

Sunset Hills Newsletter

Great Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods

April 2022

A Letter from the President

written by Scott Michaels

Happy Spring to all my neighbors in Sunset Hills. It's almost time for the azaleas and dogwoods to bloom and for us to put another winter behind us.

The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association Board of Directors has been busy working on lots of new ideas to improve our special part of Greensboro. We are now meeting monthly, and the committees are meeting between overall board meetings.

We are planning our next full neighborhood meeting on Monday, April 25th, at 6:30 p.m. We will be doing this meeting via Zoom again as our last Zoom meeting had the highest attendance of any previous meeting.

The link is shared in the newsletter (see page 26) and sent out again via the ListServ when we are closer to the date. Our plan, as of now, is to invite City of Greensboro representatives to discuss traffic issues in Sunset Hills and to have a crime update from the Greensboro Police Department. All the Committee chairs will also report on the exciting things they have been working on, and there are some exciting things coming.

I don't want to be premature or steal anyone's thunder, so details will be forthcoming at the meeting. I will say the Environmental Affairs Committee and others have been focused on improvements to both our neighborhood parks. I look forward to their update at the meeting. *(cont. on page 3)*

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Also, the Sunset Hills Centennial is coming up very quickly. Lots of ideas are being considered by the Centennial Committee to celebrate this milestone. Details will be announced soon as plans are finalized.

There is so much energy on the Board. Having been on the Board for several years, I can say this is the most active group we have ever had working to celebrate and improve our neighborhood. We are always happy for other neighbors to join the committees and I encourage you to contact the committee chairs, as listed in this newsletter, if you want to volunteer to join us.

Thanks to all the neighbors who have shared ideas and concerns with the committees, the board and via the ListServ. We are listening! Please keep reaching out to us

as it is sometimes easier to get action on a topic when the concern is officially expressed by the Board.

Also coming soon will be more information on the Participatory Budget Process. Neighbors will have the chance to vote on projects that would benefit our City Council District and the projects with the highest vote totals will be considered for implementation by the City of Greensboro. The budget limit is \$100,000 and the entire district- not just Sunset Hills- will vote on potential projects. Please keep an eye on this newsletter and the ListServ as we will share more about the projects as the process moves along.

Next up is the Sunset Hills Easter Egg Hunt! The plan this year is to have a social immediately following the hunt so we can include more neighbors. As the weather improves, lots more events will be coming soon. I hope to see you there!●



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Carl's Bench

A tribute to a founding member of the Sunset Hills Neighborhood and an overview of his lasting impact.

written by Carl Phillips

I can't begin to find the words to express my gratitude and sincere thanks for honoring me with a bench in the park. Being part of this incredible neighborhood, and watching it grow into the envy of Greensboro is an honor in itself. Helen and I moved into Sunset Hills in 1999 after deciding to downsize and to make sure our daughter was in the Grimsley school district.

Shortly after moving, I was complaining to some church friends / Sunset Hills neighbors, that I was shocked there was no formal neighborhood association. A few days after that complaint a box showed up on my doorstep with Sunset Hills board meeting notes from the 1950's. Note to self: Be careful what you complain about.



In our previous neighborhood I was an active member and helped organize a petition to block Jefferson Pilot from building another mall on the old JP country club property located on New Garden road. With that success, I decided to follow that same pattern to try and reenergize Sunset Hills neighborhood association.

It started with a very simple one page newsletter that I forced my kids into helping me deliver to 844 homes in the area. The big ask (more like beg) in the newsletter was to get neighbors to join the email listserv, hosted by Yahoo at the time. I think it took four or five newsletters before we started getting a good number of neighbors to join the listserv. My intent was to have an easy way to ask folks to be involved, but its real purpose was to have a conduit where neighbors could help neighbors.

“Note to self...Be careful what you complain about.”

I look back on all this and am in awe at how incredible my Sunset Hills neighbors are. I think of Michael Driver who helped expand the listserv to Google, Marlene Pratto and her team who have grown the newsletter into a money making source of pride, JoAnn Strack who helped focus us on the treasures of Sunset Hills, our trees and everyone who has and is serving on the Sunset Hills board which has now grown to 20 plus people. And how about the Jonathan Smith family (Mr. and Mrs. Christmas Balls) and what they have done to focus the country on what a neighborhood can do when we come together for a cause.

So I am truly honored to be recognized, but my real honor is to be able to call Sunset Hills my neighborhood. As you know, “great neighbors make great neighborhoods!” ●

Sunset Hills Environmental Affairs (SHEA) Update

An update on SHEA activities and a few tips for making a positive impact on your natural environment.

written by Erin Reis

The Stewards of Sunset Hills, which is a subgroup of SHEA focusing on the natural environment, have been discussing ways to rehabilitate Sunset Hills Park for the past year. The Stewards view the Park as a place to celebrate the natural beauty of the neighborhood, its tree canopy, and native plants, and envisions it being a model for the City of what a “natural” park can be.

Ideas include:

- A tree canopy inventory (with help from UNCG and NCA&T professors)
- Removing invasives
- Increasing natives
- Identifying plants (with signs) for educational purposes
- A lending library of environmental books
- Kiosks/bulletin boards with educational materials and neighborhood news (like at Bog Garden)
- Walking paths leading people into the park, rather than simply around it
- Keeping the leaves in place each fall to nourish the soil and existing trees

The Stewards are now ready to act on an exciting new project to begin this work! Understanding the importance of native plants, and that invasives and non-natives must be removed before native plants can thrive, the Stewards have found an invasive/native plant specialist, George Morris of Ripple EcoSolutions, whose company will be able to remove invasive species (plus poison ivy!) from the Park over a series of five days, starting in May. They will follow up with treatments to ensure the invasives stay away. And the Stewards plan to host a celebratory replanting with native plants in the fall, in which the entire neighborhood will be invited to participate!

Together with assistance from the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association and corporate and private donations, the Stewards are close to raising the funds needed for this project. If you would like to contribute your financial support, either to the removal of invasives or to the purchase and replanting of natives, please contact SHEA at environment.sunsethills.gso@gmail.com.

We also want to be sure to respect and leave in place any memorial trees or other sentimental plantings in the park.

Please contact environment.sunsethills.gso@gmail.com if you or someone you know has planted something in the park that should be protected, even if it is not native, and we will find a way to mark it.

SHEA would also like to begin working with the City on a Comprehensive Plan for the Park. After the neighborhood outcry over the City-led tree removal in the southern part of Sunset Hills Park last December, without proper notice to the neighborhood, we decided it was time to do some relationship rebuilding with the City. We hope that a Comprehensive Park Plan (along the lines of what the Fisher Park neighborhood recently did for its park) will formalize what the neighborhood wants for our Park, in collaboration with the City, and will ensure the plan outlasts any future staff or neighbor turnover. This plan would hopefully incorporate neighborhood centennial ideas (such as a gazebo), informational kiosks, walking paths, educational signage, and native tree replanting.

If you would like to get involved in SHEA or any of these activities, please contact erin.reis.1@gmail.com! •



Music Stories

written by Brad Reaves

Story one:

A high school graduating senior faced me holding the instrument we found for him when his parents approached me about their 10th grader starting guitar. "What will you do next year?" I asked the math genius (a real one). "I will return home to join the military. My country is young and they need people like me," he said. We then played the Cat Stevens song Peace Train.

