

# Great Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods



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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Scott Michaels



As I sit down to write this letter, the big topic of conversation in the neighborhood seems to be about the new assessed values for our homes. Most of us were both pleasantly surprised by the increase in value and unpleasantly surprised by the possible real estate tax implications.

My first thought is to say don't worry. Yet. The Board of Commissioners will meet to decide the tax rate in June. There is a possibility they will adjust the rate to a revenue neutral percentage or to the amount necessary to fund the budget. Wait and see. And let your representatives know your thoughts.

Real Estate prices in Greensboro have gone up substantially over the last 5 years or so. While property values are still lower than in the Triangle and Charlotte areas, they have appreciated significantly. Especially in our neighborhood.



People have definitely discovered how wonderful it is to live in Sunset Hills. We are in a wonderful location- near Friendly Center, UNC-G and Downtown. The schools that serve our neighborhood are among the most requested by potential home buyers. Our homes are beautiful

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# A Letter From The President

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and solidly built-even if many are approaching 100 years old. Our parks provide amenities right in our neighborhood that many people have to go outside their area to experience. The lighted Christmas Balls are famous throughout the area. And we have wonderful neighbors. The people really make Sunset Hills special.

All these factors make people want to live in our neighborhood. So, those that can are willing to pay more to live here. That drives up property values. For instance, my personal home has almost tripled in value since I bought it 20 years ago. This is great from an investment perspective, but it doesn't mean much if you aren't planning

to sell your home. Most of us, like me, plan to stay!

But taxes are a big concern, especially for neighbors who have lived here many more years than I have. Remember, there are tax relief programs for senior citizens to explore. Check to be sure your square footage is correct with the tax department. Square footage is one of the main drivers of value/price.

I have checked the new valuations for my home and some other neighbors. As a realtor, I've manually priced the homes. What I am seeing is that the valuations are generally in line with Market Values.

However, the most important thing

to remember is that the tax rate has not been set yet. Again, let your representatives know your thoughts and concerns with the potential increases to both property values and taxes. Also, take pride that people want to live in our neighborhood so badly!

In summary, Sunset Hills is a destination neighborhood for so many people. We are lucky to live here. We can make our concerns known. That's what I advise people to remember. Take pride in what we have and work together to keep the tax system fair.

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# A Note From Your Treasurer

by Elaine Brune



January started the new year for your dues payment. \$10 per household per year (\$11 if paying with Paypal). These dues go to events in the neighborhood, our news-

letters, 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 <https://www.sunsethillsneighborhood.org/duesanddonations>.

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!



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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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# Waking Up Your Winter Garden And Getting Ready For Spring

by Sue Riley & Patricia Martinez



As we write this, snow is forecast and the temperatures are well below our garden's (and maybe our) preference. Winter is challenging, but a great time to get ready for spring and your favorite blooms!

Some activities to indulge in this time of year include:

- Remove winter weeds before they go to seed
- Tidy up the beds, but no need to remove all the leaves! Leaves are beneficial, but too many leaves can smother plants and can create ant habitats, which make gardening difficult. Remove just enough leaves to let new growth pop
- Clean out last year's nest from your bluebird boxes and scrub with a weak 9:1 water to bleach solution, and then let air dry. This is best done by mid-January as our gentle, native bluebirds will start looking

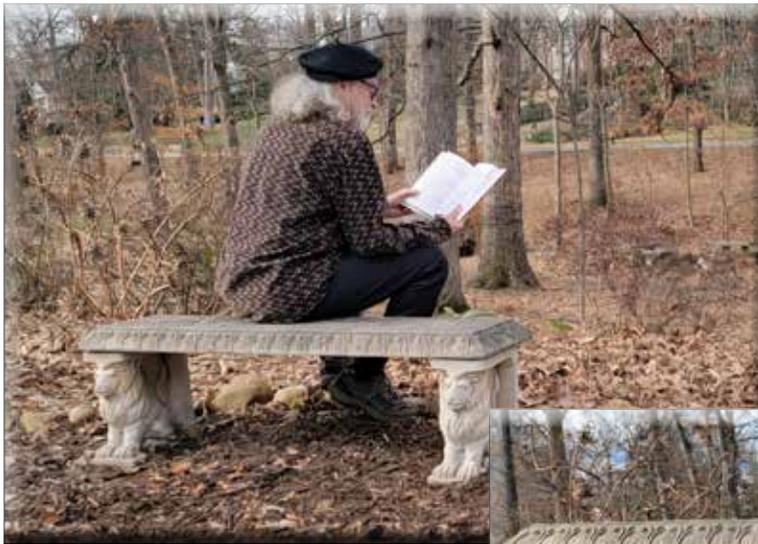
for homes in February and if you have a nest in January, it may well be an interloper!

