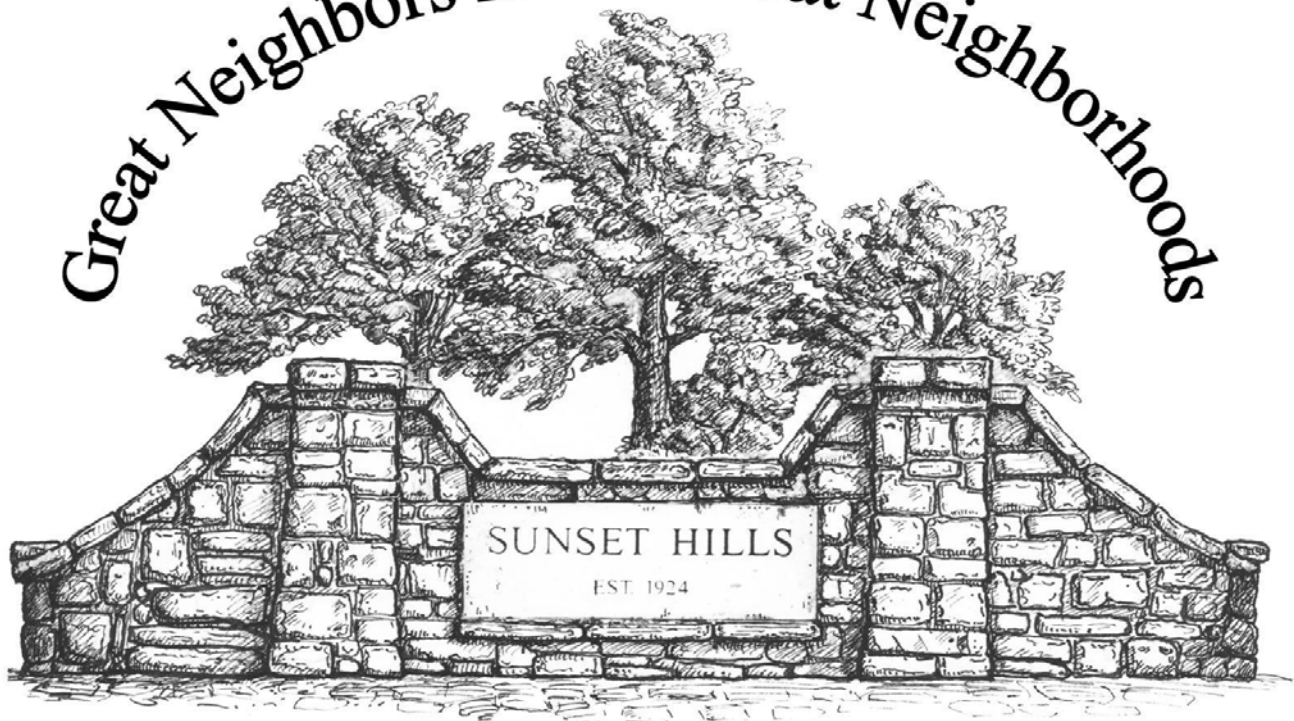


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Annual Neighborhood Events

January

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Annual Pig Picking

June

July

July 4th Parade and Picnic

August

National Night Out

September

Big Sweep Event

October

Neighborhood Meeting

Halloween Party in the Park

November

Lighted Christmas Ball Workshop

December

Lighted Christmas Balls

Food Drive, Running of the Balls

The Giants of Sunset Hills

By Randal Romie, ASLA

What if we wanted to hang Lighted Christmas Balls and there were no more tall Oak trees? My hypothetical question is about the issue of Sunset Hills slowly losing its charm by the loss of its 100 plus year old canopy trees. These trees, which at the time our houses were built, were smaller trees and it was not a big deal to have them be 10' away from a house or close to a sidewalk. Now 90 plus years later, these trees have grown, pushed up sidewalks, threatened foundations, and have suffered from a lack of area to spread roots and to recharge with rainwater. Recently we have seen, too often, the issue of too much rain at one time and the roots systems now horribly visible and unmanageable as these giants come down like Goliath.

We need to continue to replace our trees. In time there were too many years that trees were not planted causing a gap in the life of our trees. The Former Urban Forester for the City said this neighborhood was like a retirement community of trees – many older generation trees and not many 25-50 year old trees.

What can we do? With the stewardship of The Sunset Hills Garden Club, Greensboro Beautiful awarded this neighborhood with their NeighborWoods Program. Over 100 canopy trees

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Sources of Neighborhood Information

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

Get to know your neighbors in text and print and learn the news: <http://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org>. 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 2019 dues to submit a non-emergency message to the listserv.

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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.

Holiday Lighted Christmas Balls Food Collection

By Anne Smith

2019 was the 13th year of collecting food and funds for the food banks during the Shine the Light on Hunger display of the Lighted Christmas Balls. The neighborhood food collection team took 15,228 pounds of food to Greensboro Urban Ministry and a few smaller food pantries in the area. It has been a coordinated effort of several neighbors, which is working very well.



Roger Bardsley and Amy Kelly taking a breather after filling the Kelly truck from the trailer.

The generous folks in and around Greensboro donated \$94,399.60 (\$80,000 from the Running of the Balls) to help with overcoming food insecurity in our area.