Story two:

We lived in another town. While shopping at a local grocery store a woman approached me asking, "Excuse me aren't you the guitar teacher?" "Yes," I said. "I am John's mother, I drop him by your house for lessons each week." "Nice to finally meet you. Your son is doing well with his playing," I said. "Can I ask what you do in his lessons?" she queried. "The only time he talks to me is on the ride back home." "I just figure out what music he loves and teach him to play it," I replied. Quite a rocker that kid.

Story three:

"I got your name from a friend, do you teach bass guitar?" "Yes," I replied. "Do you have an instrument?" "I have a bass that's been under my bed since college which was 20 years ago. I've tried to get started but I just couldn't get it going," he said. "Bring it over and we'll check it out." New strings, a good cleaning, a little adjustment and it played fine. "I'll find an amp on Nextdoor.com or Facebook Marketplace and you'll be good to go." That was four years ago and he is still growing in his music. Found a great amp.

Story four:

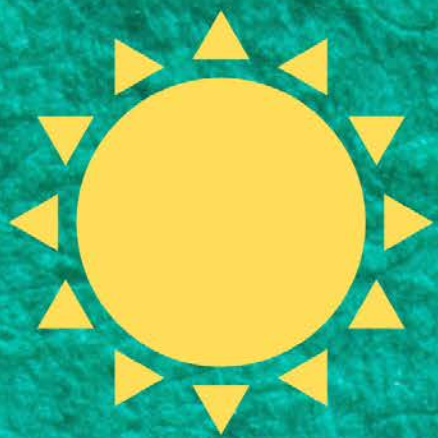
"I'd like to record with my son and daughter, my mom has Alzheimers and relates to music above all other things. Is that something we can work towards in my guitar lessons?" "Sure, I'd love that", I said. The mom has now passed but she heard many of these recordings in her last years.

Stories five, six, seven and on and on the count has gone. I have students performing in bands, around campfires, in living rooms, churches, busking around towns, showcasing on YouTube, and recording original songs. Last week a student who started with me as a 6th grader performed in a Weaver Academy classical guitar concert while another won a statewide PTA songwriting contest. That song he had to write alone but we had multiple collaborations as he learned his craft. He started with me in the 2nd grade on ukulele.

My 80 year old singer has 15 years of vocal sessions with me. His song folder is the thickest on my shelf.

My method is simple. I find which music inspires the student then plan our time together around that all the while exposing her or him to material I think will fit. ●





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You've Got To Get Up To Get Down

written by John Kelly

At the end of January, the SSH neighborhood association budgeted for a 60 foot drivable lift to be used to clean up the Greenway Park Lighted Christmas Balls (LCBs) left in the trees. The lift was also made available for dues paying neighbors that might have stuck LCBs and lines in their trees.

Over the years of volunteers hanging balls in the park, mistakes happen and things don't go as planned. If you looked up in the trees, before the leaves hid the mistakes, you could find wire balls, weighted bags, twine, cords and who knows what else dangling from branches. With the help of the lift, I'm happy to say we removed over eighteen stuck balls, five shooter bags, dozens of electrical cords stuck in branches and tons of green twine that snapped either hoisting or lowering LCBs over the years.

Two balls remain: one ball was too high for the lift and another ball was too close to the power lines and not worth dying for.

If you are walking around the park you can play "Where's Waldo?" and try to find the two remaining balls. Thankfully they are not easy to spot!

The eighteen retrieved LCBs have been restrung with new LED lights and are ready to put back in the trees next year. The shooter bags will be returned to the mix as well.

Neighbors were able to take advantage of the lift. We were able to retrieve another fourteen LCBs from trees, two shooter bags, one old school arrow, one baseball, one deadly limb trimmed and kept from hanging over a driveway, and one unplugged ball reconnected. A five year old got a ride in the lift. The one shining moment, was retrieving one LCB that had been stuck in a tree for at least ten years.

It was a wild ride at times being sixty feet in the air with a cold blowing wind. I am happy to report that no one was injured, the park and homes look better than when we started, and the feedback from the neighbors was very positive.

Moving forward, Sunbelt Rental has partnered with The Running of the Balls and will supply equipment for the race and offer a lift to use every few years.... when the mistakes and misfires start to stack up again. ●



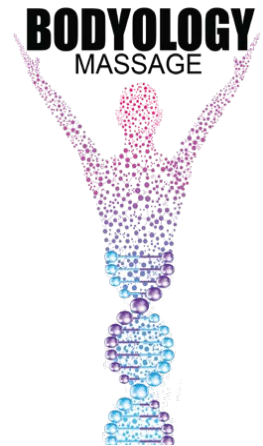
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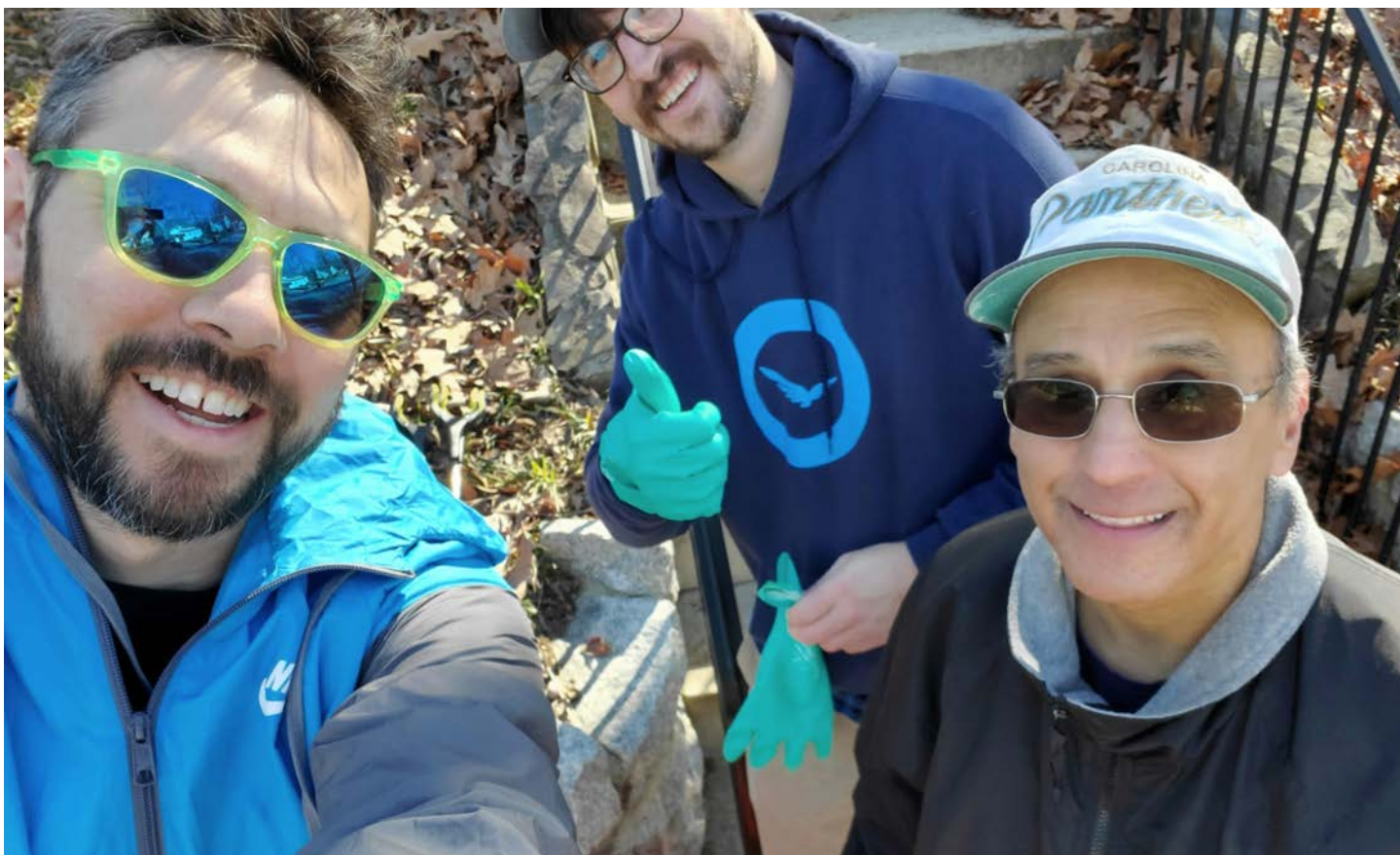
Sunset Hills Neighborhood