## **Adopt a Park Update:**

The Garden Club, led by Master Gardener Patricia Martinez, spent

corner of E Greenway and Rolling, courtesy of a generous donation by the Glenn Family.

Now is the time to plan your garden! Take time to sit back and dream about last year's successes and failures. Which plantings worked best? Which plantings are just not working? What new ideas would you like to pursue this year? Gardens, like life, are not static. There is always plenty of opportunity to mix things up and try new things. Be confident - every new adventure



*Above: A great way to spend a sunny Spring afternoon - a good book and a park bench*



*Above: A close up view of the new bench at the corner of E. Greenway Dr. North and Rolling Rd.*

the winter months making native seed balls and growing native seedlings, to be planted in various beds in the park. Every other Monday the Garden Club tackles a different section of the park- the next project will be pruning hydrangeas and the vitex tree. We are also happy to add a new stone bench to the

you pursue in your dream garden is always a step in the right direction!

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# Mr. Wingo's Pumpkin Bread

Shared by Anne Wallace



In the fall of 1972, I took Mr. Wayne Wingo's AP European History class at Topeka West High

School in Topeka, Kansas. Our class was already afflicted with "senioritis," and Mr. Wingo did not go easy on us. The reading and the lectures were hard, the tests were harder, and we complained among ourselves

about how unreasonable Mr. Wingo was. And so cross when we didn't come up to the mark! But at the end of the semester, we learned he had a sweet side: he brought us his delicious Pumpkin Bread and shared the recipe with the whole class. It was nothing but smiles, even from him, that day. We came out of high school with two invaluable gifts from Mr. Wingo: a foundational knowledge of European history, and this recipe. This is a plain, versatile recipe.

Variations I've tried are in brackets after the original directions. Enjoy, and embellish as the spirit moves you.

## Mix the two together

Dry into wet works best. The batter will be quite thick, almost dough. Stir thoroughly, but small lumps of brown sugar are not a problem.

## Bake in lightly oiled pan(s) at 325°

1 ¼ hours for a 9" x 13" sheet pan, 1 hour for loaf pans.\*



*Left: The crusty top of Mr. Wingo's Pumpkin Bread looks delicious*

*Above: Why have just one loaf of Pumpkin Bread when two would be double the deliciousness!*

## Cool to room temperature before cutting

You can serve with ice cream as a dessert, or simply sliced, with or without butter. Excellent toasted! but it's soft, so use a toaster oven. Keeps very well and freezes beautifully.

*\* Mr. Wingo used a sheet pan and dusted the baked bread with confectioner's sugar, so that it was more like cake. I use 3 loaf pans, sprinkling a little raw or brown sugar on top before baking, and check after 50 minutes for doneness (though 60 minutes is usually right). I've made 2/3 of the recipe and used 2 loaf pans with success. I've also tried a single spring-form pan, which takes about 70 minutes and works well.*

## Preheat oven to 325°

### Sift together:

- 5 cups all-purpose flour [2 whole wheat, 3 unbleached]
- 4 cups sugar [just 2 cups of brown sugar still makes a sweet bread!]
- 4 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

### Mix thoroughly:

- 3 slightly beaten eggs
- 1 cup neutral vegetable oil (for instance, canola)
- 3 cups pumpkin puree [2 cans usually hold a little more and that's ok--use it all]

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# LCBs Shine The Light On Hunger Again In 2025!

by Anne & Jonathan Smith



Happy New Year!

We don't know exactly how many Lighted Christmas Balls

decorate the trees, homes, and parks here in Sunset Hills, but it certainly makes a difference. Thanks to everyone who makes, hangs, and illuminates the darkness, and to all the neighbors who help other neighbors brighten the world.

