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# A Letter From The President

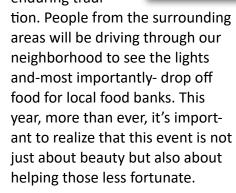
by Scott Michaels

t's the most wonderful time of the year in Sunset Hills!

Thanks to John Kelly and his crew of volunteers, the Lighted Christmas Balls are up and lit in the parks. This is a massive task and I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it happen! The launch party on Friday night was well attended and the spirit of the holidays is alive and well in Sunset Hills!

The lighted Christmas Balls in the parks and in front of individual homes turns Sunset Hills into a

winter wonderland. Both residents and visitors are so thankful to the Smith Family for starting this enduring tradi-



Our parks are the heart of the neighborhood. They are where we

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## A Letter From The President

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gather for events, where we walk our dogs, where children play and where residents can sit and enjoy nature in the middle of town.

The Board is working diligently to take care of and improve our parks. Sunset Hills has embarked on a neighborhood adventure to create a master plan for our beloved park. The City of Greensboro, of course, owns the park, but we call it our own. Over the years countless volunteers have planted trees and flowers, picked up trash, installed benches and done other things to keep this strip of land at the heart of our community.

In the past two years we have installed a centennial monument, planted 120 trees, removed invasive species (thank you Robin), put up lighted Christmas Balls and so forth. Since the park has never been mapped, let alone planned, it seemed like an opportunity to agree on the future. A team has already

"The Board is working diligently to take care of and improve our parks. .... The next steps are to form a park planning committee and hire a consultant ..."

conducted a Needs Assessment Survey, a biological inventory, and developed a map, courtesy of Guilford County GIS.

The next steps are to form a park planning committee and hire a con-

sultant to lead us through the planning process. Who wants to help? We will hold an initial meeting, open to anyone, in the near future. If you want to join the committee, just send me an email and I will

forward it to the appropriate team. (ScottMichaels100@gmail.com)

Time is flying by. In the middle of all the Holiday activity, please take a moment to stop and enjoy the beauty of our neighborhood. So many people work together to make it possible.

And that's what makes Sunset Hills so special!

I wish everyone in the neighborhood the happiest of holidays and a wonderful 2026!

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# A Note From Your Treasurer

REMINDER

by Elaine Brune



anuary starts the new year for your dues payment. \$10 per household per year (\$11 if paying with Paypal). These dues go to events in the neigh-

borhood, our newsletters, keeping up the park, supporting Rock the Block and Lighted Christmas Ball activities. Dues also allow you to post on our neighborhood

list-serve where you can find, sell, or borrow items, report lost or found animals, etc..

Send or drop your payment off at Elaine Brune's house. 2504 Sylvan

Road, 27403. Make checks payable to Sunset Hills Neighborhood (SHNA), or contactless at <a href="https://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org/duesanddonations">https://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org/duesanddonations</a>.

Donations above the \$10 are

greatly appreciated and allow us to expand our events and activities. Elsewhere in this edition are the 368 members who have already paid the dues. Thanks, and thanks for

the neighbors who gave a donation as well. Hope to see your names in the newsletter next year!

# Stay In The Loop

You can follow along with regular happenings, updates, and news by following us on our Facebook page and on our website.