Estimated meals 3,516,161 provided since Shine the Light on Hunger began.



Kelly truck on a mission.



Neighborhood collection point

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If you have questions, please contact me at cllindse@gmail.com and I will be glad to help.

Hey Gang –

Just wanted to touch base regarding the close out of the Running Of The Balls (ROTB) this year.

As far as the event was concerned our staff and feedback from participants has lead us to believe that this was our smoothest year yet. We had about the same number of folks registered in 2019 as 2018, but the pleasant weather on the night of the event makes us think that ALL registrants came to the event plus some spectators. We don't count on the night of the event, but this felt like our largest year yet. That said, folks moved in/out of the race with relative ease and we're not aware of any issue from the extra folks.

Our sponsorship this year increased 34% to \$47,400. For the first time ever we were at capacity for all of our sponsorship levels. We'll look for additional branding opportunities for sponsors at next year's event to try to continue this growth.

Our proceeds from participants was in line with last year, but slightly less because of some additional costs for adding security, supporting signage for sponsors stages, increased costs for marketing, and dealing with some weather issues because of the prospect of rain during the event. That said we had about the same number of folks as last year and raised \$32,400 this year vs \$33,600 last year. We'll look to reduce costs next year since we feel like we're at capacity in terms of the number of participants (because of the space the neighborhood can handle) and the price for the event (because of what folks can afford while maintaining a home-grown feel). I've mailed the check today.

We've known we were operating close to capacity over the past few years. I think this year's event further confirms that feeling. That said, having an event that reliably produces over \$30k, not including sponsorships is a pretty good place to be, all things considered! We're pretty happy with where we are in regards to the event's longevity, feel, and sustainability.

All of the above results in a total amount raised of \$80,100. That's a 16% increase over last year and by far our largest year yet.

We'd love some feedback on any of the above and look forward to working together again in 2020. The 2020 date for the event will be 12/12/20. We already have 100+ folks who have asked for a reminder when registration for the 2020 event opens up.

Blessings, Happy 2020, and (again) thank you so much for being involved. It's a blessing to us and we hope the same for you.

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WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR MAIL CARRIER IS GOING TO DROP OFF?

By Elaine Brune

You are out of town and are curious what's coming in the mail. There's an answer to that.

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USPS is now using the digitally scanned images of letter size mail from their automated mail sorting equipment to provide digital notifications to users in advance of the delivery of physical mail. Up to 10 pieces of mail will appear in the email and the dashboard in your personal USPS.com account will display all. Packages that are to be delivered will show the tracking status rather than an image.

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Oak and sidewalk issue on S. Tremont.



Tree just missed the house.



Rotted stump on Kensington

were planted and about half as many understory trees. Since then we have lost another 25 older trees. As a neighborhood we can plant more trees. One way is to work with Guilford Garden Center as they will be offering discounted oak trees again, like they started last year due to hurricane and tornado tree loss. There is already a small team that wants to work to have trees available to homeowners and possibly organize volunteers to help plant these trees. Would the Neighborhood Association be interested in paying for a tree that would replace one that has fallen?



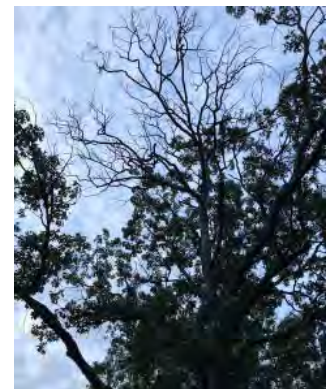
Tree tipped over after rain - W. Market



OLG (Our Lady of Grace) stump with young Eli.



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Oak die back



OLG Tree Truck



Tree in the street on Waverly

Are you interested in reforesting Sunset Hills? Please email beverleygass@gmail.com if you want to help, or want a tree for your yard.

Plastic bags

We love them and sometimes we hate them. No matter your feelings at any particular time, there are some facts to know....