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

April 2, 2022 | 3 PM

Park between Berkeley and Greenway

(If the weather is bad on April 2nd, this event will be rescheduled. Please see the Listserv for updates.)



(pictured Neil, John, and Ian)

Keep Sunset Hills Beautiful

written by Gerry Alfano

I have a sharp eye for litter. It is a blessing and a curse. What it means is that I always see the litter and I can't pass by without picking it up. For over 34 years (since we moved into our house in Sunset Hills), I have been picking up litter on my walks through the neighborhood.

The major streets that run through the neighborhood are the most littered. West Friendly, West Market, and Walker collect lots of litter. People driving on those streets throw items out of their cars and, as we all know, there is plenty of traffic on those streets. In addition, we get a fair amount of traffic and litter from cars on the cut through streets, such as Elam, Chapman, and Tremont.

When someone throws litter out a car window, it is intentional littering. In addition to the intentional littering, there is also unintentional littering, e.g., when trash cans are

being emptied and the wind is blowing. Most of us have littered unintentionally. I am happy to pick up unintentional litter and I hope someone does the same for me. It's the intentional litter that really angers me.

The types of litter have changed over those 34 years. When we first moved into our house on W. Friendly, we collected hundreds of cigarette butts. The number of cigarette butts has dramatically decreased, most likely because there are fewer people smoking. I am also hoping that more smokers realize that their cigarette butts are litter and dispose of them properly.

I also see less litter in some areas of the neighborhood because I believe there are more neighbors like me who hate seeing litter on their walks and are picking it up. I certainly find that the Sunset Hills Park has become less littered over the years and that includes less dog feces.

cont. Keep Sunset Hills Beautiful

I think that the poop bag stations have helped, as well as the efforts to educate dog owners about the damage that dog feces do to the environment. I am sure all of you know that there is nothing more aggravating than stepping into a pile of dog feces.

I do have an assistant – our golden retriever Thor. He does sometimes point out litter that I don't see right away. However, his main job is to carry it. He prefers to carry plastic bottles, especially plastic water bottles, cans, and the News and Record Clipper ads. Plastic water bottles have been one of the most common items of litter over the last several years. There are always plenty of beer cans on the side of our roads after a weekend. If you are not familiar with the News and Record Clipper ads, they are newspaper ads put in plastic sleeves and thrown in residents' yards. The purpose is to reach residents who do not subscribe to the newspaper. Unfortunately, most of them are never picked up and some of them end up in the storms drains. I looked into stopping the News and Record from distributing this litter, but I didn't get anywhere with my complaints. There is a phone number to call if you want them stopped, but I have been told it doesn't necessarily work. I suggest checking out the following report from WFMY:

How-To Make the Ads On Your Driveway Stop (<https://bit.ly/litterarticle>)

In the last couple of years, the litter has included lots of masks as well as latex gloves. I think the masks are self-explanatory, but I am not sure why I am finding the gloves. Both the masks and gloves are a danger to pets as well as wild animals. Then, of course, there are plenty of containers from fast food restaurants. Thor would love to carry those, but I don't trust him not to chew them up.

Research shows that people are more likely to litter in areas where there is already litter. That is the reason that construction sites have so much litter. They are already a mess, so the construction crews and other people think it's ok to drop plastic bottles, cans, food containers, etc. Reducing litter and cleaning up is something that we can all do, including children, and something where individual actions do make a difference.

Greensboro Beautiful has three cleanups a year: Big Sweep in the fall, Winter Wipeout, and the Great American Cleanup in the spring. The 2022 Great American Cleanup is being held April 2-30. You can check out these events at <https://greensborobeautiful.org/litter-cleanups/>. I am sure that the Sunset Hills Environmental Affairs Group will be participating in the Great American Cleanup sometime in April.

Participate in the cleanups and bring your children along. Even more effectively, be someone who doesn't litter and be someone who picks up litter. It happened in our area; Neil Milroy called for help and got it!



Nearly twenty-one pounds were collected in mainly wrappers, beer cans, etc. and earlier in the week at a total of eight pounds from Jane Dempsey in our neighborhood. Thank you, Jane! A special shout out to John Martinez and Ian Vance for coming out and knocking it out of the park. I told Ian that he should quit his job as a lawyer because of his speed in picking up garbage. And John's laugh was infectious and brought much joy to the time. Thank you to Robin Davis for supplying the grabbers, pokers, and scale to weigh everything.

Thank you to Laine Roberts from the City of GSO for supplying gloves, trash bags, buckets, and info on clean ups. If anyone wants to do another clean up on their street, be in touch.

Great job, Neil, John and Ian! Thanks to all of you for your hard work and special thanks to Neil for organizing the cleanup and to Robin Davis for her generosity in providing the supplies.

If we all do our part, i.e.,

- don't litter;
- pick up litter when we see it, and
- participate in cleanups, we could have the cleanest neighborhood in Greensboro.

It is a worthwhile goal for our 100th anniversary in 2024.

KEEP SUNSET HILLS BEAUTIFUL!●

Where Are Mortgage Rates Heading?

contributed by Leslie Stainback

Mortgage rates have increased significantly since the beginning of the year. According to the latest weekly survey from Freddie Mac, the average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has risen from 3.22% at the start of the year to 3.55% in recent weeks. This is important because any increase in mortgage rates changes what a purchaser can afford. To give you an idea of how rising mortgage rates impact your purchasing power, see the table.

