

# BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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## ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Neighbors,  
Happy November! I know this year has been rough, but in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I am thankful to live in this neighborhood. I feel blessed to have neighbors who care about each other and have such a great community, which has grown only stronger during the pandemic. Thanks for all you do to take care of each other. Your kindness was demonstrated in how we were able to have a fun Halloween while socially distancing. You are all wonderful! Our neighborhood meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 17th over Zoom. Please join us by joining the following Zoom meeting:  
Meeting ID: 810 6521 2609  
Passcode: 873666  
I look forward to seeing you!

-Melissa Bailey

## HEIGHTS HOUSE HOTEL

### HEIGHTS HOUSE

Montfort Hall, the historic restoration project, at the entrance to our neighborhood - is operating under a new name! Heights House Hotel. Owners, and fellow Boylan Heights residents, Sarah and Jeff Shepherd, put a lot of thought, consideration and time into the new name and logo. After sincere reflection, they decided it would not be in the spirit of their beliefs to carry on the family name of the original owner, William Montfort Boylan. Their values of inclusivity, authenticity, generosity and sustainability, do not align with many 1850's era ideals. They hope that this new chapter will reflect that. They also wanted the new name to loosely reference our beloved historic neighborhood, as well as allude to the grandiose perch of the property above the downtown cityscape. Hence, Heights House. Although it will operate under this new name, the house will always be known as Montfort Hall via the plaque on the front facade and in the national register. Visit their website to see the new logo and additional information about the space! They will invite the neighborhood to see the property upon completion early next year. [www.heightshousenc.com](http://www.heightshousenc.com).

### VILLAGE MOTOR WORKS

As some of you know, Village Motor Works has been sold. Brain and his wife have moved to Texas for her job and her roots are based there too. He will be missed dearly! The new owner, Matt May and his manager Paul Vladyka seemed friendly and accommodating in my recent visit there to have work done on my Subaru. They have hired a few mechanics to take on all the workload. The auto shop will be rebranded in the future.

## ARTWALK GOES VIRTUAL!

For 27 years, the Boylan Heights ArtWalk has become a beloved December tradition not just here in our neighborhood but throughout Raleigh. We have featured outstanding artists (including many of our neighbors) showcasing their works throughout Boylan Heights. For obvious reasons, this year we will not be hosting our usual in-person event. But we still wanted to provide a showcase for artists and give the public an opportunity to continue to support them. So, instead of walking through our beautiful historic neighborhood enjoying some of the finest artworks around, this year the public will be invited to browse through a virtual ArtWalk. Participating artists will be showcased on a portfolio-style website with works organized by category. Clicking on any of the categories will take visitors to a page with those particular artists. There will be information about the artists and their art, a representative image of the artists' work, and a link directly to their website, online store or wherever the artist wants the link to go.

The main landing page will have 2 artists featured prominently with a larger image of their work and information about their art. We will rotate the featured artists either every day or every couple of days (depending on the number of artists), however, all artists will be featured at least once before December 6, the official ArtWalk date.

We will use social media featuring the various artists and encourage everyone to promote this virtual ArtWalk through their own social media. Check the ArtWalk Facebook page to see when the virtual ArtWalk kicks off -- <https://www.facebook.com/boylanheightsartwalk>.

For more information or if you have questions, please email Lyman Collins at [boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com](mailto:boylanheightsartwalk@gmail.com)

## NEIGHBORS CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

Want to help your neighbors during this crazy pandemic time? Well you can by volunteering to help other neighbors. Here is a list of some of the things people need help with:

- Pick up groceries, prescriptions, or other errands
- Transportation to and from medical appointments
- Take out trash and recycling
- Light electrical and plumbing repairs
- Light tree removal with chainsaw
- Haul items to recycling center using 6x8 trailer
- Items available to be borrowed: power washer, portable air conditioner, portable generator, or spare refrigerator for emergencies, drop cloth and paint supplies.

There are now five Boylan Heights neighbors ready to help out in a variety of ways. For some of us, it is easier to offer and provide help than to ask for it. I encourage you to take advantage of the generosity of our neighbors and request help if you need it even for things that may seem "small". Many thanks to our new roster of volunteers for Neighbors Caring for Neighbors! If you'd like to join the Neighbors Caring for Neighbors volunteer list, email me at [ginny.going@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.going@gmail.com).

## PROJECT ENLIGHTENMENT

Please note that we are modifying the public hours for our playground due to the need for cleaning and sanitizing daily and to allow our enrolled children to have playground availability. Our new hours are after 3:00 pm. We would ask that folks not use the playground from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. We love being a part of the neighborhood and are happy to share but due to the pandemic we need to ask for compliance with the changes.