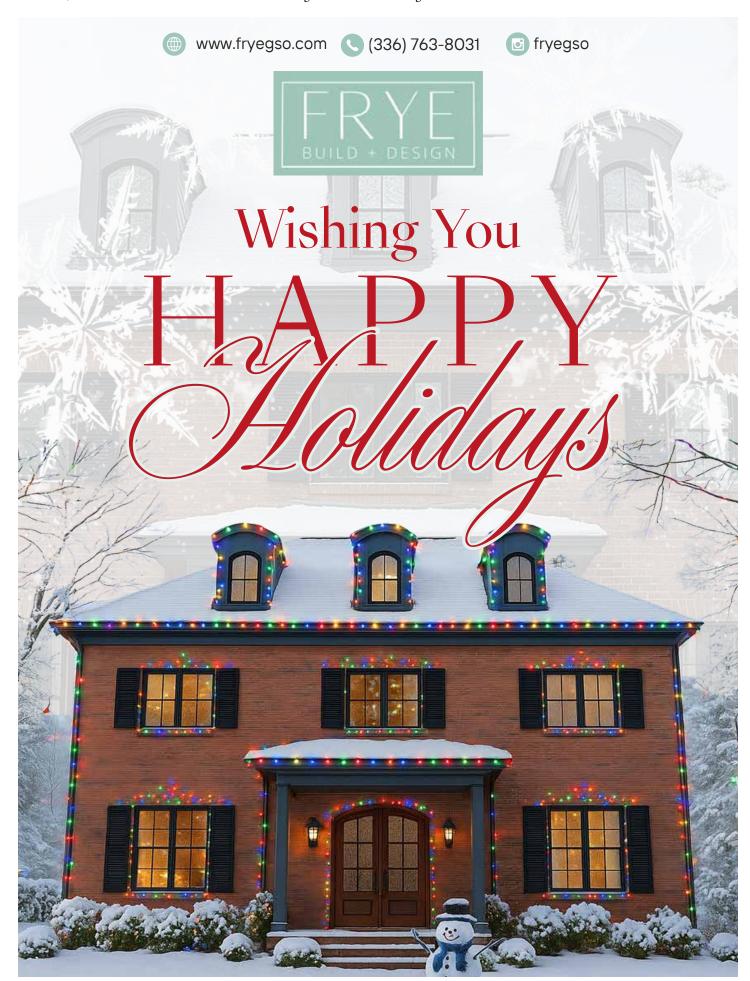
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Please note that only current members who have paid their annual dues may send non-emergency messages to the community listsery.

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# A Stream Cleanup That Felt Like So Much More!

by Robin Davis

handful of neighbors gathered around the park benches at "Greenway Park #2" as it is known on Google Maps

(or the "benches by the playground" as this group of devoted

park lovers has long called it!). It's the meeting spot where our twice a year stream and park litter cleanups on behalf of Sunset Hills Environ-

mental Affairs begin and end.

This day was a sunny and

warm Saturday morning in late November and an absolutely perfect morning for our task at hand. As we waited for everyone to

arrive, conversations immediately focused on just how good this particular clean up morning felt. Not the weather...but the setting and the energy. You see, surrounding us were other neighbors engaged in activities in the park, too. Some men were working as a group to launch the lighted balls into the trees on this small side of the park (yay!). Some folks were walking

dogs through the park in a peace-ful, ambling sort of way. And there was a nice group of moms, dads, and friends chatting among themselves while watching the children swinging and playing in the leaves. Yes...playing in the leaves! That glorious activity that we all did when we were oh-so-much younger. The calm, positive, happy ener-

I think we all enjoyed our morning even more for the collective experience all of us helped created.

Once everyone had their buckets and grabbers for gathering up litter we set off in teams to scour



the creek bed and surrounding slopes to pick up what we found. This is always quite the grand adventure for the young people who help us! As they say, many hands makes light work, and within the hour we had completed our cleanup. We once again meet at the benches, discuss our random unusual finds and large sources of litter, then dump all of the trash (22 lbs including one cell phone that was taken to hazardous waste) into a bag for the city to collect. A report is filed after each clean up including pictures of water quality so that Water Re-

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gy was contagious to all of us and

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# NATTY GREENE'S

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# Block Party Brings Connection & Fun To Berkley Place

by Sarah Hopkins



nyone remember the "great ice storm" of December 2002? Within just 48 hours, Greensboro was blanketed with

over an inch of ice. The power was out, trees were falling, Bestway was closed, and the holiday rush slowed to a halt as the city

was all but shut down. I have clear memories of that week because that was our move-in to Sunset Hills. The making of a holiday comedy began. We packed up our home in Lindley Park in the dark and cold, preparing our meals on a Weber grill. With our 2 ½ yearold daughter in tow, and another arriving within weeks, my husband and I loaded the U-Haul and ventured less than a mile to our new home on Berkley

dramatic and unusual entrance into the neighborhood, our holi-

Place. Despite our

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day comedy quickly transformed into a love story. Over the past 23

years, we have experienced the fullness of "Great Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods."