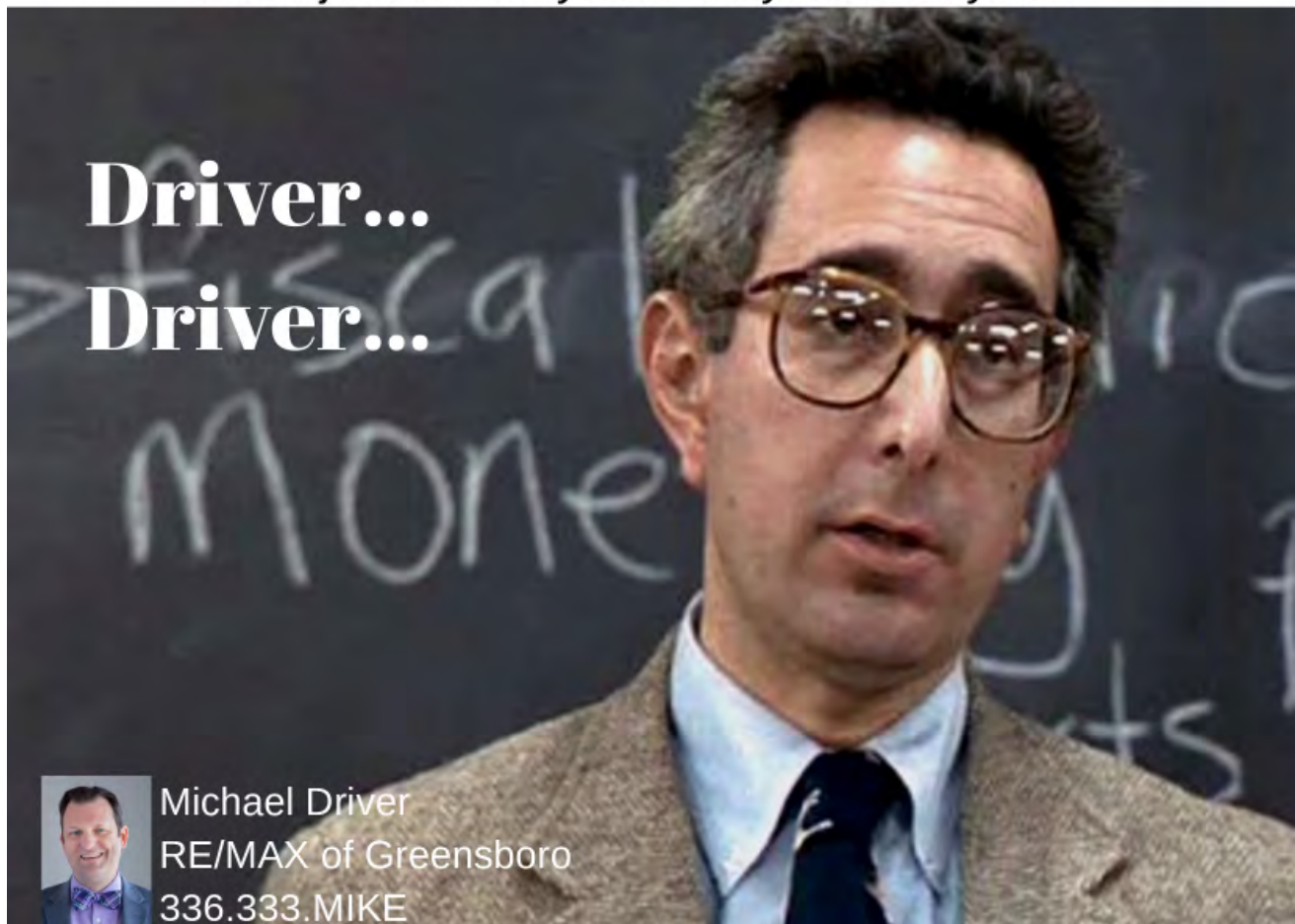
- 1) plastic bags of any kind or size may not be placed in the recycle bin (brown).
- 2) if you collect recyclable items in the house in a plastic bag, dump that bag of cans, newspaper and plastic tubs and plastic bottles (plastic caps on) directly into your brown recycling bin. Use the plastic bag again.
- 3) plastic containers, plastic wrap, and bottles are everywhere and so are their micro and nano sized particles. It is up to us to recycle wisely and completely.
- 4) plastic bags and rinsed wrap may be recycled at some grocery stores. Collect it day by day and take to select grocery stores to recycle.

Now suppose you want to cut down on plastic bag use. There are some easy things to do. Carry cloth bags to the grocery store. These bags can be used weekly. They are machine washable so toss them in the washer when desired. Handles on cloth bags don't cut your hands.


Many use plastic bags for vegetables and fruit, but you can save in two different ways on those bags. One is to put similar items in one bag. Help the bagger to weigh separately and return to the one bag. The second is to use reusable clear bags made for produce. Several internet stores sell them. Invest and use for a long time.

Until biodegradable plastic is available, try to get into "the use less plastic" mode.

Don't just call "Anyone? Anyone? Anyone?"



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A Ballet Dream Come True

By Melanie Rodenbough

Sunset Hills has been blessed with many children who grow up in the shade of our tree canopy, playing in the park and enjoying a neighborhood with sidewalks, friends and limited traffic. Friends and neighbors celebrate their accomplishments and wish them the best as they fly away. Every once in awhile one of those children achieves something extraordinary, something worth all of us proudly claiming one of "our kids."

Meet one of those children, if you don't already know her: 17-year old Daisy Wyatt, who has lived here all her life. Daisy has just begun a five-month semester of study with the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow, Russia.

Proud parents Scott and Kishie flew over to move her onto the Academy's campus, where she will be living with another American student - happily, one who speaks fluent Russian. She will dance five hours every day then return to her room in the evening to keep up her high school classes online. Daisy attended the Bolshoi Academy six-week summer intensive in New York City last summer, then applied and was accepted to study in Moscow this spring. Approximately 110 students from around the world are accepted into the international program.