This joyful tradition

cakes, and a whole ham on our porch. Anne asked our friend and neighbor, Marlene Pratto, if she knew of any place that could use these kinds of donations, and she

Food Banks that serve the hungry in our community. This sounded wild to Anne (the practical), but great to Jonathan, who said, "What's the worst that could

happen?" And that was all it took—late one cold December afternoon in 2007, we parked the little red utility trailer at the corner of Madison and Ridgeway Drive, hung four 'Donate Non-Perishable Food for Hungry Neighbors' signs on the trailer, plugged in a couple of strands of multicolor C-7 lights, and the little trailer started filling up repeatedly.

Twenty years later, the small red lit-up trailer still serves as one of the drop-off spots for food day and night throughout December and January. Who would have ever thought that an old trailer could become the starting point for helping to shorten the



*Above: The Smith's little red utility trailer has been a familiar site as a donation location for twenty years*

*Left: Many, many homes in Sunset Hills display large amounts of lighted balls*

*Below: While Running of the Balls is great fun for the entire neighborhood, the proceeds provide serious help for the hungry*



began with three humble LCBs about the size of cantaloupes in December 1996. The LCBs multiplied and went higher and wider than anyone could imagine. Soon, neighbors, friends, and even strangers began leaving cookies,

suggested we put a wagon in the front yard with a sign encouraging others to donate non-perishable items for the NC

line of hungry people?

The annual Shine the Light on

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ANOTHER IN OUR SEMI-REGULAR SERIES OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

# The Unsung Heroes Behind Every Sunset Hills Newsletter

by Bob Arms & Elaine Brune



Four times a year, the Sunset Hills newsletter appears on your doorstep. Here's the story behind the newsletter – from inception to your doorstep – all of which happens because of a small army of volunteers: neighbors who quietly give their time and energy to keep our little community connected.

### From Printer to Porch

Each edition begins with Bob Holden, our unpaid editor, gathering articles and advertisers. Then 825 newsletters are printed and packed into seven boxes weighing about 30 pounds each.

The first leg of the journey is handled by neighbor Sloane Moretz, who drops the boxes at 2504 Sylvan Road, home of Elaine Brune.

From there, the operation splits. Forty percent of the newsletters are delivered by Elaine's husband, Roger, to 309 Woodbine Court — the home of Bob and Betty Arms.

Two distribution hubs. Two systems. One shared mission: *get the news to every doorstep.*

### North of Market Street: Bob's System

Five years ago, Bob accepted the baton from the late Jerry Pifer, who once lived across the street and helped establish the tradition of volunteer delivery. Today, Bob

coordinates 22 volunteers

can stop by his front porch to pick up their predetermined count.

His heroes include: Daniel Adams, Gerry Alfano, Ellen Ammarito, Kym Bain, Clark Goodin, Jorge Cortes, Christi Dalldorf, Susan Gentry, Scott Harkey, Steve Holcombe, Laurie Joslin, Jessie Keener, Martha Kesler, Rene Lawrence, John Martin, John Martinez, Paul Mazgaj, Carl Phillips, Jane Stott, and Arn Vogt. Honorable mention goes to his two strongest substitutes: The family of Dave and Ellie Brauneis and Kym Bain.



Above: Bob's method

serving 336 homes north of Market Street.

His method is simple and efficient. Newsletters are divided into hanging file folders labeled with each volunteer's name. When the bundles are ready, Bob sends an email letting his team know they



Above: Elaine's method. Rick Diehl gets his own box for 44 newsletters

### South of Market Street: Elaine's Team

Elaine Brune has overseen distribution to 482 homes south of Market Street for 15 years.

Her system mirrors Bob's in spirit,

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# A Great '25 & A Big '26 For Rock The Block

by John Kelly



would like to thank the **2025 Rock the Block Sponsors** who made it possible to bring in regional and national touring acts into our neighborhood! We had acts from Chicago, Virginia, Asheville and Greensboro share their talent down at the park this past year. It could not happen without the support of our sponsors, some of which have been contributing for five years!