Buyer's Purchasing Power

Monthly Mortgage Payment (Principal and Interest)

	Home Loan Amount (P&I)				
	\$440,000	\$420,000	\$400,000	\$380,000	\$360,000
30-Year Fixed Mortgage Rate					
5.00%	\$ 2,362	\$ 2,255	\$ 2,147	\$ 2,040	\$ 1,932
4.75%	\$ 2,295	\$ 2,191	\$ 2,086	\$ 1,982	\$ 1,878
4.50%	\$ 2,229	\$ 2,128	\$ 2,027	\$ 1,925	\$ 1,824
4.25%	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,066	\$ 1,968	\$ 1,869	\$ 1,771
4.00%	\$ 2,101	\$ 2,005	\$ 1,910	\$ 1,814	\$ 1,719
3.75%	\$ 2,038	\$ 1,945	\$ 1,852	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,667
3.50%	\$ 1,976	\$ 1,886	\$ 1,796	\$ 1,706	\$ 1,617
3.25%	\$ 1,915	\$ 1,828	\$ 1,741	\$ 1,654	\$ 1,567
3.00%	\$ 1,855	\$ 1,771	\$ 1,686	\$ 1,602	\$ 1,518

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How Can You Know Where Mortgage Rates Are Headed?

While it's always difficult to know exactly where mortgage rates will go, looking at the 50-year history of the 10-year treasury yield, and then following its path is key. Understanding the mechanics of the treasury yield isn't as

important as knowing that there's a correlation between how it moves and how mortgage rates follow.

Where Will the Treasury Yield Head in the Future?

With this information in mind, a 10-year treasury-yield forecast would be a good indicator of where mortgage rates may be headed. In a recent survey of financial experts, the Wall Street Journal asked them to forecast the treasury yield over the next few years. The consensus was that it will climb to 2.84% by the end of 2024. Based on the 50-year history of following this yield, that would likely put mortgage rates at about 4.5% in three years.

While the correlation between the 30-year fixed mortgage rate and the 10-year treasury yield is clear in the data, it isn't an exact indicator. They're both hard to forecast, especially in this unprecedented economic time driven by a global pandemic. Yet understanding the relationship can help you get an idea of where rates may be going. It appears, based on the information we have now, that mortgage rates will continue to rise over the next few years.

Bottom Line

Forecasting mortgage rates is very difficult. If you're a current homeowner thinking of moving into a home that better fits your changing needs, understanding what's happening with the 10-year treasury yield and mortgage rates can help you make an informed decision on the timing of your move. Interest rates are on the rise but remain historically low. ●

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The Wandering Rhubarb

written by Jon Kesler

Although it's not much to look at now, this rhubarb has a storied history. First planted around 1910 by my great grandfather in Barnes, WI, on the farm where my mother grew up, she transplanted it to our family home in Iron River, WI, when my grandparents sold the farm.

In 2010, when she sold our family home, I dug up some of the plants and moved them to our home in Clifton, VA. We later replanted them at our cabin in Luray, VA.

In 2015, we pulled up stakes and moved to Montana, once again digging up the rhubarb and this time overnighing it to Martha's brother in Clancy, MT, for fostering. Don't even ask what it costs to overnight mature rhubarb plants. You'd hate

me for it. After we got settled in Montana, we moved the plants to our cabin on Buffalo Creek in Clancy, where it lived joyfully under a mammoth Ponderosa pine for several years.

In preparing for our most recent move Greensboro, we yet again asked our rhubarb to pack its bags for another FedEx trip, this time to Martha's sister for fostering in Harrisonville, NC. Now settled in Greensboro, our rhubarb is back in the ground here on Madison Avenue.

These rhubarb plants are better traveled than many people. Say a little prayer for fair summer weather and a few bitter cold winter nights. Apologies for the bitter cold wishes, but both fair weather and cold nights are necessary for rhubarb to thrive. ●





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Native Plants, Birds, Caterpillars & Butterflies

written by Jackie Tanseer

Looking for more birds and butterflies? Native plants will help you find them! Native species have formed a tight, symbiotic relationship with native wildlife over thousands of years. This time-tested relationship has created food webs that offer the most sustainable habitats for the survival of nature. For example, parents of chickadees need 9,000 caterpillars to feed one nest of baby chicks. Our native oak trees host caterpillars of over 550 butterfly and moth species. (The non-native ginkgo trees host about 5 species.) Baby chickadees cannot survive on seeds that their parents feed them when caterpillars are unavailable due to their native host trees having been replaced with nonnatives. Fewer caterpillars, fewer birds.

Shrubs:

Buttonbush
Large Witch-alder
Common Winterberry
Smooth Black Haw Viburnum

Trees:

Eastern Redbud
American Fringetree
Flowing Dogwood
White Oak
American Holly

Another example of this symbiotic relationship is the milkweed plant and the monarch butterfly. Milkweeds serve as the only host plant for the monarch butterfly. Without this specific plant monarchs cannot survive as a species. Balance of nature in our private gardens and neighborhood parks is essential to the high level of biodiversity that residents in Sunset Hills embrace.

As a convenience a short list of Piedmont native plants are listed below to support our neighborhood's interest in this nature-friendly gardening. By choosing these plants you will provide our birds with the essential foods needed year-round and enjoy a greater abundance of our fine-feathered friends. •

Flowering Perennials:

Eastern Bluster
Green-and-Gold
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Carolina Phlox
Hollow Joe-Pye Weed
Black Cohosh

Fern:

Christmas Fern

Grass:

Eastern Narrowleaf Sedge

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Get To Know Your Garden Club

Learn all about what the garden club is up to, what they do, and how you can get involved.

contributed by Anne Reaves



“To nurture a garden is to believe in tomorrow. And you’re never too old to play in the dirt.”

You’ve probably seen us on occasion working around the neighborhood, planting trees, tidying up our parks and encouraging the abundance of green spaces in our Beautiful Neighborhood. But did you know that The Sunset Hills Garden Club was founded in 1930 and is one of the oldest Garden Clubs in Greensboro?

Our purpose as stated in our club charter is to “extend interest in gardening, landscaping, and the artistic use of flowers in the home. We shall aid in the preservation of trees, wildflowers, birds and other flora and fauna comprising the natural habitat of our neighborhood.”

But we are not all dirt and digs. We also have a fun time socializing at our Monthly club meetings and annual holiday gatherings.

Each month different club members host a meeting, often with guest speakers from the professional gardening or educational community. The topics span the gamut of gardening, bulb planting, encouraging native plants, Japanese flower arranging and the benefit of bats- all delightfully informative.

Often these meeting take on a field trip vibe, where

we travel to Master Gardens nearby, or perhaps visit a landscaping project under way. These meeting are always followed by a luncheon provided by our host and co - host for that month and where we can catch up and “garden gossip.”

We have nine meetings a year usually held the third Wednesday of the month, September through May from 10:00 am to Noon. We welcome everyone, regardless of their horticultural background, to join us. I did not know the difference between Hellebores and Hollyhocks when joining in 2016, but I was warmly welcomed by a diverse group who all shared a common interest in nature’s beauty. Covid may have halted most of our monthly meetings in 2021, but it had no effect on Mother Nature or our passion.

We encourage anyone interested to reach out to us for more information on the Sunset Hills Garden Club. We will hold an **Open House Garden Club Meeting on April 20, 2022** where all are welcome to share the camaraderie and educational benefits of our club.

Contact Annie Reaves at shywolfe@gmail.com for additional info or to register for the April 20th meeting.