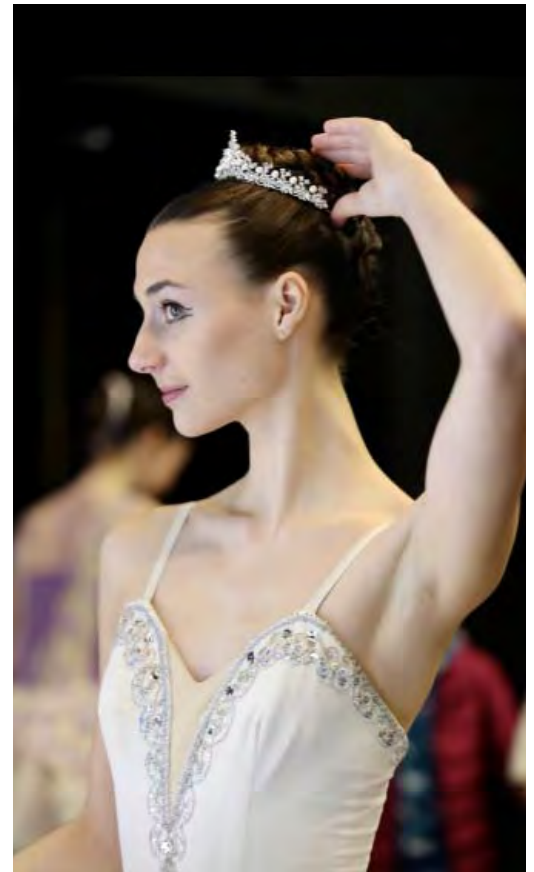
As her mom says, "This has been her dream." Daisy is probably the only child at Brown Summit Middle to ever sport a sweatshirt with the Russian flag on it - her favorite Christmas gift that year, as she shared with her class. Her love affair with Russian classical ballet began in third grade, when she began training at Artistic Motion

here in Greensboro. The staff there became a second family to her, dedicated to teaching the Vaganova technique of classical ballet in a loving and challenging atmosphere.

After her semester at the Bolshoi, Daisy has been invited to a summer program in Amsterdam. She will hopefully have several options thereafter to continue in a two-year training program at one of the major European ballet schools. From there the sky is the limit. Daisy's ultimate goal is to dance with a professional ballet company.

Many of you know Daisy as a much-sought-after babysitter in the neighborhood. Just recently my three-year old granddaughter and I were outside as Daisy was carrying into her house two of her extravagantly beautiful dance costumes. You won't be surprised that she took the time to stop and show them to an enthralled little girl and tell her about the characters they embodied.

We congratulate Daisy and her family for this extraordinary achievement, and wish her all the best as she pursues her dream.



3 Mistakes to Avoid When Selling Your Home in 2020

Contributed by Leslie Stainback

It's exciting to put your house on the market and think about making new memories and designing a new space. However, many of us are surprised at how attached we actually are to the home we are leaving behind. Deep sentimental attachments to the look and decor, and the memories made in the homes we're leaving behind, can create emotions that need to be managed to have a successful closing.

Homeowners who are ready to sell need to know what it takes to avoid costly mistakes. Being truly prepared for the process can help you avoid some of the most common mishaps when your house is on the market.

1. Overpricing Your Home. When inventory is low, like it is in the current market, it's common to think buyers will pay whatever we ask. Unfortunately, that's far from the truth! Don't forget that the buyer's bank will send an appraiser to determine the fair value of your home. The bank will not lend more than what the house is worth, so be mindful that you might need to renegotiate the price after the appraisal. My goal is to price your home so demand is maximized. Ask me about my "priced to sell in one day" strategy!

2. Letting Your Emotions Interfere with the Sale. Today, most homeowners have been in their house for an average of 10 years. This is several years longer than recent history, since many homeowners have been recouping from negative equity situations over the past 10 years. One surprising side effect is that living so long in one place causes more emotional attachment to your space. Life and family milestones that happened in the house create a lot of great memories and a lot of sentimental value. For some homeowners, that makes it even harder to negotiate. It is my job to help you detach your emotional value from the actual market value of your home and to help you with the negotiations in the process.

3. Not Staging Your Home. We love our houses and the décor and design we have used to make them feel like home. Unfortunately, buyers will not always feel the same way about those choices. That's why it's so important to make sure you stage your home with the buyer in mind. Buyers want to envision themselves in the space and that takes a more neutral canvas. If you know you need to declutter but need help getting started, I can provide resources to point you in the right direction. I will assist you in staging your home to get it sold!

Today's seller's market might be your best chance to make a move. If you're considering selling your house, let's get together and make a plan to help you navigate through the process while avoiding common seller mistakes.

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Nashville comes to Lindley

By Adam Graham-Squire

Lindley Engaged & Active Dads (LEAD) is excited to announce that this year's Spring concert at the Historic Lindley Elementary Auditorium will be Tuesday, March 3rd at 7PM. This year Nashville is coming to Lindley, as we are pleased to present Gabe Lee (with Lucciana Acosta).



Gabe Lee

Gabe Lee is a lifelong Nashvillian whose sound and writing will resonate with fans of Bob Dylan, John Prine, and Jason Isbell.

Gabe Lee's debut album 'farmland' was released in March of 2019 and has gained a great deal of attention within Nashville and beyond. The album features masterfully told stories with a folk/americana backbone. The album is perfectly simple and has received national acclaim (Essential Albums of 2019 - 'Saving Country Music'; Song of the Year Nominee (Eveline) - 'Saving Country Music'; Top 5 Under the Radar Artist - 2019 - Grady Smith).

The show starts at 7, doors open at 6, and the Porterhouse Food Truck will be at the school before the concert if you want to get a bite to eat. Please come out and show your support for the Lindley Lions and enjoy some terrific music.

All proceeds from the concert will go towards special initiatives funded by LEAD to help provide much needed resources for the students and faculty of Lindley Elementary. Previous concerts have financed equipment for the arts, music, and physical education programs, as well as classroom materials requested by teachers including wobble chairs and coolers.

