

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Neighbors,

Happy May! I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather we have been having (current rain notwithstanding). People are starting to plan events again, and I am looking forward to the day that we can gather in person soon. We will need to find a new meeting space, as Haven House has officially relocated; if you have any ideas for a meeting space, please email president@boylanheights.org. In the meantime, we continue to meet over Zoom. We hope that you can join us this month for an update from Council Member Forte as well as neighborhood elections! Our meeting will be on Tuesday, May 18th at 7 p.m. using the following link:

Meeting ID: 868 7819 8181

Passcode: 159496

Hope to see you there!

-Melissa Bailey

THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

As you may know, the Boylan Heights Association has formed an archives committee. We need your help to make this a success! Our charge is to collect all information pertaining to the neighborhood and archive it. This may be government records, photographs, news reports, neighborhood documents relating to zoning or the association, etc.

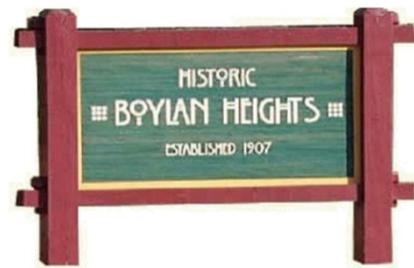
Your knowledge about your property, photos and documents that you may have will be integral to making this a success. We want this archive to be the source of information on the community and its history. We are thinking long term; what will someone in 25 or 50 years want to know.

To start, we will send out a short survey to everybody the week of May 17th. We will send a link to the survey via Boylan Announce, the Boylan Heights Facebook page, as well as announcing it in this newsletter; the URL for the survey is: <https://tinyurl.com/2rfu9k3p>. If you would rather have a paper copy, please contact bharchivescommittee@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact the members of the archives committee with your ideas, stories or concerns. If you are interested in the history of Boylan Heights and want to join us, please let us know. We have established a gmail account that all of us can access, so feel free to send messages directly to it: bharchivescommittee@gmail.com

WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS!

If you are a new neighbor, please email president@boylanheights.org. We also welcome you to join us at our monthly neighborhood meetings every third Tuesday of the month (currently held over zoom) at 7 pm. See Zoom info in this newsletter.



ACORN AVENGERS

The Acorn Avengers (Boylan Heights' Environmental Stewardship committee) wanted to give everyone an update about what we're working on:

Boylan Heights is now registered on the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) database of communities in the process of becoming certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat. Certification requires 1) individual properties (yards, public spaces, and/or schools) to be certified through NWF as wildlife-friendly habitats, and 2) coordinating community education and outreach in our neighborhood. Our goal is to become the first Community Wildlife Habitat in the city of Raleigh!

We need 40 points to meet our neighborhood's property certification requirements. 1 Yard = 1 point, 1 public space = 3 points, 1 school = 5 points

We're up to 12 certified Wildlife Habitats (12 points)! Shout-out to those neighbors who have certified their yards!

Help us reach our goal! Learn about gardening for wildlife and certify your yard at nwf.org/certify. Once you get certified, let us know at AcornAvengers@googlegroups.com.

We're planning an exciting outreach event in early June. More info coming soon via the listserv!

Questions about certification or gardening with native plants? Curious about environmental stewardship? Email the group!

BIKE BROKEN?

Spring is right around the corner and you know you want to get on that old bike and tool around the neighborhood and beyond! Flat tires, gears don't shift, brakes need adjustment, wheel bent... need a tune-up? You pay for parts, labor is no cost. Contact Dan Dunbar (919) 412-1054 dunbarcc@aol.com
422 Cutler Street



NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR

Do you want to add more steps to your exercise routine and meet your neighbors? We are looking to fill a delivery route for the monthly newsletter. Interested parties should contact president@boylanheights.org

2021 FRED FLETCHER – OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Please congratulate our own Donna Wooster for this Award of Excellence! Donna Wooster started out as a one-time volunteer in 2017 and got hooked! She now not only continues to sign-up for one-time events, but is instrumental in our Rose Garden Program, Adopt-A-Park Program including Ray Lanier Park, Dorothea Dix Park, and Garden Program.



BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

April 20th, 2021 @7pm via Zoom

Welcome & Meet Your Neighbors: Mel Bailey-President, Don Davis -Vice President, John Bush-Treasurer, Jenian Taynton-Secretary, Caitlin Ward-Past President, Corny Motsinger-At-Large, Susan Thompson-At-Large, Lyman Collins, Jeff Shepherd, Ben Possiel, Andrea Epstein (DOT), Karen Polk, Mark Jolly, Linda Caldwell, Ken Babb, Charlie Queen, Allison Hutchinson, Greg (DOT), Jackie Pleasants, Lynn Senior, Mark and Amy Hathaway, Charlie Lewis (Kane), Joseph Huberman, Mila Vega (DOT), Marly Eaton, Stephen Clarke, Jade, Casie, John Kerr, Meg (DOT), Christy and Wayne Taylor, Michael Dunn, Ethan Hyman, Emily and Ryan Cooper, Allen McCollum (Kane), Margaret Clement, Greg Saur (DOT), Eleanor Talley, Marly Eaton, Mike Motsinger, Quinn Gebeaux, Sean Driskell, Patrick and Sheila Herron, Joe Dillon, Travis Bailey, Truett Thompson

Approval of Agenda & Previous Months' Minutes: The Agenda was amended to add City of Raleigh Staff and then approved & 2nded. Minutes were also approved & 2nd.

Police Report: Officer Winkle shared that during the last 30 days, there were 41 incident reports in the beat area, but nothing in the Boylan Heights area of note. However, ... catalytic converter thefts continue to be an issue in Raleigh. If you own a Prius (most common theft type) or another electric vehicle look into installing a shield (\$150-200) to protect your car.

NC Department of Transportation: Mila Vega shared the Wake Bus Rapid Transit PowerPoint. On Western Corridor, there will a 12-mile route with dedicated bus lanes.

Letters were sent to residents within a certain radius of the project and notified of survey crews who are collecting data for reference points, drainage inlets, and unground utilities and natural resources (foliage, wildlife). There will not be an extension in Boylan Heights or encroachment into the neighborhood with this project. Neighbors may see surveyors with WSP Shirt & Safety vests or CH Engineering (associated with this project). Please reach out to Greg Saur or Mila Vega with questions.

There were several questions about the wall on Dorothea/Western Blvd and its status with the project. The final decision is subject to change, but current design has no changes to the wall. No new sidewalks are planned and would be in fact be dangerous. Parallel pedestrian is being investigated but nothing that would 'touch' the Dorothea wall.

There was a request to DOT to commit to preserving the wall & the greenway buffer on Western/Dorothea.

Ben Possiel and Mila were hesitant to officially commit to preserving the buffer, but they will keep an eye on it and continue communication.

Janet Cowell – Dorothea Dix Park: The schematic was finalized for plaza play and city staff is looking @ Creek Feasibility. Additionally, the city has some planning money for improving for Lake Wheeler

Road – how/where is to be determined.

The chapel has an occupancy permit. And there are art classes on Sat mornings. Other upcoming additions: ribbon cutting event, hammocks in Pine Groves, swings in the Sunflowers, more picnic tables, and more signage (both wayfinding & interpretive)

Questions were asked about the traffic impact of the sunflowers and the invasive buttercup growth. Janet will discuss with the Conservancy & City of Raleigh and discuss and plan.

Kane & Clancy Developer Updates: Allen McCollum (Kane), Stephen Clarke, Charlie Lewis provided updates on West & Cabarrus 7 story development. Work is slated to start in May. 6 months of site work are planned followed by 24 months of building construction which will temporarily remove parking spaces on Dupont Circle and re-route ped transition. No rezoning is required.

Watch for work on Rosengarten & Cabarrus including underground utility work and upgrades to drainage system. During this time, Cabarrus will be closed to through traffic but not residents.

Financial Report: No major updates. **T-Shirts:** Many t-shirt designs have been received and work is moving forward towards a new printing. **Archives:** The committee now has an email address: bhar-chivescommittee@gmail.com. **Acorn Avengers (Environmental Stewardships):** Karen Polk shared that there are many ideas moving forward with updates in May. Lenoir Street Park: Allison is looking forward to updates & meetings with City staff. Please email Allison or president. **Heights House:** Jeff Shepherd shared the house has received a Certificate of Occupancy with two small neighborhood tours in April. They look forward to many more 'hood events. Meanwhile, they are accepting reservations with first bookings May 6th. Check out Heightshouse.com

Next Meeting: May 18th, 2021 @ 7 pm. See Facebook, the newsletter & listserv for Zoom url

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:24 pm

BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
7:00pm via Zoom

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- III. Police Report
- IV. Council Member Stormie Forte - update
- V. Board Elections
- VI. Financial Report
- VII. Committee Updates
- VIII. BRT Discussion (Allison Hutchins)
- IX. Old Business (t-shirts, Lenoir Street Park, other?)
- X. New Business (fundraisers, meeting locations, other?)