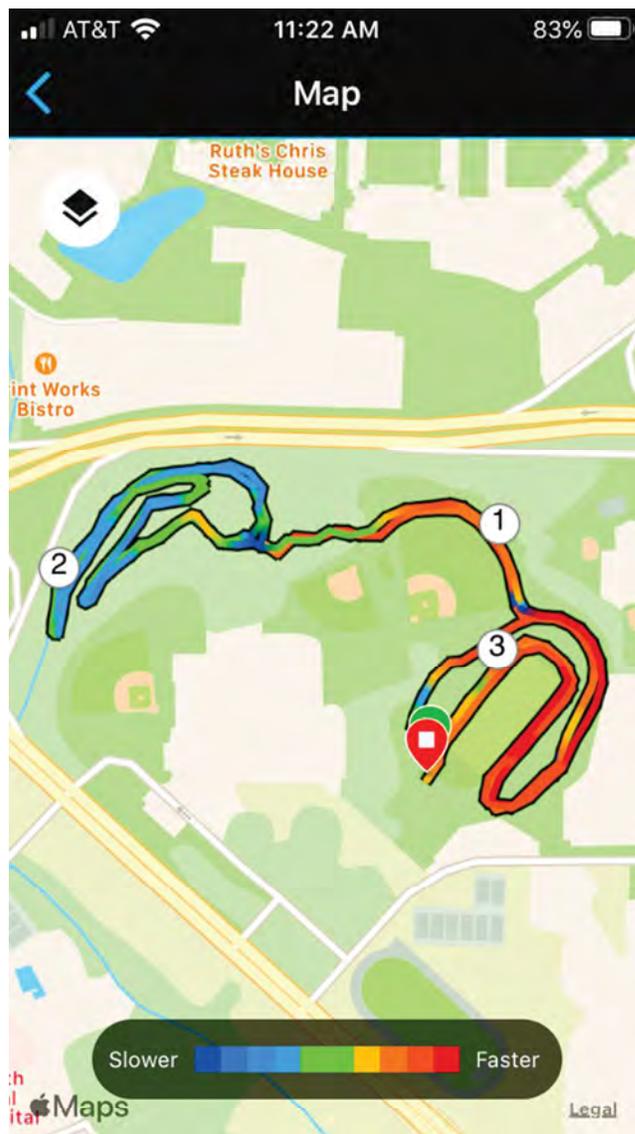
My daughter and several of my exchange daughters ran cross-country on this trail. Luise Hoffmann, 2005-2006, was even MVP that season. I had no idea that the trail had essentially been abandoned seven or eight years ago, at least by the cross-country team. I am not sure why this happened, but suspect that lack of maintenance eventually made it unsuitable for meets.

Enter Jessica Oberlies, a senior who lives in Westerwood. Jessica heard about the trail and decided to restore it as an IB project. She started by enlisting her Girl Scout leader, Palmer McIntyre, who invited me to help. Jessica recruited many friends from Grimsley to widen the trail to its original dimensions and cover the tread with mulch. She also raised money to replace the two wood bridges on the trail that were badly deteriorated. She now intends to put gravel on some areas that have been consistently muddy in our current wet weather.

The trail is now six feet in width (suitable for meets) and generally in good condition. It can be accessed from the Kiser end (go left from the main entrance to the end of the parking lot), or from the Grimsley end (go in past Brooks Global Elementary from Josephine Boyd Blvd. and walk behind the baseball field).

For history buffs, a portion of the trail follows an old roadbed and crosses an arched bridge over the stream that is made of granite blocks.

I have been very impressed with Jessica's initiative to restore this gem and contribute to the Grimsley/Kiser story.