Tickets can be purchased locally at Bestway grocery or at Sisters Jewelry on Tate Street, as well as online by googling "Nashville Comes to Lindley," or following the link below. The online purchase comes with a \$2.15 surcharge.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nashville-comes-to-lindley-elementary-tickets-88913377305>



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Minutes of the November SHNA meeting

In case you missed the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association meeting in November, here are the minutes of what we discussed:

We started with a welcome from Scott Michaels, SHNA Board President. Then Nick Loflin spoke about Running of the Balls, which will be held on Saturday, December 14th this year. Nick expressed his continuing appreciation for our neighborhood in hosting the event, and we expressed our appreciation for the work that he and his team put into the event, including making it easy for residents to take part (we have a part of the website just for us, if you don't know already: <http://therunningoftheballs.com/residents>) and his work cleaning up after the event.

Officer Watson (Officer Wingfield has been promoted to another district, and Officer Watson is taking his place for the time being) spoke about home security systems. While the police department does not advocate for any particular system, Officer Watson mentioned a number of features of newer home security systems that he considers to be very beneficial. He also mentioned that some of the security footage from the cameras has been helpful in identifying and bringing in criminals.

Mike Pendergraft spoke about regulations for *Airbnbs* in Greensboro. In short, they are currently being "regulated" the same way that bed and breakfasts are, and there is not much oversight (that is to say that generally things are not investigated unless there has been a complaint). Greensboro is in the process of updating the policies for Airbnb, and we have not heard too many complaints about it in the neighborhood.

Nancy Hoffman was also at the meeting, and she spoke briefly about a few issues, including the new poles that Verizon is putting up in the neighborhood (which have something to do with new 5G networks).

No other board members had any announcements. Scott mentioned that we do have funds for the neighborhood association, and we are looking into ways to utilize that money for the neighborhood. One issue is that our SHNA bylaws require that any money brought in by the neighborhood association must be spent within the borders of our neighborhood—so, for example, we cannot use that money to support events at Lindley, Kiser, or Grimsley, even though those schools are a part of the fabric of the neighborhood. There was some discussion about amending the bylaws, which the board will probably be discussing at our next meeting.

Lastly, we made a plea for people to fill some open positions on the board. Some people DID offer to help, but the following positions are still open:

--Vice President

--Social Events (we have someone who is interested in helping with this, but she is relatively new to the neighborhood, and would like to have someone who has been here longer and who is willing to share the role)

--Organizer for 4th of July party

--Newsletter (there are already some people who head up the newsletter, but they need more hands because there is a lot of work needed to put it together.

If you are interested in taking on any of those roles, please contact Scott Michaels (scottmichaels100@gmail.com).

--Adam Graham-Squire (SHNA Listserv Coordinator)

NEWSLETTER HELP Wanted

Marlene and Carole are writing down the steps needed to do the newsletter in the hopes of getting some assistance in the production of this four times a year publication. Marlene needs someone or some two to take over her tasks. She has been at this over a decade. If you are interested, everything will be explained to you and help is a phone call or mail message away. All you need is a computer, some basic software, email, and some time scattered over three weeks (sometimes longer depending on time of year) for each issue. The first two or three weeks are mostly making a time schedule and sending out the call for ads and articles. Total time is not more than two hours, but in small amounts. More time is needed the third or fourth week, but more people working will lessen everyone's time. This is a good job for people who know each other and would enjoy working together.

Please come forth to help or take over. Want to know more? Send email to mrpsunset@gmail.com.

Donate a few hours

Would you like to be more involved in the neighborhood? Interested in the activities of the Greensboro Police Department? Please consider representing Sunset Hills at the Citizens Advisory Committee. It is helpful to have two neighbors share this position. The time commitment involved includes 1 monthly meeting (for 10 months), the second Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00PM and easy planning for the National Night Out each August. This is a very easy and interesting way to be involved in keeping Sunset Hills a great place to live. Feel free to call Mary Schwarz at 651-788-0751 for more information.




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Why and How St Andrews is Adapting Renewable Energy Sources

Adapted from an article by Chris Berger, Treasurer of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



The Bergers

St. Andrew's on W. Market St. wanted to get better control over energy costs and wanted to be a better steward of our earth's resources.

Chris Berger researched solar panel technology and the options and laws governing the placement of panels on a nonprofit entity, obtained quotes and interviewed more than a half-dozen customers in the southeast who have been using solar panels for their facilities. Junior wardens in the church worked with Berger and Duke Energy and gathered quotes for other energy saving possibilities. The information was ranked in a cost/benefit analysis.

In the end were two actionable tasks.

The church reached out to Duke Energy about the LIME program that entailed having an analysis of the facility to identify where lighting and high demand energy draws were being made, such as the older A/C units. As a demand customer, Duke bases part of our

monthly energy bill on the peak demand incurred during the monthly cycle, so the lower our peak demand, the lower the monthly bill will be. St. Andrew's choose to invest in this program and expects to realize a savings over the course of a 10-year period substantial enough to generate a positive cash flow.

At the same time, the church also requested quotes from several solar panel companies and reviewed whether they offered lease arrangements. Each company should provide a 20-25 year cash payback analysis. The next decision was buy or lease. Based on several factors, the church decided to lease.

The Vestry sought the input of the parish to be certain that moving forward was desired.