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The Sewer Saga

written by Sam “Chip” Cook

On February 14 of this year, my house had significant plumbing issues, which came to a head (pun intended for the sailors reading this). This issue was initially centered on the downstairs toilet and sink. The downstairs bathroom was installed before my wife and I purchased the home in 2006, and we were always suspicious that it was not installed correctly. Being descriptive without being gross, it’s a gurgler! Gurgling and sometimes easily plugged, which over fifteen years of home ownership, had not improved.

Related to this event, I started noticing just a few days prior that my driveway was slightly wet and forming puddles, as if there was a leak in the ground. At first, I thought it was a result of my neighbor’s ongoing landscaping project. After investigation, I realized, it was not from my neighbor’s project.

My suspicions heightened, “Could my sewer line possibly have collapsed?” There was no discernible smell, and I was

unsure where my sewer lines went from the street to my house. In fact, I had never given much thought at all to my sewer line. Back to inside my house, now my upstairs toilet started having issues, along with the downstairs. So, I called the city that Monday morning.

Contacting Greensboro Water Resources was very helpful. One of the first questions asked, “Have you looked at your clean out valve or done recent maintenance on it?” I replied: “Um, not sure I know where it is. In fact, do I even have one?”

What is a clean out valve? Well, if you walk down the sidewalks of our neighborhood, you might see a small, circular metal cap in the middle of the sidewalk, or possibly nearby in the grass. Not to be confused with the water meter and water line (which is the intake of water service to homes), the clean out valve is used to help resolve “outbound” traffic from the home to the city sewer. It is connected between the city and property sewer junction.



cont. The Sewer Saga

Greensboro Water Resources sent a truck and a crew to help resolve my issues. Working with the Water Resources staff, we spent about ten minutes looking for the clean out valve on my property. Well, we couldn't find one, because my ninety-five-year-old home did not have one.

At this point, I could see the "wheels turning" in the heads of the technicians I was working with. They were dealing with an older house with no clean out valve, could the sewer line be blocked? If it was on my property, I had to resolve it. However, if it was an issue with the city's sewer line connection, the city would be responsible. That's why clean out valves exist, to help make that determination. And my home didn't have one.

As I learned that morning, Greensboro Water Resources will support homeowners with requests to install a clean out valve on the city's side of the sewer connection, if it is absent or was never installed. The taxes we pay support these services and improvements. However, homeowners are usually put on a waitlist. That is, unless it is an emergency (and my home was in an emergency).

The technicians next wanted to test the sewer lines from my home to the street. Both manhole covers were opened on my street, and I could see down into the sewer where the water flows. A mentor of mine once advised, "You can't flush the toilet and then run out and watch the river turn yellow." Well, that was precisely what we were going to do! The city hands me a bottle of dye and I head back to the house to flush away and see if my sewer water is flowing properly to the underground infrastructure.

Well, after several flushes, there is no visible dyed water in the sewer collection under the street, but we do see it in my driveway! The leaking I described happening in my driveway, well, that has now confirmed my sewer water backing into my yard and driveway. It also confirms the possibility that my sewer lines on my property could be collapsed, or at least leaking.

That Monday afternoon, the city begins installing my clean out valve. As per the thinking of the Water Resources folks, even if my sewer line on my property has collapsed, a clean out valve will be required for whatever work must be done next. It is also explained to me, that the clean out valve could resolve my problem, at least for the present time, by clearing any blockages.

Work continues into the afternoon, and I come out to assess what has happened. The puddles in my driveway I notice are

now gone, and the city reports that I had a major blockage between my line and the city's sewer connection. They broke open the 95-year-old terracotta line connection and cleaned out the blockage.

Noticeable improvements in water flow occur at my house...the spice is flowing! In fact, I can even see "the spice" in the seven-foot ditch the city has dug on my front sidewalk. All toilets and sinks fully operational in my home, too (no more gurgles).



By Wednesday, the city completed the repaired connection between my sewer line and the city's infrastructure, running a new PVC pipe from the city's side of the sewer line to the street, replacing the 95+ year old terracotta connection. The city additionally did camera work and looked at my sewer line and confirmed for at least a good portion of the terracotta pipe explored, the pipe was not collapsed and in decent shape, at least for the present time.

The following week after the work on my sewer connection, the city came back and dug up the street to continue running the PVC pipe extension to their infrastructure. This update would have occurred at a later time but made sense to complete with all the work that had been done.

So, when you see those pipe caps on the sidewalks in front of homes, you know that home has a clean out valve. I was impressed with the work and professionalism of the people doing this and felt lucky to have their help. They were very careful with gas, water lines and Internet connections in the ground and knew how to mitigate risks to damaging these services.

In the long run, I will most likely need a new sewer line on my property to my basement, but it is an expense I want to avoid for at least a few months or longer, if possible. EVERY homeowner should understand and know if they have a clean out valve or not, especially when considering issues with plumbing. As it is said, "it rolls downhill." ●



Why I Love Cruising

written by Carole Lindsey-Potter

When I was sixteen, my parents took me on my first cruise. It was a twelve day cruise out of New York City to the Caribbean over Christmas and New Years. The Holland America Maasdam (not the new one now) was launched in 1952 and was only 15000 tons with no stabilizers.

We ran into a hurricane off Cape Hatteras on the return ship, making us two days late getting back to New York. There were ropes strung all over the ship so you could move from place to place by holding onto the rope and that way, you could not be thrown from the force of the ship cresting a huge wave and then crashing down as it rode over the wave.

People, including some officers and crew, were getting sick and my family was pretty lonely in the dining room at night. At sixteen and with an iron stomach, I was having the time of my life. We actually got to the New York Harbor the night before debarking and since we could not dock then, we partied late into the night with the New York lights and Statue of Liberty surrounding us. After that experience, I

knew I was born to cruise.

Now in my seventies, and with 72 cruises under my belt including sailing on 21 different lines, I am cruising more than ever. We just got back from a short seven day cruise from Baltimore to the Bahamas, and over the next year we will be cruising:

- a fifteen day cruise LA to Hawaii and back
- a twelve day roundtrip London to Iceland, Scotland and Ireland
- eight day cruise Norfolk to the eastern Caribbean
- ten day from Charleston to the Caribbean
- fourteen day Santiago-Chile to Buenos Aires
- and in two years, a twenty-six day segment of a world cruise from Sydney-Australia to Dubai

Here are fifteen reasons why I love cruising:

1. You travel to the ship and unpack in a cabin with a comfortable bed and small but fine bathroom. Once there you make it home for the length of the cruise.

cont. Why I Love Cruising

2. You can visit many places and have the comforts of the ship to return to at the end of the day. I have visited and explored places on five continents this way and I love it.

3. You can book a balcony cabin where you can smell the clean ocean air and hear the soothing sounds of the ocean. If you book inside or Oceanview, you can still find a deck chair and enjoy the ocean.

4. A cabin steward cleans your cabin every day and is available to bring extra towels, buckets of ice, room service, and on our favorite line, chocolates on your pillow every night. I do enjoy the towel animals on one of our other favorite lines also.

5. You have so many choices for meals or snacks, that on a one week cruise it is hard to eat at all of them. There is some place to eat a snack or meal 24 hours a day. We like traditional dining when you eat at the same table with the same wait staff every night. For us, we enjoy getting to know the people at our table and our wait staff. We also like to just walk in to our table with no waiting or reserving.