On Sunday, October 26th, Berkley Place

became the stage for a festive fall themed Block Party. With pen-

nants hung high, golden leaves under toe and a crisp feel in the air, new and old neighbors gathered to enjoy an afternoon filled with connection, great food and fun. As a throwback to previous Berklev Place block parties, thrill-seek-

ers participated in the "great box car race"-racing down the hill, towards the checkered flag. The kids enjoyed riding their bikes and scooters, creating artistic designs with chalk and playing football in the

street. Of course, no block party is complete without delicious food. From burgers and hot dogs to a

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Block Party flyer; Community and connection

Clockwise From Top Right:

The "Great Boxcar Race"; Connecting with neighbors; Delicious food

right off the grill; Berkley Place

# Sunset Hills New Neighbor Welcome Box

by Beverley Gass & Linda Hayes

urely it's safe to say that Sunset Hills is a special place to live - a park

with tennis

and pickle balls courts and trees and streams, playgrounds, good people, lighted balls in our trees at Christmas, a foot race, food donations, music on summer nights! To be sure new neighbors understand from the outset what a special place they've chosen to live in, the Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association

welcomes them with a New Neighbor Welcome Box.

Tucked in a sleeve inside the top of the box is useful information about neighborhood events, how we communicate, the park, the lighted Christmas balls, a welcome to the hood message and a copy of the newsletter. A special thanks to Bob Holden and his graphic design skills for creating the look and feel of the boxes and his continuing involvement.

Satta Pada Cat.

**Above:** New Neighbor Coordinator Beverley Gass (right) welcomes Anne & Ben Souder to Sunset Hills with a New Neighbor Welcome Box

The box also includes donations from businesses owned by residents or operating in the neighborhood. We have received lots of wonderful items for the boxes including jars of honey, a tape measure, pens and pads of paper, gift bags, T-shirts, frisbees and numerous gift certificates.

At the end of each quarter, we obtain a list of properties sold in the neighborhood and prepare boxes for delivery based on that list.

Since September 2024, we have delivered thirty-eight boxes to new neighbors.

And, of course, we continously need to expand or replenish donated items included in the boxes. If you or your business is interested in welcoming new neighbors, we would love to hear from you.

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# Light The Park Kicks Off The Holiday Season With A Roar!



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# Cats Love Clean Air (Especially During The Holidays)

by Terry Rader



y Tortie, Amber Rose, loved the holiday season. She would park herself by the

fireplace's hearth awaiting an evening fire. Every night when the tree lit up, she would put herself below it looking like a furry gift, but we all knew she was only there to soak up the heat of the lighted deer. Cats love warmth and they will seek it out from any source including self-heated blankets to their favorite place of all, your lap.

Cats are extraordinary creatures and fastidious groomers. They spend around two and a half hours licking themselves every day. Some cats are extremely sensitive to scents, essential oils, and anything sprayed in the air, especially plug-in fragrances that release fragrance oils and chemicals into the air continuously. These oil residues end up on your floors, furniture, and cat beddings, and are ingested by your cats via their tongues while bathing themselves. Both cats and dogs have far more sensitive respiratory systems than humans. Birds even more so and even tiny

amounts of airborne chemicals can be fatal (canaries in the coalmine) from scented candles, sprays, and plug-ins.



Please don't fall for "natural" labeling for anything containing chemicals. Companies have no law to make them disclose what they put into these air fresheners. Phthalates carry fragrance and have been linked to hormonal disruptions (thyroid issues) and

cancer in animals. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) have been known to cause respiratory issues once they evaporate into the air.