## 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](mailto:dunbarcc@aol.com)  
422 Cutler Street.



# BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**Minutes:** October 20th, 2020 @7pm zoom

**Present:** Mel Bailey-President, Don Davis-Vice President, John Bush-Treasurer, Jenian Taynton-Secretary, Corny Motsinger-At-Large, Susan Thompson-At-Large, Caitlin Ward-Past President, Travis Bailey, Toby Coleman (Heritage Properties), Sam Stone (Heritage Properties), Ryan Blair (Heritage Properties), Officer Winkle, Council Member-Stormie Forte, Mike Motsinger, Lyman Collins, Suzanne Botts, Kristina Troost, Thomas Henderson, Ginny Going, Brendan Schachle, Leslie Kellenberg, Julie DeSena, Tyler and Koehler, Eleanor Talley, Jay Spain

**Approval of Agenda and Previous Months' Minutes:** Agenda and approved and 2nded after adding tree maintenance program to Old Business time permitting. Minutes were also approved and 2nded after amending minutes to include previous discussion on tree maintenance.

**Police Report:** Officer Winkle Crime numbers for our neighborhood are very low. There were no motor vehicle larcenies, and only a few domestic assaults in outlying areas.

**Presentation on Rezoning of 615 W. Morgan/117 S. Boylan:**

<https://heritagepropertiesinc.com/> Ryan Blair, Sam Stone, and Toby Coleman were present representing Heritage Properties. Toby Coleman shared a spreadsheet with their proposed plans. Block 83 Update: Set to be complete by year end or early January, a little ahead of schedule. The closed section of Boylan Ave will be repaved, new sidewalks added and a new stoplight. There is at end-of-December target to reopen. The property is 100% leased. <https://bloc83raleigh.com/> Questions were asked about parking, traffic, light pollution from the parking deck. The new parking entrance would be on Boylan Ave.

**Council Member Stormie Forte - Introduction & City Council Update:** <https://raleighnc.gov/city-council-office> <https://raleighnc.gov/node/53636> Ms. Forte is our newly appointed District D representative and joined the meeting to introduce herself and answer questions. Right now, half of all the development projects in the entire county are in District D as Boylan is well aware. She is currently working on adding A/C to Method Park. The group asked her to convey our request for community meeting spaces to developers and the city. Jay Spain asked about the possible location of Enterprise Rent-A-Car and how that would impact the neighborhood. Mike Motsinger asked about the Affordable Housing Bond and Ms. Forte shared her perspective. Stormie pledged to investigate these issues and she is welcome to further questions at [stormie.forte@raleighnc.gov](mailto:stormie.forte@raleighnc.gov)

**Vice President Transition:** Thank you to Chandler Michael who served as VP but who moved out of the neighborhood. We welcomed the new occupants of the house (Tyler and Koehler) who joined the meeting tonight. Don Davis has offered to serve as VP. He was nominated by Mel Bailey and seconded by Suzanne Botts. No

other nominations were made. He was immediately added as VP after a unanimous vote.

### Financial Report:

Bank Accounts	Cash Balance	Cash Balance
	12/31/19	9/2020
General Operating Fund	\$16,977.41	\$14,872.32
ArtWalk Fund	\$21,211.22	\$20,691.22
Year to Date	both accounts	
Income	\$319.41	
Expenses	\$2,944.50	

### Comments

1. September expenses included Director's insurance (\$698) and annual software for new website \$102.

2. Anticipated expense/income in October: no expense known at this point; Best of Boylan will generate income in the \$900-\$1,000 range.

3. Only remaining expense of consequence in 2020 is charitable donations to local nonprofits (budget \$1,500). Normally these funds are disbursed in December.

**Old Business:** Best of Boylan was a wonderful success thanks to John Bush for spearheading the effort. Thank you to everyone who donated and bid. Art Walk will not be held in person on December 5th in Person but virtual plans underway. Details are being worked out but stay tuned.

**Tree Maintenance Program:** Mike Motsinger has been in touch with the city arborist about maintaining trees on the City Right of way. They will come in inspect the trees if we send them a list. It may take some time before work can be started. Mike is also looking into private companies as well. Contact Mike

[@Michael.Motsinger@gmail.com](mailto:@Michael.Motsinger@gmail.com) if you would like to join the effort.

**New Business:** The group discussed plans for a Halloween Parade and trick or treating. Jay Spain spoke briefly on the state of Dorothea Dix park and the <https://raleighnc.gov/dix-edge>

Next meeting November 17th on Zoom. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:15pm

## BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November, 17th, 2020

7:00pm via Zoom

### Agenda

- I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- III. Police Report
- IV. Financial Report
- V. Old Business (ArtWalk update, Halloween debrief, Development updates)
- VI. New Business