6. The food is wonderful. If you can't make up your mind about what to eat, just order two (or more) entrees. They serve as much as you can eat in the main dining room and at the Buffet (usually on the Lido deck).

7. You also have a choice of several specialty restaurants where you pay an upcharge (ranging from \$10 to about \$40, or closer to \$75-100 for special Chef's table. We celebrated our 35th anniversary on the Carnival Legend several weeks ago. The picture was our dinner at the Steakhouse, a unique setting situated in the Carnival "whales-tail smokestack". The food was fabulous!!! And a tip, on Carnival and Princess, if you book the Steakhouse dinner on the first night of your cruise, you get a free bottle of wine with your meal. What a deal!!

8. We love the shows. I spent many years directing, choreographing and managing shows and musical revues, so the shows are something we rarely miss. On Princess lines there are 4-6 themed revue type shows that were produced and designed by Stephen Schwartz of "Wicked", "Pippin", and "Godspell" fame. The production values of these shows include fantastic costuming and sets. Princess spared no expense in creating the shows. It's not surprising that these shows are truly Broadway level productions.

9. But you also get shows with singers and bands, magicians, and comedians. Most lines also have a version of the Love and Marriage Game (similar to the "Newlywed Game" that used to be on TV, but with passengers - a newlywed couple, the couple who has been married the longest, and a couple in the midrange. It is always great entertainment - really funny!!

10. Movies are shown on the pool deck adding comfortable padding to the lounge chairs and free popcorn. During the day they may show sporting events as well as movies and filmed concerts. On the Carnival Horizon they have an IMAX theatre. And movies are shown on the TV in your cabin.

11. And my husband is an incredible musician so of course we check out the musicians on board as soon as possible. All the lines have good musicians and try to offer different types of music so there is something for everyone. My personal favorite is Holland America where they have BB King's Blues Club, Billboard On Board with Pianists, Lincoln Center Stage with Classical Music, and the Rolling Stones Rock Room which had an incredible rock band when we were on the Koningsdam.

12. Daytime finds trivia contests, cooking demonstrations, hairy chest contests (not my favorite but very popular), crafts, lectures, shop sales and shopping, pool games, dance classes, music classes such as ukulele and steel drum, and get togethers: knitting, Friends of Bill W., Friends of Dorothy, Mixers for singles, mixers for LGBTQ, and children's activities.

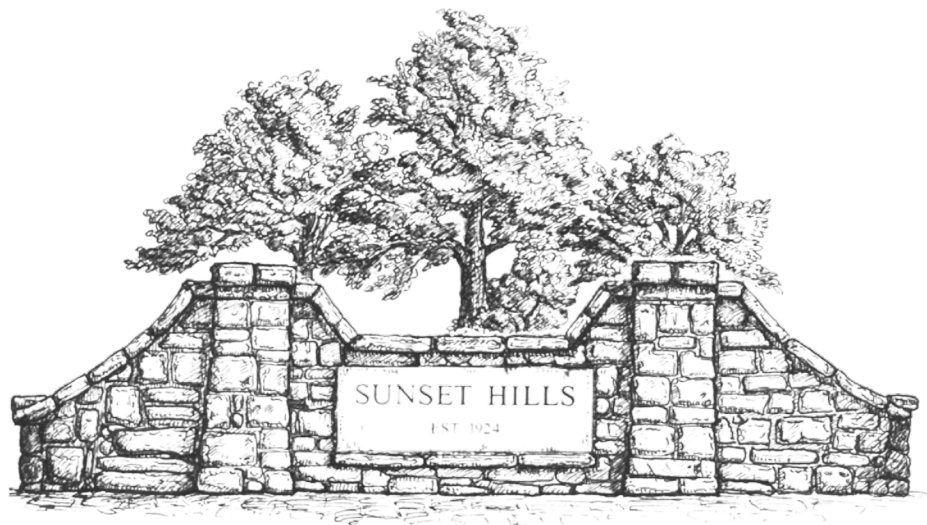
13. For our gambling friends, the people we have talked to that gamble really love the casinos on board. They also have tapped into incredible low fares that the casinos can give to gamblers to entice them on board. We talked to a friend today that just got a 14 day cruise for \$200 through the casino.

14. You can do this at a bargain price. We booked two other four day trips, one to Salt Lake City to visit our son, and one to Tampa to attend a ukulele get together. Both of them are costing us more than \$1500 for travel and accommodations, not counting meals while there. For that price of \$1500 we could book a 6-7 day cruise for both of us.

15. And finally, you do not have to carry cash around the ship. Your onboard account is set up before you come on board by you with a credit card or cash, and instructions on who can charge to your card. You can check your account at any time on the ship app and know how much you spent or

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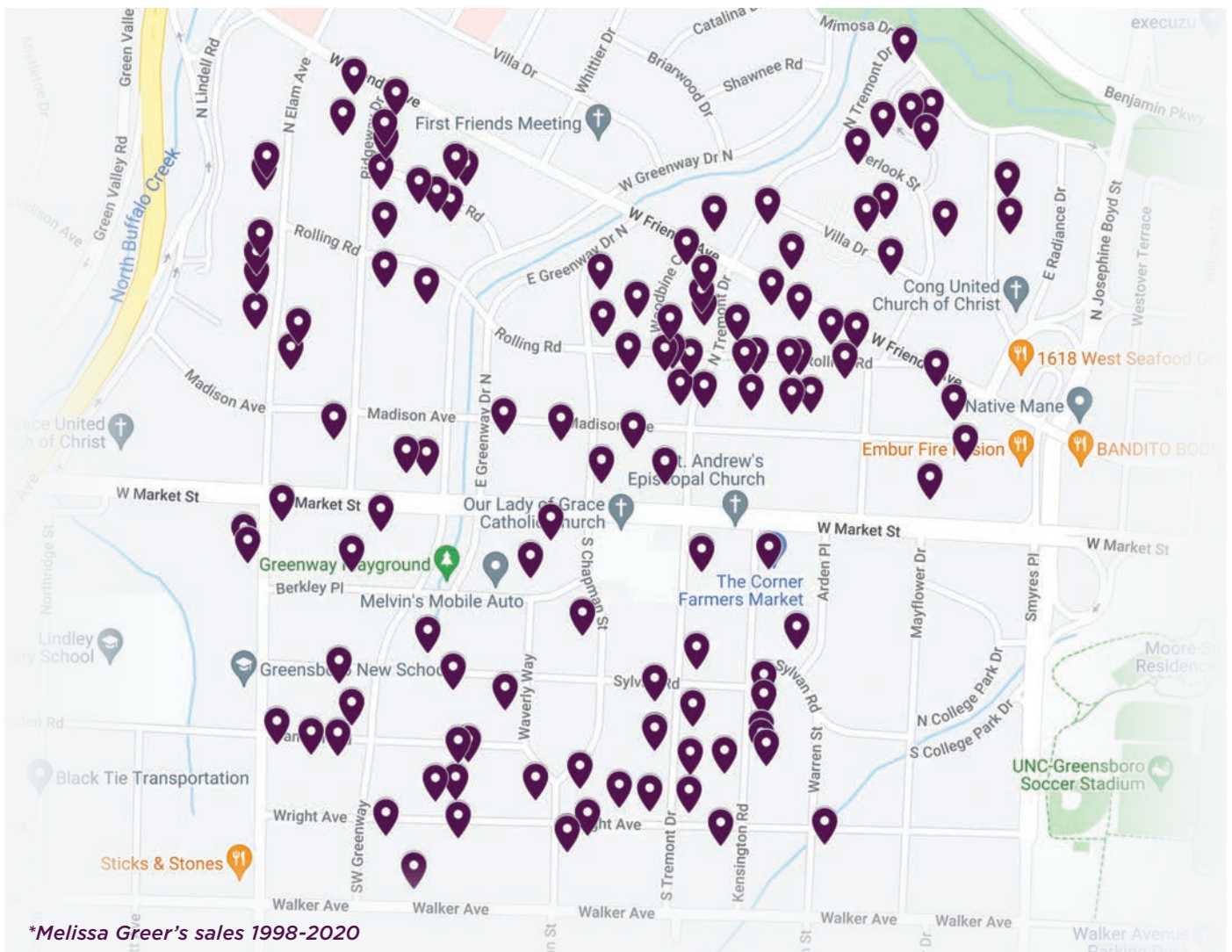
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Create Magic; Feed People