Please thank and support these businesses and neighbors if you see them for making this happen!

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## 2026

2026 is going to bring in acts from Kentucky, Tennessee, California and our own Madison Avenue!



Lexington Kentucky. Lead singer/guitarist Maggie Noelle says: "The sound has been described as 'Appalachian Soul,' and I really like that because of our Appalachian roots. You get a taste of folk with the songwriting portion, but you also have that

rock and soul foundation." If you like The Tedeski Trucks Band or Bonnie Raitt you'll love this band, they have that soulful bluesy vocals and killer slide guitar vibe going.



Above: Magnolia Boulevard

## Magnolia Boulevard May 28

Starting things off in May, after the kids get out of school, we have **Magnolia Boulevard** coming to the neighborhood from

## Florencia & the Feeling June 25

In June we have a tradition of booking the winner of "On the Rise" from Floydfest. Previous winners have played the last couple of years in June and it's a nice little tradition that carries on this year. The 2025



Above: Florencia & the Feeling

winner of the "On the Rise" contest was **Floencia and the Feeling** out of Johnson City, TN. **Floencia & the Feeling** is a pop-funk quintet blending funk, jazz, Latin flair, heartfelt songwriting, and soaring harmonies. I have seen them perform a few times and was blown away by one event in which they covered Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks. I reached out to them and asked if they could recreate that event in our neighborhood and they agreed! Floencia Rusinol, the lead singer will bring the Stevie Nicks vibe with her stage presence and unique vocals.

around. Since then, she has now been booked at FloydFest and a few other large east coast festivals. She has her first album out, but she will probably lean on covers pretty hard to fill the 90 minute set. Wear some tie dye to match the California feel.

**Eli Fribush  
Experiment  
August 13**

We will end the summer with Madison Avenue's own **Eli Fribush**. Eli is an amazing

large assortment of local artists to make it an end of summer party, which should be a blast!

<https://elifribush.com/>

I can't believe we are moving into the sixth year for the Sunset Hills Rock the Block events! I want to thank the sponsors and neighbors for their support in making these

events grow into what they are today. We are now averaging over 300 neighbors and friends of neighbors which has created a "venue" that bands are seeking out to play. Our reputation that we fostered is a great neighborhood setting, solid sound and stage platform, welcoming



Above: Eli Fribush

sax talent that I have seen many times and with so many diverse musicians.

He can jump on stage with an Americana band one night, a Funk band another and then a hard-core jazz band the next. He is Sunset Hills to the core, having grown up on Madison Avenue and raised by a talented musical family. Eli left NC, moved down to New Orleans (which you can hear the influence in his style) and then moved back to NC to become a fixture in the local music scene. Eli has played our SHNA July 4th parties we used to have at the tennis court back when he was in middle school. He plans to bring a

ing hospitality toward the bands, tasty food trucks....and....most importantly, a family-friendly environment.

**2026 Summer Dates:**

**May 28th - Magnolia Boulevard**

**June 25th - Floencia & the Feeling**

**July 23rd - Bella Rayne**

**Aug 13th - Eli Fribush Experiment**

*I'll always end on a beg – if you'd like to be part of the great sponsors that make these events happen, reach out to me at [jkel-ly336@gmail.com](mailto:jkel-ly336@gmail.com).*

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Above: Bella Rayne

**Bella Rayne  
July 23**

In July, all the way from California, comes the 18 year old guitar wonder of **Bella Rayne**. I came across **Bella Rayne** off of a jam band music site on Reddit which led me to some YouTube videos of her shredding it on stage with national artists that I love and follow. I reached out to her management company, and our little neighborhood gig became the first stop that they created an east coast tour

on stage with an Americana band one night, a Funk band another and then a hard-core jazz band the next. He is Sunset Hills to the core, having grown up on Madison Avenue and raised by a talented musical family. Eli left NC, moved down to New Orleans (which you can hear the influence in his style) and then moved back to NC to become a fixture in the local music scene. Eli has played our SHNA July 4th parties we used to have at the tennis court back when he was in middle school. He plans to bring a

# An Amazing Lineup Of Food Trucks For 2026

by John Kelly



Happy to report the food trucks are 90% locked in. Love the ideas that folks sent and we really have a wide variety of options this year!