Synthetic fragrance can be toxic to animals when inhaled over extended periods of time. Other toxic ingredients too long to list include formaldehyde. The state of California has labeled these substances as toxic via Proposition 65 warning consumers to stay clear of them. While some humans may only get headaches or allergic reactions to these scented products, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, others may have more serious debilitating effects including loss of coordination, damage to the liver, kidney, and central nervous system. Some VOCs can cause cancer in animals, and some are suspected or known to cause cancer in

humans along with sinus infections, migraines, asthma reactions, infertility, and babies and elderly people are of special concern.

If your dog or cat is coughing, sneezing, scratching, hiding, or showing signs of general lethargy,

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# No child is one-size-fits-all. Their education shouldn't be either.

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# TODDLER OPEN HOUSE

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Sunday, March 22, 1 p.m. for families whose children will be in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in August. Register at bit.ly/gms1to3.

# Skip The Chains -Sip Local

by Martha Stepnowski & Chat GPT



efore you head off to a chain coffee shop that rhymes with Daddy Warbucks, why not try one of Greens-

boro's unique, homegrown spots that are very close to Sunset Hills? Each offers something special — from cozy corners and fresh pastries to live music and community spirit.

#### **Common Grounds**

(602 S. Elam Ave)
A true neighborhood hub! **Com- mon Grounds** offers not just



great coffee but also a relaxed vibe perfect for hanging out with friends. Enjoy a glass of wine or a

local beer, challenge your tablemates to a board game, or catch one of their live music nights. Whether you're looking to unwind or plug in for a bit of work, this place makes it easy to feel at home.



(1932 Spring Garden St)



Greensboro's oldest locally owned coffee shop and bakery still has plenty of charm to spare. From steaming mugs of fresh-brewed coffee to muffins, cookies, and pastries baked right on site, it's a sweet spot any day of the week. Be sure to take advantage of their fun daily specials—like Free Cookie Wednesday and \$2 Slice Sundays—and don't forget to bring your own cup for a special fill-your-own price!

### A Special Blend

(3900 W. Market St)

At **A Special Blend**, every cup of



coffee comes with a dose of kindness. This non-profit café employs adults with disabilities, creating an inclusive, welcoming atmosphere that truly lives up

to its name. You'll leave with not only a great drink but also a full heart—because supporting them helps sustain meaningful employment opportunities right here in our community.

### 33 & Elm Coffee House

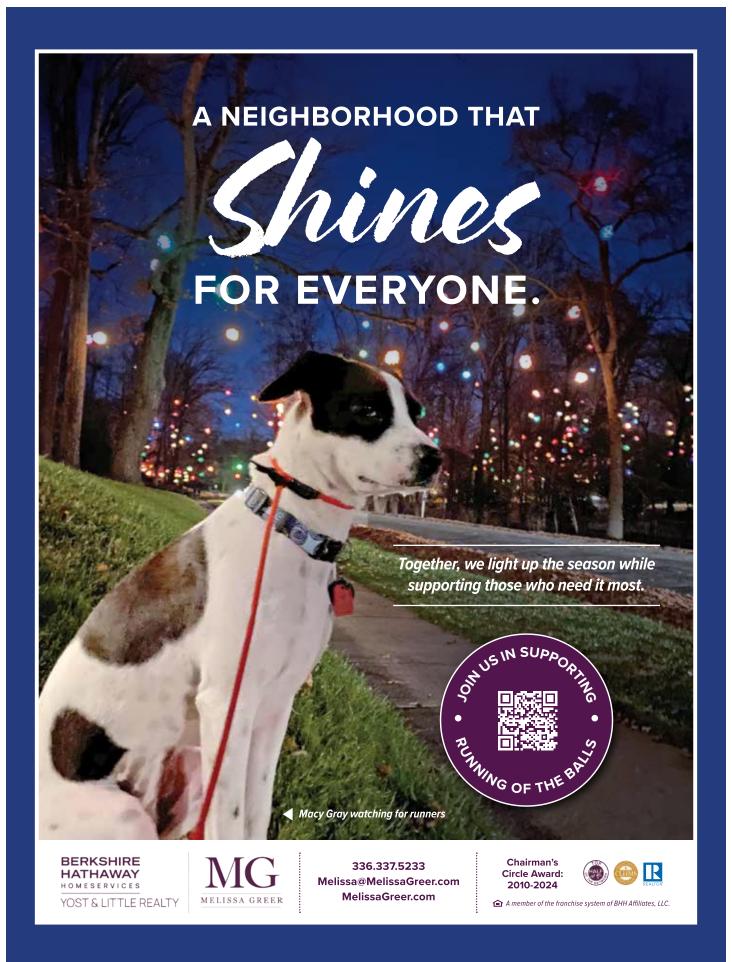
(924 W Gate City Blvd)
Run by the Industries of the Blind (IOB), this non-profit coffee shop serves up delicious drinks, baked goods, and even a Keto-friendly section for those watching carbs. It's also a showcase for IOB's