After LIME was completed the church analyzed savings and shared the information with the solar power company to ensure that the system would meet the reduced needs. The solar company inspected the property to determine that the facility received enough sun to generate the needed power.

The whole process takes time and timing. If interested for your non-profit, consult with Duke Energy about timing to take advantage of Duke's rebates.

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Hello Neighbors!

On January 13, I attended the first Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of 2020. It was also our first meeting with Officer Williams, our newly appointed Community Resource Officer.

He told us a bit about himself: he is an NC State graduate with a BA in Criminology. He has been with the Greensboro Police Department for 6 years, much of which was on patrol on the east side. Most recently, he was a bike officer assigned to downtown Greensboro. Like Officer Wingfield, Officer Williams said that he is fine with citizens contacting him directly, so please make note of his contact information:

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As of Jan. 13, the new Greensboro Police Chief had not been announced...but on Jan. 14, it has been announced that Brian L. James has been appointed to the position. He is a Greensboro native, a graduate of Page High School, North Carolina A&T, Pfeiffer University, and several other programs. See this article for more information about Chief James:

<https://myfox8.com/2020/01/14/greensboro-police-department-to-announce-new-police-chief/>

News from the other neighborhoods:

-AT&T solicitors are out and about, many don't have permits. You do not need to do business with people who do not have City approval to go door-to-door. It is recommended that you acknowledge that you are home if they (or other solicitors) come to your door...this can be done through a locked door or window if you feel safer that way.

-One CAC member shared that they had been duped with counterfeit \$10 bills. Be aware.

-90% of car smash & grab thefts take place because a valuable object was left in the car where someone could see it. Take valuables inside the home or office, if not possible hide them in the trunk BEFORE arriving at your destination. This applies especially to fire arms.

-Bicycling in Greensboro (BIG) gave a brief presentation. They are a nonprofit group working to promote safety and connectivity for bicyclists. They provide education to ALL ages about bike safety, will come out to any group to present. They work with neighborhoods and the city to make roadways safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. If you would like more information let me know; I have their brochure. Perhaps a good idea for a neighborhood party, such as the July 4th parade?

*****News about Sunset Hills:*****

-There were many people who woke up to punctured tires on New Year's Day in the Sunset Hills and Westerwood neighborhoods. Specifically, on Madison Ave. and Kensington. Officer Williams said no video has been provided and there is no further progress in the investigation. If anyone has video of that night, please contact Officer Williams even if your car was not damaged.

-There was a concern reported about seeing a group, Israelite Church of God in Jesus Christ, dressed in their red & white uniforms (usually seen downtown), walking on Chapman between Walker and Spring Garden. Officer Williams said police are aware of this group, they are likely recruiting when they are near college apartments, and as long they are on public property not creating a disturbance, they can be there. Noise must be kept to a certain level, so it is OK to call police if they are too loud. Overall, Officer Williams did not seem concerned about this group. As always, call 911 with any immediate concerns. Concerns about this group in general can be monitored by individuals and dealt with accordingly.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like me to bring up at the February meeting,

Mary Schwarz

Tips for Detecting Counterfeit US Money

By Mary Schwarz

(sources: dfacornell.edu, <https://www.businessknowhow.com/security/counterfeitmoney.htm>)

1. Feel the texture of the bill.

a. Pay attention to the feel of the paper. Bank Notes are printed on special paper, not commercially available. The composition of the paper and the ink are confidential, so counterfeiters cannot replicate the genuine paper. Genuine currency has a slightly raised ink, especially on new bills. Ridges can be felt on a portrait's vest, printers cannot reproduce the ridges.

2. Compare to another bill of the same denomination.

a. Try to compare to another bill of the same series or date if possible. There have been changes to bill design over the years.

3. Counterfeits have a relatively flat look, with lack of detail.

- a. Look for blurry areas in fine details.
- b. Real bills have clear and unbroken borders with Federal Reserve and Treasury seals that are sharp and well-defined.
- c. Real bills have sharp portraits with very fine detailing.

4. Look for colored fibers embedded in the paper.

- a. Real bills have red and blue fibers embedded in the paper.
- b. Counterfeit bills may have colored ink drawn or printed onto the bill, but not embedded.

5. Look for the following SECURITY FEATURES on the \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 bills. It is rare that lower denominations are counterfeited, thus they do not always have all of the security features of higher denominations.

a. SECURITY THREAD (since 1990): embedded (not printed)

- i. Hold bill up to the light to see the strip and the printing on it
- ii. Genuine bills will have "USA" plus the denomination printed on the strip: USA FIVE, USA TEN, USA TWENTY, USA 50, or USA 100
- iii. The threads are placed in different places, according to denomination, to prevent lower denominations from being bleached and remade as higher value denominations

b. WATERMARK PORTRAIT:

- i. Hold the bill up to the light to check for the watermark portrait of the person whose portrait is on the bill.
- ii. The watermark portrait is embedded to the right of the portrait.
- iii. The watermark portrait is visible on both sides of the bill

c. COLOR-SHIFTING INK:

- i. Tilt the bill from side to side to examine color-shifting ink.
- ii. Available from 1996 on the \$100, \$50, and \$20; and from 1999 on the \$10. Not used on lower denominations.

d. MICRO-PRINTING:

- i. Use a magnifying glass to examine your bill for micro-printing.
- ii. The exact locations of micro-printing have changed over the years, but a counterfeit will have either no micro-printing or blurry micro-printing.
- iii. Micro-printing on a genuine bill will be crisp and clear.

e. EURion CONSTELLATIONS:

- i. Beginning in 2004, \$10, \$20, and \$50 bills were redesigned with more colors. One such design includes EURion Constellations which are distinct patterns of symbols which trigger many photocopiers to refuse to copy the bill.