Building a Passion for Plants and Birds

By Cindy Ramsay

This past year has forced many to slow down and stay home. One of the silver linings I have experienced by being home is the ability to watch visitors at my bird feeders. I have always had an interest and a slight fear of birds, but this year I have dedicated time to identifying what birds visit my feeders and planting plants that can bring even more birds to my yard. I am curious how the species of birds change throughout the year and over time with the changing climate. Some tools I have found helpful in this journey is the NC Botanical Garden, The Audubon Society and The Cornell Lab. The NC Botanical Garden released a podcast called Plant Power that discusses how plants have a role in climate change; all 7 episodes are interesting and enlightening. The Audubon Society has a great deal of resources for any nature lover. One that stood out to me is their Survival by Degrees tool. This tool allows you to enter in your zip code and see which birds in your area are most vulnerable to climate change. It also explains how you can help those birds be as productive as possible to help their survival. I am planning to join a citizen science project to help with collecting data on the birds in our area. The Cornell Lab has many projects like The Great Backyard Bird Count that happens in February and Project FeederWatch that goes through the winter. I urge neighbors to join me in learning more about the birds in our neighborhood and contributing to science. This is a great project for people of all ages, so be sure to include children in your learning. As always, share with us what you discover.

Here are links to the websites mentioned:

<https://ncbg.unc.edu/about/newsroom/plant-power-podcast/>

<https://www.audubon.org/climate/survivalbydegrees>

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/citizenscience>



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Have you used the GSO Collects app?

By Cindy Ramsay

This app is a great resource for the community.

Personally, I have used this app to report missing stop signs, the broken stone wall at the entrance of Sunset Hills and large potholes. The response is speedy and helpful.

Download the app so you can report issues to the city and stay on top of trash collection.

Features include:

1. Collection day reminders that automatically adjust to holidays and inclement weather.
2. A Waste Wizard search engine you can use to find out what goes where.
3. Broken trash cart? Pothole? Streetlight out? Report that through the app and skip waiting on hold to speak to someone.



GSO Collects

As your friendly neighborhood Social Event Chairs, we are excited to share that we have started a campaign to help welcome our new neighbors. In December, we delivered over 40 welcome packets which included a welcome letter, a Sunset Hills koozie, and instructions on how to create our beloved holiday balls to all of our neighbors new to Sunset Hills in 2020. If we missed you and you'd like one, feel free to reach out to one of us to snag these popular resident koozies! If you are not new but want a koozie they are available for a small fee of \$3.

Looking forward to more social events in 2021. If you have an idea for a social event we welcome any suggestions!

Leah McCoy & Sarah Purcell

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What Does 2021 Have in Store for the Housing Market?

Contributed by Leslie Stainback

The housing market was a bright spot in the year 2020, fueling the economic turnaround throughout the country. Right now, everyone wants to know if real estate will continue to show so much promise! Last year home values increased by 8.2% nationally. This dramatic rise came from a unique situation: inventory was at historic lows while demand was high, driven by record low mortgage rates. Will this trend continue?

Experts are predicting that while mortgage rates may rise modestly, they will continue to be historically favorable. There is also the feeling that as more millennials flood the market and begin buying homes as well as buyers who want to take advantage of the low rates to move, demand for inventory will remain high.

Many homeowners are concerned that our country will have another housing crisis similar to 2006-2008. There is relatively low concern for the bubble to burst because today many homeowners have a tremendous amount of equity in their homes, which differed greatly from the early 2000's. Increased equity means more options for homeowners who may be experiencing financial issues. According to economist Odeta Kushi, "With enough equity, a homeowner has the option of selling their home, or tapping into their equity through a refinance, to help weather economic shock."

According to the Triad Multiple Listing Service, the current number of homes for sale in Greensboro as of December 31, 2020 was 454. At the same time in 2019, that number stood at 726. In Sunset Hills only five homes were listed as of Dec 31, 2020, whereas the same time in 2019 there were ten. We are entering 2021 with approximately 272 fewer homes for sale in Greensboro than there were last year, and half the available homes for sale in our neighborhood. The Sunset Hills housing market is prime for sellers right now!

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Styrofoam Recycling has arrived in Greensboro!