high-quality, locally made products. You can sip your latte and shop at the same time—recent visitors have walked out with everything from fresh cookies to hand-crafted straw brooms (a Greensboro-made bargain at just \$8.80!).

So next time you need a caffeine fix, skip the big green mermaid and grab your next cup from one of these great local spots. Your taste buds—and your community—will thank you.

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### ANOTHER IN OUR SEMI-REGULAR SERIES OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS - PART 1

# Life Changing Accident Brings Out The True Sunset Hills Spirit

by Emily Morgan

f you've ever strolled down Camden Road and noticed the colorful yard with whimsical art, a

robot-shaped library glowing at night, and a group of kids laughing as they feed popcorn to chickens — you've discovered the home of David Brown and Shanna Letner.

David, a 65-year-old retired IT employee of Guilford County, has called Sunset Hills home since 1991. His creativity and generosity have long made him a beloved fixture in our community. His yard is not only an artistic wonder but a welcoming space for everyone. Children explore hidden treasures buried in the yard, borrow books from the two Little Free Libraries (one made from painted school lockers featuring Where the Wild Things Are), and wave to the Minions, Star Trek spaceships, and other characters peeking from behind the wildlife. Even the neighborhood dogs know to stop by for a treat.
But on Thursday, October 2,
David's life changed dramatical-



**Above:** David and Shanna's home on Camden Road

Right: Scene of the horrendous accident involving a logging truck loaded with large logs and David's motorcycle ly. While riding his motorcycle through Georgia with his brother, a logging truck overturned, trapping

him beneath three massive logs. First responders worked over an hour to free him. He received two units of blood at the scene before being transported to Northeast Medical Center in Gainesville, Georgia, where he underwent multiple surgeries to repair crushed tibia compound fractures and receive skin grafts.



After two challenging weeks in the hospital, David was transferred on October 17 to Camden Health

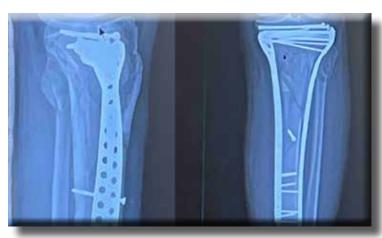
invite neighborhood children topaint and decorate the ramp soona joyful project that perfectly

reflects David's spirit and the creativity that fills his yard.

The community also launched a Meal Train and GoFund-Me to support the Browns

David and Shanna are deeply grateful for the love, meals, messages, and generosity they've received. "We're just overwhelmed by the kindness of this community," Shanna shared. "It's truly neighbors helping neighbors." To follow David's progress and offer support, visit their GoFundMe page, where Shanna continues to post updates on his recovery.

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**Above:** X-rays of David's shattered legs showing multiple pins, screws and other medical appliances

Rehab in Greensboro. Thanks to his determination — and the expertise of his partner, Shanna, a skilled home health aide — he's expected to return home early November.

David's recovery won't be easy. With steel implants in both legs and strict orders not to bear weight for at least another six weeks, even simple tasks will be a challenge. But as always, Sunset Hills rose to the occasion. Within days, neighbors rallied to

# "We're just overwhelmed by the kindness of this community. It's truly neighbors helping neighbors!"

build an ADA-accessible ramp at David's home, ensuring he could safely return. Shanna has plans to



**Above:** Neighbors Kevin Lau and Craig Miller with the ramp they built to provide easier access for David

through this difficult re-

covery. For a man who rarely sits still, this season of rest is tough, but the outpouring of care from friends and neighbors has brought great comfort.