Here is where we landed:

**May - Rock The Block**  
Roccan Moroccan  
Taco Brothers  
To The Moon & Back  
Frozen Treats

### June - Rock The Block

Carolin's Finest Food Truck  
TBD offer out  
Overflow Sweet & Treats Truck

### July - Rock The Block

Chirba Chirba Dumpling  
Taco Brothers  
Shaved ParadiCE



### August - Rock The Block

La Callejera  
JJ Cubans Kitchen  
TBD offer out

### November - Light The Park

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# Memories Of Ten Plus Years & Passing The Torch (um, Shooter)

by John Kelly



## Ten Years Later....

I wanted to let the neighborhood know that I am transitioning out of the role of hanging balls in Sunset Hills Park North. It's been a lot of fun, but my old man body is telling me to hang up the shooter and pass the twine to the young ones.

I am happy to report that Nick Loflin from the Running of the Balls Race

has agreed to organize volunteers to hang and then remove the balls starting next year. His team is helping me take the balls down this year so they start to understand the process. Nick has been incredible over the years, supplying drop cords, lights, and making those long 30 amp power runs that spreads the balls from the tennis court power source. He

was also key in working with the Environmental Committee of the SHNA to put a dollar per runner tax on the registration fee that goes directly to the SHNA budget. That budget money is used to purchase carbon offsets (we are carbon neutral in our power consumption), electrical cords,



**Above:** It may look like an outhouse, but it's one of the all-important donation booths

**Left:** It takes many volunteers to hang the 375 lighted balls throughout the park

**Below:** One of the lighted donation booths located throughout the neighborhood

timers, twine and replacement lights.

Nick said when he and I started to work on building out the balls in the park – "I hope to get ten years of you doing this". He got his ten years.



I wanted to call out some lighting of the park milestones that folk might not be aware of:

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# The Unsung Heros Behind Every Sunset Hills Newsletter

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though she uses plastic boxes with dividers. She and Roger personally fill each section with the correct number of newsletters for every delivery volunteer.

Twenty-two volunteers cover the southern half of the neighborhood. Eight of them deliver to more than 30 homes each. The largest route belongs to Rick Diehl, who personally delivers to 44 homes every quarter.

Her heroes include: Julie Brown, Stephanie Cervelloni, Rick Diehl, Michael Driver, Erin Farney, Laura Gage, Teri Hammer, Chris Horney, Emerita Leitner, Mollie Norris, Erin Reiss, Linda Rhyne, Julie Stahr, Martha Stepnowski, Jackie Tansseer, Ann Taylor, Julia Testa, and Tina Ulery.

In theory, the system is seamless. In practice, it takes about two weeks before the final newsletter finds its home. Vacations, weather, busy schedules — life happens. But it always gets completed. Whew!

### **More Than Paper and Ink**

What makes this effort remarkable isn't just the logistics. It's the personal touch.

These newsletters are not tossed from car windows or stamped by machines. They are walked to doors by neighbors who wave, chat, and check in along the way. The act of delivery itself becomes a thread of connection. This is community in motion.

### **A Reputation Built on Teamwork**

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ful homes or quiet streets. It's built on neighborly effort — on people willing to carry boxes, sort stacks, walk routes, and give of their time so others can be informed and stay connected.

A host of unsung heroes make it happen, like clockwork, every quarter.

So, the next time the newsletter appears in your hands, pause for a moment and know — behind those pages is a team effort, a tradition of service, and a neighborhood that shows up for itself, one doorstep at a time.

**April 19 through April 25 is National Volunteer Week. Thanks to all our Sunset Hills Volunteers who make this Neighborhood a Great One!**