By Erin Reis

Thanks to the hard work of four local nonprofits, Styrofoam recycling is now happening in Greensboro! Emerging Ecology, Environmental Stewardship Greensboro, Greensboro Beautiful and Tiny House Development worked together to bring a Styrofoam densification machine to the Tiny House Development workshop and warehouse. If you have #6 polystyrene foam to be recycled, please DO NOT put it in your brown recycling bin that is picked up by the city. Instead, bring it to the two drop-off bins located behind the Tiny House's facility, located at 1310 West Gate City Blvd, available 24/7. Teri Hammer, a Sunset Hills Environmental Affairs Committee member, is also working on getting some drop-off bins at a closer location. We will let you know when these bins are available.

The following #6 polystyrene foam materials are accepted:

- clean food service containers – to-go cups and takeout boxes
- egg cartons
- coolers
- packaging materials used for shipping fragile products (but NO packing peanuts)

The following are NOT accepted for recycling at this time:

- foam sheet packaging
- packing peanuts
- labels and tape – please remove from Styrofoam prior to drop off

Volunteers and staff will collect the material and feed it into the RecycleTech XT200E machine, which pulverizes, heats and extrudes the raw material. Volunteers then shape that material into ingots, which take up a small fraction of the space of the original material. These ingots will be sent to manufacturers that will grind and heat the material and mix it with additives. The finished material can be used for picture frames, molding and other building materials, and can be recycled again and again.

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1310 W. Gate City Blvd.

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To-Go Containers



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For more information, please visit: www.emergingecology.org/nofoam



Styrofoam is used frequently in food service takeout, which has increased during the pandemic, and it plays an important role in shipping fragile products or those that require controlled temperatures. But until November 12, 2020, when Styrofoam recycling started in Greensboro, the typically single-use material was considered trash. Although the foam is very light, it takes up considerable space in collection trucks and landfills and deteriorates very slowly. The filling up of landfills has become a concern as overseas locations are resistant to taking material from the United States. The State of North Carolina only has room for about 40 more years' worth of refuse in its currently licensed landfills, and few localities want new facilities in their backyards. And since polystyrene is made from petrochemicals, reducing the amount of hydrocarbon used to make it by recycling has conservation benefits as well.

More background information about Greensboro's Styrofoam recycling project and ways to provide additional donations or volunteer can be found at www.EmergingEcology.org/NoFoam.

Update from Environmental Affairs Committee

The Environmental Affairs Committee has decided to partner with a local nonprofit, Emerging Ecology, which is leading an initiative this spring called Enlivening Neighborhoods. The program provides a unique framework for groups that want to work together on ecological projects, based on an internationally recognized method of community development. The program relies on four foundational pillars:



Styrofoam Densified Foam

planning and implementing projects in Sunset Hills. We hope you will decide to join us!

- ◎ **Facilitated** – the process elicits ideas rather than prescribing solutions
- ◎ **Ecological** – the deliberations recognize the full range of interactions among people and nature in a neighborhood
- ◎ **Comprehensive** – the proposed actions create impact beyond any single issue
- ◎ **Cooperative** – the project engages and includes everyone rather than creating competition among groups.

Sunset Hills residents who are interested in participating should contact Erin at erin.reis.1@gmail.com for more information. Our first session, which will be a neighborhood walkabout followed by a Zoom meeting, is currently scheduled for February 20. We need 8-12 participants for the program to be most successful. This will kick off a series of workshops engaging residents in



Styrofoam volunteers in action

Shine the Light on Hunger ANYWAY

The Lighted Christmas Balls were visible in Sunset Hills again this holiday season and people drove through and contributed to the food trailer. Residents were not going to let COVID-19 keep the lights from shining. Visitors were equally determined to drive through the neighborhood looking at the lights and bringing donations of non-perishable food.

From an article written by Anne and Jonathan Smith and shared in the *Smith Partners Wealth Management* newsletter:

When the trailer filled up, volunteers showed up, boxed the food, and hauled it off to food banks. The filling and boxing up and hauling off kept on happening all through December and into the New Year. In all, 27,426 pounds of food were collected, 80% more than last year! Amazing.