written by John Kelly

Did you know Sunset Hills has now provided for over 4.8 million meals?

We all know that living in Sunset Hills comes with the seasonal impact of traffic, noise, ball hanging expectations and the dreaded cleanup/storage of wire balls and cords. Sometimes the stress of the work can cloud the significance of the work.

As a neighborhood we do a wonderful job coming together to create a magical display, but we don't typically celebrate the value to the community that all of our hard work produces. We see an occasional news story about the balls, a little snippet about the food collected and we may or may not enjoy the stress of hosting the 5K. Emails that shine a light on community impact might be passed around to a few people that are heavily involved or on the board but many of the thousand points of light are lost.

With the heated housing market, we see new neighbors move into Sunset Hills: some grew up with ties to the neighborhood and others may come because of the historic homes and proximity to downtown. Without capturing the community value the season creates, these new neighbors might be seeing only half of the picture.

We tolerate the stress that the season creates with only a simple visual reminder of food being collected on Greenway and Ridgeway, which is the main value proposition to most neighbors. If you peel it back a bit and start to shine a light on the numbers, it's so much more.

A simple example of positivity that goes unnoticed is: Neighbors work to collect the food and get it to the food banks. In those food bags there are occasional notes of joy, amazement and gratitude that might only be seen by those busily collecting the food. I have personally witnessed children's drawings of the balls thanking our neighborhood for the effort. Volunteers have removed notes from people in other states saying what an amazing joy it was to randomly discover the neighborhood as they were traveling through Greensboro. Those simple acts of gratitude by random people driving through our neighborhood help to balance out the effort.

The true impact that might go unnoticed by the neighbors, but not by the food banks, is the money and canned goods

that are gathered and delivered by our neighborhood volunteers.

Because of your contribution:

- In 2021, we provided over 19,000 pounds of food to the food shelters
- In 2021, we raised over \$106,000 for local food banks
- Our cumulative total for canned goods is now over 176,000 pounds of food!
- In 14 years, we have now totaled over \$679,000 for local food banks!
- This year, we surpassed over 4.8 million meals!



Sunset Hills Environmental Affairs (SHEA) also started its "Lighten the Burden" campaign in 2021, encouraging neighbors to recycle their old, burned-out light strands by taking them to ECOFLO or dropping them in one of several collection bins throughout the neighborhood. A large trailer near the park was filled with burned-out strands multiple times throughout the season, and eight volunteers kept collection bins in front of their homes, then delivered the lights for recycling. SHEA also encouraged neighbors to use LED light strands, selling 40 strands at cost to neighbors at the Smiths' ball-making party, and to put their lights on timers, selling 13 at the party as well as a table at the Corner Farmers' Market!

Celebrate the fact that you live in a neighborhood that is a caring, giving place that transforms into a magical realm for kids to grow up in. ●



Rock The Block Recap

written by John Kelly

When Covid hit and the lockdown was in full swing, a small group of neighbors in Sunset Hills were, like many people across the country pulled back from going into an office, and adjusted to life around the house and developed deeper bonds with neighbors. Our group would hang out in the park with the kids, have an adult beverage, listen to music and try not to get infected by socializing mainly outdoors.

In late 2020, this small group decided to try and get Greenway (Sunset Hills) Park lit with balls earlier than usual, thinking that folks needed a “Covid safe” activity. With beverage in hand, we thought if we could light the park, it would give people something positive to do; they could socially distance by staying in their cars, and it might drive additional food donations. In late October we started to organize and by mid November we had the park lit. We toasted our initiative and enjoyed bon fires, projecting sporting events, or streaming music concerts in a safe Covid manner.

Coming out of ball season in early 2021, Covid wasn't going anywhere, and most activities (including Sunset Hills' yearly activities) were being cancelled. We were aware of the toll the cancellations were having on small local musicians and started to wonder if we could put something together in the

park where we liked to hang out. We had power for lights and amps thanks to the city. We had a street that could be blocked off, without impacting anyone's driveway. We had the space for a band with the tennis court that had recently been resurfaced.

Cracking open a cold one, leaning against our golf carts, it seemed like something we could take on. We decided on Thursday nights, once a month, in order to avoid stepping on anyone's summer weekend plans.

We broke the project into parts, Josh Tarlton took care of the street closures, Barry Harrell took the band booking, Aubrey Ravenel took the intake and outtake (food truck and porta potty), John Kelly handled the infrastructure of electricity, tent and lighting, Jason Dabel took on supplies and Ryan Blankenship started brewing beer. We all agreed on a budget to target, and we agreed we would cover any gaps in funding that the donation bucket lacked. We were off and running.

A huge win prior to the first show was Mona Neal agreeing to allow the bands to setup on her front yard. This setup elevated the band and allowed the kids to be somewhat contained in the tennis court area.

Our first band was Turpentine Shine, a local band that plays originals and covers. The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association agreed to kick in a little money for the first event providing a risk reducer. The social committee leveraged their twitter account to promote the event and branded it "Rock the Block". Sloane Moretz, who works at a local printing company, made reusable yard signs that we put up the week prior to remind people of the event.

We were extremely happy with the feedback; the vibe and we broke even on the first event expenses so we decided to do it again!

Our second band was Into the Fog, a regional act that is starting to break it big. They recently won the New Artist contest at Merlefest a couple of weeks after playing at our event.

For our third month we tried to bring Possum Jenkins out of "retirement", but Covid struck a member of the band, so they reached out to Molly McGinn and put together a wonderful mashup of two bands.

We decided that we would end the series with one last band that would tie into the Ball Making Party that the Smiths host. Our plan was to put down the drinks, bust butt to get the park lit the Saturday before the Ball Making Party and make it a big kickoff weekend. Nick Loflin, who runs the Running of the Balls 5K, offered to have his friend David Lin play at the event. Nick covered the costs of the band through his company, as a thank you to our group which is responsible for lighting the park. This was another great financial risk reducer! We worked hard to get the park lit, prepped for the event, and crossed our fingers the weather would hold off on the rain. From the feedback at the event and the Ball Making Party, it turned out to be a great way to kick off the ball season.