Turn To Page 29 For More About This Harrowing And Heartwarming Story

# "Lighten The Burden" This Holiday Season

by Erin Reis, Sunset Hills Environmental Affairs (SHEA)



here are several ways to "Lighten the Burden" on the community and the environment this Holiday Lighted Ball Season:

- Save energy, reduce your electric bill, and cut carbon emissions by making new and/or replacement balls with LED lights. While LED strands cost more than incandescent, factoring in the cost of electricity, an LED ball will cost the same as an incandescent ball for the first year and substantially less each subsequent year. The technology for these strands keeps improving and they are just as visually appealing as incandescent lights, but they last longer!
- Put your lights on a timer so that they don't stay on all night (or day). Consider turning your lights off at 11pm each night or follow the schedule of the balls in the park, which are set to turn on at dusk (using light-sensitive timers) and stay on for 6 hours. Not only will this reduce energy consumption, it will preserve darkness for wildlife (especially migrating birds), and also prevent late-night neighborhood drive-throughs.

Recycle your old burnedout light strands; don't just put them in the trash! You can take them yourself to ECOFLO, 2750 Patterson St., or you can drop them

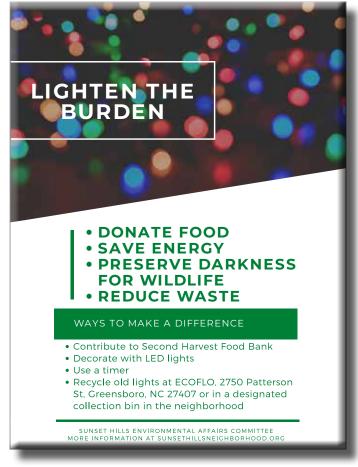
in one of the designated bins for light strand recycling that will be placed throughout the neighborhood. Just look for the green "Lighten the Burden" signs! Please see sunsethillsneighborhood. org/environment for locations!

 And of course, be sure to donate food (and/ or funds)

> at the designated trailers throughout Sunset Hills; this year, donations are needed more than ever.

Thanks to Nick Loflin, the Running of the Balls provides thousands of meals for those in need. It also continues to charge a "Carbon Offset Fee" of \$2 per order that

SHEA uses to purchase a carbon offset for the neighborhood, as well as LED light strands to replace burned-out incandescents and timers for the balls in Sunset Hills Park. Our goal is to turn the balls



in the park 100% LED, and we are almost there!

Thank you for continuing to make the Holiday Lighted Ball season enjoyable and sustainable!

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Boo On The Block Was Frightening Fun For All!



# Look for the Light

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# Where Something Old Becomes Something New

by Bob & Betty Arms



etween East and West Greenway, we have two beautiful parks in the center of Sunset Hills.

Many are to be commended for their vigilant efforts to protect the beauty of our greenways. Thank you!

Have you noticed? Our greenways harbor

sifters...basketball goals and tiny houses!

We have 3 grandchildren, ages 4, 2, and 1. They love riding anything wolf" in the shelter of the wobbly little house. And as the "discarded toys" eventually have to be truly discarded, new-used ones keep showing up! All are a delight to the

> eyes of the little innocent ones.

So, thank you - not only to those who protect the beauty of our greenways, but also to those who contribute their no-longer-wanted toys to our



another treasure. Yes, within each are two children's paradises with swings and jungle gyms with tunnels and slides...and TOYS! Cars, trucks, jeeps... shovels, excavators,

with wheels,

> trying out the latest diggers in the sandbox, and playing the "big bad

parks. You are being more than considerate; you are bringing sparkles of delight to the imagination of many of our little ones.