Last year, the “Running of the Balls 5-k-ish” race through the neighborhood had 4,500 runners and walkers. This year, with outside gatherings of more than 25 persons banned by the Governor, the chance of holding the 9th Annual Running of the Balls was nothing short of doomed. That’s when the spark of brilliance hit the run’s founders, Nick and Kristen Loflin: they said, “Let’s have an imaginary race to benefit real people.” They dubbed this year’s race “The Greatest No-k(ish) in the History of the World.”

The idea took off like wildfire. Two thousand five hundred participants ended up giving more than all the sponsors combined: sponsors gave \$22,500, and runners gave \$23,500. Many folks didn’t even pick up their race shirts, making the Loflins think the runners were only in it for the giving.

“2,500 is about 2,499 more than I thought would attend, counting myself,” said Nick.

Altogether, this year the food and the dollars turned into 570,218 nutritious meals for hungry folks. It all goes back to our neighbor Marlene’s suggestion, fourteen years ago, to have a food drive. Since then, \$572,658.16 in contributions and race proceeds and 78.6 tons of food turned into 4,007,802 meals for those who need them most. Thanks for letting us be a part of it.

Creating & Nurturing Meaningful Relationships

By Sarah DeYoung
Greensboro New School

Now, more than ever, we understand the importance of relationships. We have relationships with people, but also with the world around us, including the natural world, the political world, the material world, and the institutions and places that are a part of our everyday lives. We fit into relationships, and relationships fit into our identity. Our world flipped upside down last year when the COVID-19 pandemic came our way and so many of our relationships changed seemingly overnight. We changed the way we shopped, sometimes we changed where we worked, we rearranged our homes. Schools closed and children began learning virtually; our social events were either cancelled or were very different from just a few short months earlier.

At Greensboro New School we value and treasure all relationships, especially the relationships between people and children's relationships with the world around them. Meaningful relationships are undeniably important in a child's educational journey. We have helped to build many relationships since we opened in 2012. Our classes are small, which allows teachers and children to truly learn from each other and form strong relationships. Children crave relationships, and their intrinsic motivation to learn more about other people and the physical world around them is encouraged.



At Greensboro New School children are encouraged to experiment and explore different materials. Getting their hands dirty and opening their minds is the best way for them to learn. Disagreements may happen when another person doesn't think like you, doesn't have the same values as you, and that's ok. We teach children how to communicate with each other to make interpersonal relationships stronger. The world may be a better place if more people were taught this important, and often difficult, skill during their childhood years.

Think about how you have helped a child in your life learn about how they fit into the world and nurture their relationships. Did you answer lots of questions? Did you read them books about other cultures? Did you go on a trip to a new city, state, or country? Did you take them on walks in the woods and ask them to look, listen, smell, and explore nature? At Greensboro New School we focus on emergent learning by allowing children's interests to guide us: we learn about different cultures, we learn Hindi from a native speaker, and we explore the neighborhood community by going on walks and speaking with our neighbors.

The world is an amazing place, with so much to explore, and so many interesting people to meet! We encourage you to learn about a new culture or a new topic, either alone, with a friend, or with a child in your life. As we navigate this pandemic together, let's focus on making our relationships stronger and building more meaningful relationships with people, nature, and ourselves.



Greensboro New School is happy to announce that we are now enrolling children 2.5-5 years old for the 2021-2022 school year.

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Gingerbread Houses 2020

By Betty Arms

Here are photos of the 2020 gingerbread house constructing. It was a family project with each person making a house. The different elevations were created with Styrofoam and the trees are made of upside down ice cream cones. Family members ranged in age from 28 to 68.



Due to Covid restrictions we decided to share our last two gingerbread creations in our front yard on a sunny Saturday afternoon before Christmas. Folks from the neighborhood dropped by with children and grandchildren to chat and enjoy the gingerbread houses.