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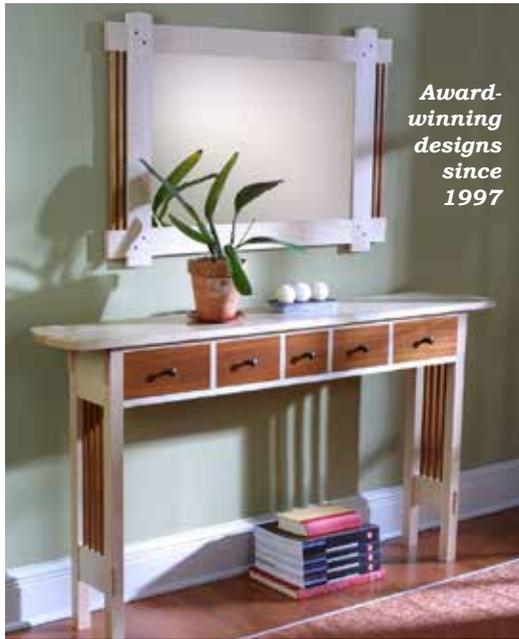
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### Memories Of Ten Plus Years & Passing The Torch (um, Shooter)

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**2014** – I ran power over the street on West Greenway Drive North to hang a few balls in the park tree to deliver on a promise to Scott Harkey that I would get some balls lit in the park.

**Also 2014** – City didn't like the power cord over the road and asked that I take it down. Lol

**2015** – SHNA paid for the power to be added next to the tennis court. This funding came from North State Internet giving the neighborhood \$5000 as an inconvenience check due to digging up lawns in the neighborhood with their fiber project.

**2016-19** – Lincoln Financial hosted a "Give Back Day" on the first Friday of December to knock out hanging the balls in one day. This Give Back Day continued until my retirement from LFG in 2020.

**2021** – Nick paid for David Lin to perform in Ron and Mona's front yard for our first Light the Park event to kick off the Ball Season

#### **FAQs about the Park: Where are the balls and cords stored?**

Nick pays for a MiBox POD out of the run proceeds to house the balls and cords.

#### **How many balls are hung in the park?**

Roughly 375 balls are hung each year, as neighbors cut down trees, balls might be given to the park to hang more.

#### **Who hangs the South Park?**

Our neighbor Joe Norris and his team of volunteers hang the South Park.

#### **Who pays for the electricity?**

The city said it was too difficult to split out the power on their bill and the city takes pride in what our neighborhood does to help the food banks.

I can't thank Nick, SNHA, and the neighborhood volunteers enough for all the support everyone has given me over the past ten years of building this out. Nick has asked that I give him two more years on consulting and transition which I am happy to do.

I love looking out the window and seeing the park lit up and I especially love the kids hanging out of the sunroof of a car yelling "Merry Christmas" as they drive through the "hood".

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## LCBs Shine The Light On Hunger Again in 2025

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Hunger Food Drive has produced a total of 8,552,943 meals—yes, that is eight and one half million since 2007—6,325,978 of those meals from the Running of the Balls, which launched in 2012. From 2007 to 2025, generous folks donated 118 tons of food and \$1,221,849.04, of which ROTB raised \$935,590. All this came from cheerful hearts, diligent work, and the remarkable generosity of the folks in Greensboro and beyond.

For 2025-2026, generous folks contributed 12,680 pounds of food and \$37,910. The Running of the Balls raised \$108,152 for Second Harvest Food Bank of North Carolina. There's more, beyond the neighborhood—

A family who attended one of the LCB workshops wound up in Bridgewater, New Jersey. They transplanted their LCBs to their new home in their neighborhood. They made friends. They shared their lives with others. Not only are the Bridgewater

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**Since 2007 the Shine The Light On Hunger program has provided more than 8,500,000 meals for the hungry in our community!**

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ter Tree Balls beautiful (they're on Facebook), but the neighborhood launched a food drive for hungry people. In 2023, generous folks contributed three hundred pounds of non-perishable food; in 2024, it grew to 1300 pounds, and this

season, it kept on growing - 1888 pounds, providing 4185 meals over the three years.

Finally, we owe a massive debt of thanks to John Kelly for his visionary work in lighting up the park, and to Nick Loflin, who dreamt up the idea for the run. None of this food would reach Greensboro Urban Ministry safely without a few families and individuals. These unseen superwomen and supermen show up after dark, late at night, in the cold, rain, and wind to empty the trailer and the food shed, box up the food, deliver it to the GUM loading dock, and update the worksheet so we can keep up with all of this. A huge shout-out to Mollie Lyles and the dozen or so families who stepped up to take on that project.

Happy 2026!

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