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# New Location For Styrofoam & Plastic Bag Recycling

by Erin Reis, Sunset Hills Environmental Affairs (SHEA)

he Styrofoam recycling dumpster that was formerly in the parking

lot of Peace United Church of Christ on Market Street has been removed, but a new Styrofoam recycling trailer has been installed at Starmount Presbyterian Church, 3501 West Market Street. Please note that this location also has glass recycling bins, and



they will accept plastic grocery bags and similar plastic film for recycling inside the building! The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Asso-

ciation is also looking into getting a
Styrofoam recycling trailer to replace the dumpster at Peace United, or possibly at another church in the neighborhood. If you have thoughts or suggestions for where to put this trailer, please send an email to environ-

ment.sunsethills.gso@gmail.com!

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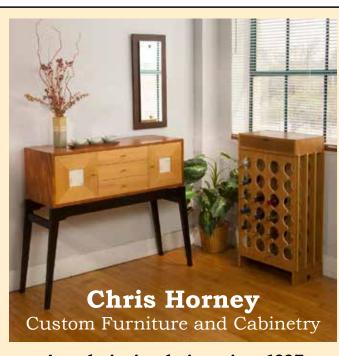
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# Pumpkin Wall Winner

by 'Reeves Click'



hank you to everyone who participated in this

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Pumpkin Wall!
It's always so
fun to see the
excitement from
visitors on Halloween night—
snapping photos
and admiring
all the creative
jack-o'-lanterns.
It was a close

race between two pumpkins all evening, but this year's winner was "Marshall Mess"!





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# Friendship By The Fire At First Christian Church



irst Christian Church will host its third annual Friendship by the Fire on Saturday, December 13, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the church parking lot at 1900 W. Market St.

Neighbors are invited to stop by for cookies, hot cider,

> and live music by Sam Hensley as we enjoy an evening of warmth and community spirit on a merry winter evening.

The event coincides with Sunset Hills' Running of the Balls, and the church will again serve

as a designated parking area for the run. Come park or walk over, enjoy some refreshments, and share in the festive fun!





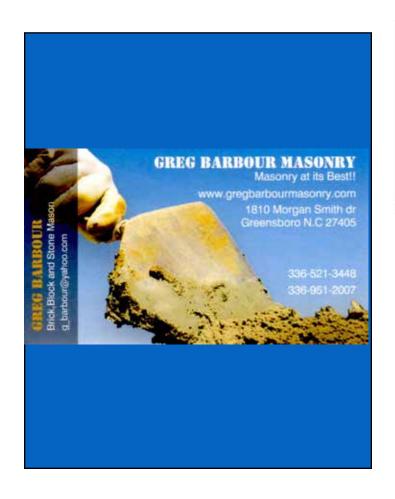
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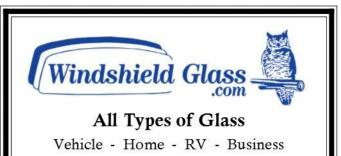


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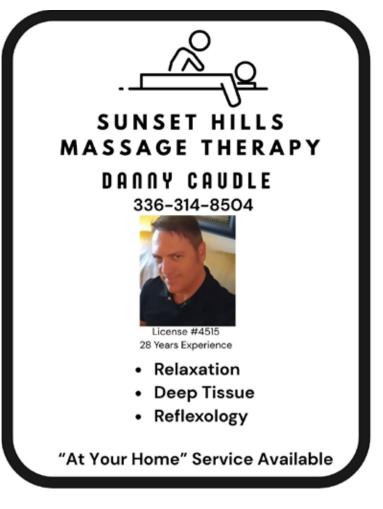






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### ANOTHER IN OUR SEMI-REGULAR SERIES OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS - PART 2

# What A Painting Party!

by Emily Sulecki



n the beautiful, blueskied mid-day of Sunday November 16, children of all ages(and parents + neighbors

too!) gathered in the side yard of David Brown and Shanna Letner for a heartwarming reason- To paint the recently installed railing and as he rolls to and from the backdoor. And what a wonderful idea this was,



ramp that currently provides David access inside his home. David is healing from a motorcycle accident, which occurred in early October involving a logging truck and resulting in compound fractures to both legs, multiple surgeries and

extensive rehab - Major stuff, to say the least. He's enjoying a new set of wheels in the process.