Do you think you have observed all there is in Sunset Hills? There will be changes this spring.

What kind of changes you may ask? There are many options, but options are limited at this time. This particular change has been discussed at least one year and the research and contacting took time and effort on the part of some board members.

So keep your senses tuned as you go about the neighborhood and maybe you will be the first to send a message to the listserv specifying what you noticed.

Easter 2021

Spring is on its way and Easter is a celebration many of us look forward to every year. This year Sunset Hills will invite the Easter bunny to our neighborhood for another bike ride. The bunny told us how much fun it was to see neighbors lined up on his bike route and would love to do it again. We also invite neighbors to place a colored egg in their window or on their doors for children of all ages to hunt for eggs in the neighborhood. Another craft that would be fun, is to paint some rocks and place them around the park. Keep an eye out on the list serv for more information on these fun activities as Easter approaches.



Tradesperson List

Type	Name	Phone	Recommended by:	Date Added
Air duct cleaning	Restoworx, Rodney Hemric	509-0311	Randy Yardley	6/29/2017
Alarm System	AAA Protection, Inc., Greg	299-1909	Judy and Paul Walmsley	2/22/2014
Alarm System	ADT	877-473-9434	Michael Cooke	2/19/2014
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Yard Maintenance	Reid King	404-7465	Scott Michaels	6/25/2015
Yard Maintenance	Reid King	404-7465	Betty Smith	10/9/2013
Yard Maintenance	Seth Lucas	380-2138	Tricia Webb	8/11/2011
Yard Maintenance	Tom and Lane Sibley	855-6540	Helen Phillips	3/18/2012
Yard Maintenance	Tom and Lane Sibley	tesibleygso@gmail.com	Peggy Byrd	3/18/2012
Yard Maintenance	Turf Solutions, Dan Molloy	451-5473	Elizabeth Wanek	3/29/2010
Yard Maintenance	Wayne Austin	339-2136	Tricia Webb	2/27/2008

A few years ago, Sunset Hills had a tradesperson list where neighbors could find recommendations for all sorts of tradespersons: plumbing, roofing, landscaping, you name it, the list had it! Due to a number of factors, the list was not being updated very frequently, and was eventually taken down from the neighborhood website. We are happy to announce that we will now be reconstituting the tradespersons list, once again, for all to enjoy! The list can be found at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fKtvxh_rLRGxzVNr9a-hBkTiIyoywZE/view?usp=sharing

This is a Google doc, so anyone can read it (to get suggestions) and/or add your own recommendations for contractors and tradespersons. Julia Bleakney has graciously offered to host the document and take care of it, and any questions, concerns or suggestions should be brought to her attention (juliobleakney@gmail.com). She has already added the tradespersons from the previous list, although the hyperlinks did not transfer. --Please feel free to add hyperlinks to websites for your favorite tradespersons, if you feel comfortable doing such a thing! We plan to have a link to the tradespersons document on the neighborhood website as well. If you are interested in using the document, here are some rules to make sure we can all enjoy this service:

1. Please only put good reviews so we can keep it positive. If the tradesperson you want to recommend is already listed, feel free to add your name as an additional recommender in column E.
2. If you see a listing that needs to be removed and you're comfortable doing so in Google sheets, feel free to delete. If you're unsure how to delete, write a note in column F (comments) and Julia will delete periodically.
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The Sunset Hills Entrance Wall

By Roger Bardsley and Elaine Brune

Everyone has seen our entrance wall at Overlook and Friendly Avenue, and, of course, it is on the masthead of every Sunset Hills Newsletter. Not everyone knows the history of the Wall, and we would like to add to the story.

The Early Days

Sunset Hills was a planned development during the early days of suburban expansion after World War I. The combination of the streetcar and the automobile allowed families in Greensboro to move further from downtown than the original neighborhoods that were within walking distance of the commercial center. Sadly, the close-in neighborhoods were largely demolished in the name of progress, leaving the next ring of housing, such as Sunset Hills, Lindley Park, Lake Daniel, Irving Park and Westerwood to provide convenient housing.