Example of a EURion image



6. "Raised bills" are a simple type of counterfeit.

- a. **Numerals** are glued onto a lower denomination, then copied to make it look like a higher denomination. A quick look at the letters printed at the bottom to compare to the numbers in the corner can avoid falling for a raised bill.
- b. **Non-smearable ink and counterfeit detection pens are not a good test.**

7. The Treasury Department warns against assuming a bill is genuine if the ink does not smear. Counterfeiters have more sophisticated means than in previous eras.

a. Counterfeit detection pens are not reliable methods for identifying fake bills. The pens only indicate the presence of starch in the paper. The Treasury Department does not sanction these pens as reliable because they may falsely identify genuine bills that have been washed and they are not sophisticated enough for high level counterfeit methods.

8. If you believe you have received a counterfeit bill, the U.S. Treasury advises you to do the following:

- Do not put yourself in danger.
- Do not return the bill to the passer.
- Delay the passer with some excuse, if possible.
- Observe the passer's description - and their companion's descriptions - and write down their vehicle license plate numbers if you can.
- Contact your local police department or call your local Secret Service Office.
- Write your initials and date in the white border area of the suspected counterfeit note.
- Do not handle the counterfeit note. Place it inside a protective cover, a plastic bag, or envelope to protect it until you place it in the hands of an identified Secret Service Special Agent. You can also mail it to your nearest Secret Service office.

Remember, if you are passed a counterfeit bill, you own it. So when accepting cash, it pays to be knowledgeable about the crime of counterfeiting.



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Once You Choose Hope, Anything is Possible

By Kathy Martinek

On the first Tuesday of every month I pick up my new friend in a nearby town and we have an enjoyable ride together to Winston-Salem. Sheila is a tiny, vivacious, bright, single mother and grandmother with a great sense of humor who remembers every detail about our monthly conversations.

Sheila taught high school Drama and English for 9 years until it proved too much with her two children. Her attention to detail and organizational skills got her a position in the insurance industry. She even looked after her mother's finances and managed her household for many years and grieved her death last year at 100. Longevity and good health run in her family.

Her meals and snacks are nutritious and well-planned. Her getaway, tho, is a local cafe with friends that has the BEST hamburgers. "I love burgers and fries," Sheila says.

On this Tuesday she comes out of her house with her baseball cap on to hide her thinning hair and her 20 oz cup of water that she carries everywhere. She had gotten up early as always, read her devotional, meditated for 20 minutes, and made notes in her journal. After completing chores, then lunch at 12:00, she was ready when I pull into her driveway.

Why am I sharing all this? Because Sheila is working hard to beat the odds. Two years ago at the age of 68 after genetic tests, she confronted the news that a sudden onset of strange movements and weakness were from Huntington's Disease.

"How could this be?" Her family had never heard of HD anywhere. They learned that it's the "...Devil of All Diseases, that each child of a parent with the defective Huntington gene has a 50% chance of inheriting the disease. What starts out as small missteps ends up taking a person's ability to feel, think and move. Eventually, they may become totally dependent. There is no treatment or cure." Without knowing the details of her family's health history, she is one of a small percentage who blissfully live their lives unaware.

Sheila has been joining me at the Winston-Salem HD support group for a year and has taken advantage of all the advice, resources and wisdom from specialists. Regular contact with the Licensed Clinical Social Worker on clinical trials, best lifestyle practices for now and the future, Sheila has a grip on things and knows where to get answers. Her symptoms have improved because she is not alone. She is even sharing her proven practices with the group.

The NC Chapter of Huntington's Disease Society of America is working overtime to raise awareness of the excellent resources and care, including the support groups across the state, our Center of Excellence at Duke, and advocating in Congress to eliminate the 2-year wait for Medicare. Lots to do!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Come and have a blast shooting free throws for our 4th annual Hoops 4 Hope on Sun., March 29 at Grimsley High School, 2:30-5:00. Last year was the best ever with over 100 participants. Register a team of four for only \$20 or \$5 each and compete in our pre-school, Elementary, Middle, High School, or Adult divisions, absolutely any skill level. We'll have free tshirts, great prizes, music, amazing raffle, plenty of snacks, silent auction items from NBA All-Star Bam Adebayo including 2 pair of game-worn shoes! Bring friends and family!

Register at northcarolina.hdsa.org/hoops4hope or Peter Martinek-Jenne, martinp3@gcsnc.com

p.s. I have HD in my family. In many cases there are up to three generations with HD in the same household at the same time.

To learn more visit www.hdsa.org or northcarolina.hdsa.org.



HOOPS 4 HOPE

GRIMSLEY HIGH SCHOOL GREENSBORO, NC



PRESENTED BY

WHEN

Sunday March 29, 2020

2:30-5:00pm (Registration begins 2:30pm)

WHERE

Grimsley High School Gymnasium

801 North Josephine Boyd St. Greensboro, NC 27408

WHAT

A free throw shooting competition for ALL AGES! Bring a team of 4 or join a team as an individual shooter. Compete in Elementary, Middle, High School or Adult divisions. Medals/prizes to all winning teams!