Papa Dave, as many children endearingly call him, sat in his wheelchair wearing a grin from ear to ear as he watched the ramp transform

with color and personal touches of neighbors big and small. This was Shanna's idea: Invite neighborhood kiddos to paint the ramp in order to brighten David's healing days ahead amazing
sight
to see!
Between
painting and
conversation,
food and

fun EVERYONE came together and brought cheer not only to David and Shanna, but to one another.

Thank you, neighbors-Thank you! Shanna and David are extremely appreciative for the

continued GoFundMe donations, meal train dishes, cards and passing hellos. So truly gratifying to witness the warm and thoughtful gestures of our Sunet Hills community.

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# A Stream Cleanup That Felt Like So Much More!

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sources can monitor our commitment to keeping the stream clean as well as notice any particular water quality issues.

We also planted some Cardinal flower (Lobelia cardinalis) along the creek edges and some Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) in the low-lying areas near the stream. Cardinal flower produces striking red flowers over a period of months in late summer into fall that are hummingbird favorites. It is one of the 20 key pollinator plants that should be blooming in August for the Great **Southeast Pollinator Census** according to NCSU. And Buttonbush will have striking globe-like white flowers that are like no

others! The plant will later have reddish-brown fruits that are of exceptional wildlife benefitsto pollinators, songbirds and mammals. Special thanks to the Sunset Hills Garden Club for providing these to us.

As we left we relished the feeling of coming together as a group and seeing progress in attaining our goals. Continued communication with the team at Parks and Recreation as well as the Office of Sustainability and Resiliency for the City has been educational and rewarding for all parties. We are grateful to them for their genuine interest and care and for inviting our park to often be the "role model park" for adopting a new ethos for the management of city spaces.

For instance, this is literally the

first year that the Sunset Hills Park has had leaves in it since I have lived in the neighborhood (2000). Our stream is regularly monitored for obstructions and cleared of items that will degrade our water quality if left to decompose there on the banks. The 120+ native tree saplings are holding their own despite a very dry period in recent months. And trees are regenerating on their own accord as the acorns, nuts, and seeds are left in place to become saplings at nature's direction. All in all, the park is looking and feeling much more natural. A bit of an urban haven for wildlife and for us! The benefits of simply being outside in nature are well documented at this point. But there is no need to read the data to understand it... just get out there yourself and feel the magic!

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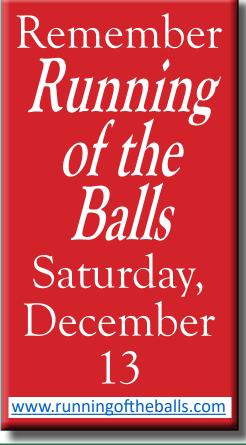


### Block Party Brings Connection & Fun To Berkley Place

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vast array of sides and yummy desserts, our spread did not disappoint. Roasting marshmallows for s'mores was the perfect end to a perfect afternoon.

Events like these remind us why our neighborhood is such a great place to live. Our motto of "Great Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods" was on full display as we gathered not only to celebrate fall, but to strengthen the community we cherish. The colorful pennants that covered Berkley Place seemed to have a magical effect by slowing life down just long enough to connect with one another in the very place we all call home. Thank you to everyone who made this year's Berkley Place Block Party a great success. Here's to next year!



### Cats Love Clean Air (Especially During The Holidays)

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eye or skin irritation or vomiting or diarrhea or changes in behavior, call your vet immediately and tell them what kind of scents are in your home. You may want to consult with your vet before even using any of these products.

Better yet please consider not using them at all. Don't take a chance with your family's health and wellbeing. Instead, make a simmering crock pot of natural good-smelling ingredients and light up your home with safe fireless, scent-free lit candles. Let the air in your home over the holidays and all throughout the year be clean, safe, and full of love for all those who enter. And most importantly, keep your cat purring.

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### 2025 SHNA Membership List

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We have 368 paid members. We wish to thank all of you who support the neighborhood. We hope to see everyone on this list in 2026

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