But, I digress. When Sunset Hills was laid out in the 1920s the developer built an entrance wall to make a statement that I would translate as “You are home now”, signifying that past this sign you are in a community with people who can be your friends and neighbors. Other developers did the same thing and continue to do so today. Sure, it is a marketing ploy but now, 80 years later, it still works.

The Later Days

We have not been able to find a picture of the original wall, but hope that someone can contribute one. Apparently, the original wall had fallen into disrepair and in 1998 the city hired Neal Coltrane to restore and improve it. Elaine interviewed Neal for this story. He related that in 1998, he and his partner, Richard Fields (now deceased), were hired by the city to build a new and better wall. First of all, they discovered that the developer had skimmed on the design and did not put a footing under the wall (are we surprised?). Eleven yards of concrete later they were ready to build. Next, they had to go to Arkansas to get granite to match what had originally been used. The result is what we all think of as our neighborhood logo.

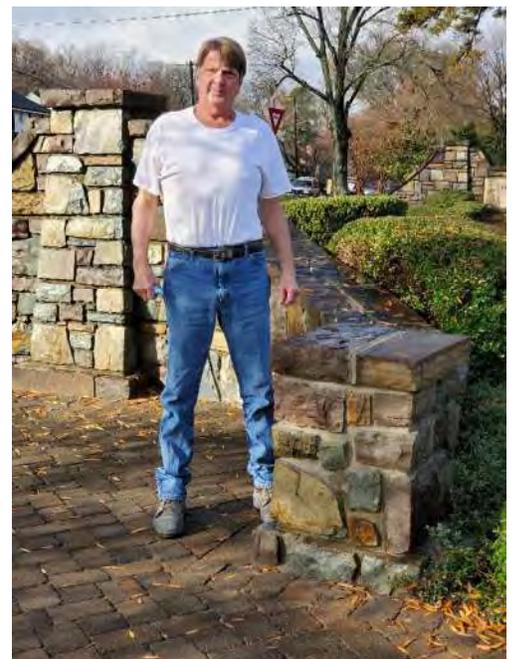
Today

Last year, however, someone crashed into the wall, causing minor, but visible damage. Board members, especially Elaine, tracked Neal down through Scott Harkey, a former



HOA co-president. Neal was delighted to repair the the wall and did so at a very reasonable price. Elaine paid him using Sunset Hills dues funds. So, if you wonder how your \$10 dues are being spent, this is a great example.

We hope that no one else runs into the wall, but considering it is on a major road, the chances are that there will be another accident. If so, we hope that Neal is available to make the repairs.



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February 2021 Treasurer Report - Membership List

By Elaine Brune

Below are the households that have paid their 2021 dues already. Thank you. Names in bold and with a * are those who made a contribution above the \$10 dues. We give them an extra applause for the generosity. Dues are for January through December of each year. \$10 per household. These funds go to the many activities in the neighborhood and for the tree reforestation program. Please join these neighbors. Information about how to pay is on page 3.

Thanks to all our neighbors who have paid their dues.

Elaine 336 601 5719

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A Neighborly Act of Kindness: Special COVID 19 Project by a Sunset Hills Small Business Owner

Editor's note: the deadline for pitching in to buy the grandparent gift will have passed before the newsletter is delivered. The idea is presented here as another example of how people are coping with our situation and trying to help others.

I have news about my local business. As Sales Director of my Mary Kay Unit, I am heading up another Special project.

As you know our seniors are so very isolated and more lonely than ever with zero visitation allowed. My heart goes out to them so this idea came to me.

This one is "Adopt a Grandparent" for Valentine's. We will be donating Mint Bliss Energizing Foot and Leg lotion to the residents of Carolina Pines (nursing home) here in Greensboro. There are 85 Residents in this neighborhood facility. A donation of \$11 will insure that a resident will receive full size lotion, footies, candy and a personal message.

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