Our final tallies from the summer events were that the Sunset Hills neighbors were wonderful in helping support the costs of hosting our events. The feedback has been tremendous. New neighbors are now given an opportunity to meet and greet other neighbors, which was almost impossible with Covid cancelling most events.

If you'd like to help, remember that it's just a group of guys in golf carts with beers in hand doing this. We are not part of the social committee, we are not making money, we are just happy to have a good time alongside our neighbors.

We look forward to kicking off the 2022 season. I hear Paul McCartney is touring....so who knows. ●



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2021 Running of the Balls Recap

written by John Kelly

I reached out recently to talk to Nick Loflin, the owner of Running with Horses, the organization which facilitates the Running of the Balls 5k-ish (RotB). I wanted to capture some details about the event and its origination for the Sunset Hills Board and for our newer neighbors who might not be aware of how the popular “race” got its start. It is truly amazing what this single event does for our community.

As many of our neighbors know, the Smiths were the first family to begin hanging our neighborhood’s signature “Lighted Christmas Balls” in the trees. Expansion started with Ridgeway and then other streets joined in the fun event, which now brings so much joy to Greensboro. Nick knew the Smiths from Grace Community Church and their leadership roles in Young Life. Nick was there helping hang balls in their yard from the very beginning.

With so many people coming to see the lights, the Ridgeway neighbors suggested that visitors bring canned food for the food banks. This was a wonderfully successful campaign from the beginning.

Nick is a Greensboro firefighter, but early on he had an interest in 5k races and created a company that focused on fundraising events for non-profits. As the lighted ball phenomena caught on and food donations picked up, Nick approached the Smiths to see if it would be possible to leverage the Lighted Christmas Balls to raise money for a non-profit organization to benefit those experiencing food insecurity. Loving that idea, the Smiths put Nick in touch with the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association (SHNA) board in order to get approval to hold the first event.

Second Harvest Food Bank was the non-profit chosen by the Smiths and other neighbors who were among the first to hang Lighted Christmas Balls. Second Harvest provides a wonderful return on investment, creating seven meals for every dollar raised! They’ve been an excellent partner since the very beginning by helping promote the Running of the Balls event to local media outlets and continuing to get the most out of every contribution.

The first year of RotB was in 2012 when 1,800 folks

cont. 2021 Running of the Balls Recap

participated, raising \$18,000. Nick enlisted help from his fellow Firefighters and community volunteers to help set up for the race. Each year the race gained a larger following and became a holiday tradition to many families in our area. In 2017, the race reached what was determined to be maximum capacity for the neighborhood of roughly 4,500 runners, while maintaining a relatively low impact on surrounding neighbors.

The best fundraising year was 2019 with \$80,000 raised! Even in CoVid times the popularity of the race remained high. Nicks team was able to adjust to an "imaginary 5K" in 2020, while still raising \$48,000 for Second Harvest Food Bank. In 2021, the first live event since CoVid, the race raised \$74,000 for Second Harvest despite seeing an almost 25% reduction in the number of participants. This reduction in participants was attributed to CoVid effects and race attendance is anticipated to return to normal in the future.

2021 results and highlights (Per Nick):

Runner Participation:

- \$25k raised through 3,400 participants (\$33k raised through 4,500 participants in 2019)
- Most races in GSO experienced a 50% drop in participation in 2021, so the 25% drop we experienced still resulted in well above average participation.
- Weather hurt actual participation greatly. Probably 500 folks actually ran the race in the rain.
- Drive-thru packet pick-up was a success and the plan is to continue it in the future.

Sponsor Participation:

- 21 sponsors for total of \$49k (21 sponsors for \$47k in 2019)
- All presenting sponsors returned in 2021.

Neighborhood Participation:

- Invested \$600 in upgrading the electrical system in the park.
- Paid for band at the "Rock the Block" - ball kickoff party.
- Instituted a \$2/registration Sustainability Fee.
- Sustainability Fee resulted in giving \$2,600 to the Sunset Hills Environmental Affairs Committee – the funds were used to purchase carbon offsets for all the lighted balls in the neighborhood in 2021 and for

exchanging some of the incandescent lights for LEDs for the balls in the park.

- News story featuring the Ravenel family on statewide Spectrum news.

Fundraising:

- Total of \$74k given to Second Harvest Food Bank via the race in 2021 alone.

We all know that the neighborhood must deal with traffic issues, people congestion and noise during the weekend of the RotB, but I think we can all agree that these results are outstanding and worth the effort and inconvenience that we might feel.

Thank you, Nick for all you do to help with food insecurity in the Greensboro community. Thank you to the Smiths for creating the spark. And a huge THANKYOU to all of Sunset Hills for joining together and creating the magic! •

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A Meatless Monday

written by Marlene Pratto

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For good food that is tasty, but not necessarily fast to make search for **Mollie Katzen** recipes. You really need to read the recipes and make a list before you call in your grocery order or drive to the store. For a variety of good dishes, some fast to cook and some longer try <https://themodernproper.com/60-best-vegetarian-meals>.

This site is full of photos that accompany the recipes. One of the recipes is for a hearty vegetable soup. If you like super flavorful food and don't mind some heat, throw a whole

dried chili pepper into the soup.

There are many vegetarian curry recipes to order from one of our good restaurants or to make from scratch. If you have not tried sautéing firm tofu for your dish, you have a treat awaiting you.

Google these ethnic foods: **Indian, Thai, Vietnamese and Italian**. It is fun to google some of your favorite ingredients, not any particular dish, but what goes into it.

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Welcome, Amanda Loftis

As many of you know, I have been asking for people to help put this newsletter together. Ta-da, suddenly Amanda appears and not only appears but has a lot of skills-a few of which you can observe in this newsletter that she put together.

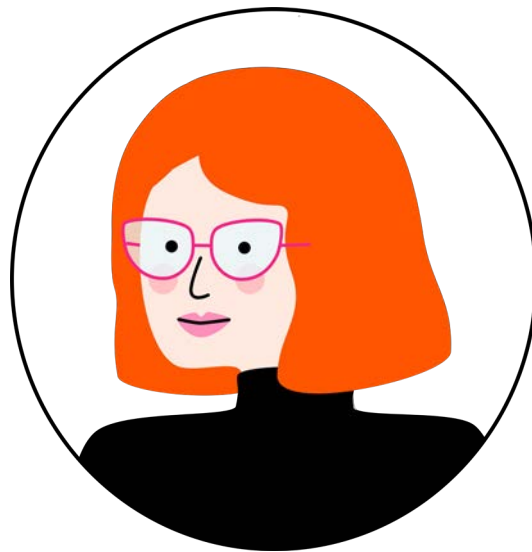
Amanda moved to Sunset Hills last year and she has her own business designing websites, applications, branding, and user experiences. For the kids and young adults she also designs stickers! Computer covers will never be the same again.

We thank Amanda for joining the newsletter team.

In addition to this major addition of time and talent, Carole Potter will transfer her time and talents and take over the roles of advertiser contacting, ad bookkeeping, and the receiving of both ads and articles. Future emails about this newsletter will come from Carole.

Carole has devoted much time and InDesign talent to the production of this newsletter. Thank you, Carole.

Cheers and happy reading and viewing to all,
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