WHY

To raise awareness and support for those families affected by Huntington's Disease in North Carolina. Visit hdsa.org or northcarolina.hdsa.org

HOW

Register your team of 4 or your individual shooter online by visiting northcarolina.hdsa.org/hoops4hope or by contacting Peter Martinek-Jenne 336-268-0534 martinp3@gcsnc.com

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\$20 FOR TEAM OF 4/
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302 S Tremont Dr	3	1	\$249,900	\$250,000	08/22/2019	1	1,390
429 E Radiance Dr	3	2	\$199,000	\$187,500	08/30/2019	6	1,387
214 Ridgeway Dr	3	2	\$469,900	\$469,900	10/10/2019	3	2,955
2119 Wright Ave	4	2	\$325,000	\$335,000	10/18/2019	2	2,293
2003 Wright Ave	3	1	\$209,900	\$209,900	10/28/2019	23	1,171
205 S Chapman St	4	3	\$419,000	\$399,000	10/29/2019	89	3,019
2013 Wright Ave	3	2	\$249,000	\$258,250	10/31/2019	1	1,320
311 N Tremont Dr	4	3	\$339,900	\$335,000	11/08/2019	45	2,150
1903 Rolling Rd	4	3	\$485,000	\$478,000	12/11/2019	2	2,887
1710 Market St	4	3	\$504,900	\$503,000	01/23/2020	47	2,950
304 N Tremont Dr	3	2	\$299,000	\$305,000	01/31/2020	3	1,595



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February 2020 Treasurer Report - Membership List

By Elaine Brune

Listed below are 150 neighbors who have paid dues for 2020. Bolded and asterisked * made contributions as well as paid dues. Thank you all for your generosity and neighborliness! We use these funds for events in our neighborhood.

If you don't see your name below you can make it happen by paying the association dues. They are \$10 per home. And we take any donations above the annual fee. You can send or drop off the payment at my home: 2504 Sylvan Road Greensboro, NC 27403. Or you can pay through PayPal. The PayPal link can be found on our website: <http://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org/calendar.html>. Dues payment allows you to help sponsor our neighborhood activities and post messages on our listserv. Thanks for all neighbors paying their dues and contributions.

Elaine 336 601 5719.

2020 Members (Bold and marked with * indicate donations above the membership dues.)

David & Stephanie Adams
Jack & Mia Alsup
Ellen Ammirato
Dominick & Vicki Amendum
Jennifer Jones & Jon Anderson*
Spencer & Susan Andrews
Bob & Betty Arms
Robert & Patricia Arnett*
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Erick & Kym Bain
Lee & Denise Baker*
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Terry Carey*
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Reeves & Elton Click
Chip & Sarah Cook
Catherine Crowder
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Todd & Karen Deal
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Bob & Sherry Harris*

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Joseph & Michelle Soler
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Michiko Stavert*
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Frances Taylor
Paul & Robin Timmins
Gerry Alfano & Merrill Tisdell*
Bryan & Billie Toney
Chris & Brooke Wagner*
Tom & Mel Waldron*
Paul & Judy Walmsley*
Stephen Ware*
Tricia Webb
Darrel & Cindy Wells*
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Mark & Valerie Wilkerson
Hana Brown & Dan Wilder
Linda Rhyne & Paul Williams
Beth Woody & Randy Yardley*

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS? (Glue, Paper, Scissors = Dues Envelope)

On the back of this sheet you will find an envelope template to make for the 2020 Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association Dues.

In the past we enclosed an envelope in the last newsletter of the year for dues payment and I loved receiving all those business size envelopes with green print and our logo on the front. This year, even before the end of January, we have received 135 households. This equals 38% of last year's number already. **Thank you, neighbors!** (358 households joined in 2019 out of a total of about 810 homes in Sunset Hills.)

So for the remaining 675 homes in the neighborhood here is your opportunity to do a little elementary school playing. Get your scissors, glue, checkbook, pen, and stamp (optional) and make this envelope and write a check.

STEPS

1. Cut out the envelope on the solid lines. Throw away the gray matter with the option of trying some origami with the darker gray.
2. Fold backwards on the dashed lines
3. Glue where necessary.
4. Write a check or cash (if you drop it in my little red postbox). Check payable to **Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association (SHNA)** for \$10 or more. Dues are \$10. If you want to give more we consider it a donation and your name will be bold with a star next to it will appear in the next newsletter.
5. Drop it off at my house 2504 Sylvan Road or put a stamp on it and let the mail person deliver. Either way you are contributing to our activities and events held for the neighborhood.

On page 22 is the list of the great neighbors who have already paid their dues. Names in bold * gave more than dues. Thanks!



Scott Michaels



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Sunset Hills Resident and Your
Neighborhood Realtor

Allen Tate Realtors





**Dues
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**Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association
Elaine Brune - Treasurer
2504 Sylvan Road
Greensboro, NC 27403**

**Fold sides
to back
first and
then
bottom
along
dashes**

**Cut this section out or
Origami Challenge:
Fold & tuck under sides after making
envelope & before sealing top flap**

**Instructions
on Back**