

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Neighbors,
Happy March! Spring is starting to show its face, and we are starting to have more activities again; I know I've seen many of you out exercising in the nice weather we've been having. Our new committees are gearing up, and BHNA will have a few busy months coming up with board elections and several updates from city staff and council. Elections will take place in May and we are looking to fill every position, so if you are interested, please email president@boylanheights.org.

Our meetings continue to take place over zoom; with Group 3 opening up for vaccinations, I know we are all hoping that the end of the pandemic is in sight and we can resume our monthly meetings in person by the end of the year--but we aren't quite there yet. I really appreciate everyone's continued efforts to protect and support each other! I hope that you can join us for our monthly neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 889 9027 3117
Passcode: 541885
I look forward to seeing you!

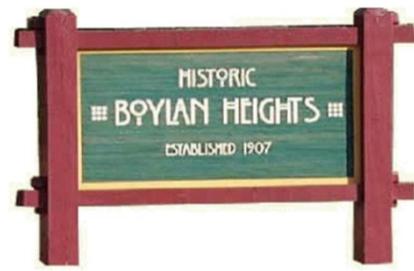
-Melissa Bailey

ROCKY BRANCH CLEAN-UP

The annual stream cleanup of Rocky Branch will take place on April 10 from 9am-12pm. Unlike past years, it will not be part of Wake County's Big Sweep, which has been cancelled. The City of Raleigh will provide all the supplies we'll need, just bring your energy and wear sturdy shoes. The city has a new policy that requires volunteer waivers to be signed in advance, so please RSVP! Please email Laura Weislo (coffngrl@gmail.com) to RSVP.

GET CERTIFIED!

Attracting birds, butterflies and other wildlife is a wonderful way to celebrate nature right outside your door!
The Acorn Avengers, a group of Boylan Heights neighbors, are promoting the creation of wildlife-friendly yards and gardens with the goal of becoming the first neighborhood in the city of Raleigh to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation (NWF).
To be certified as a community, we first need individual yards and gardens certified.
When you create a wildlife-friendly garden, you'll be rewarded by knowing you're doing your part to help restore wildlife habitat while also beautifying your community and supporting the health of our urban ecosystem.
It's easier than you might think! For details, visit www.nwf.org/certify. Once you've certified your yard through the NWF website, let us know! Email us at AcornAvengers@googlegroups.com with your first and last name and your street address.
Have more questions about or need help with certification? Interested in finding out more about the Acorn Avengers environmental stewardship group?



ELECTIONS--SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Elections are coming up in May! We are looking to fill all positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, At-large). If you are interested, please email president@boylanheights.org. A brief description of the roles follows:

- President - presides over neighborhood meetings; helps coordinate and lead neighborhood activities.
- Vice President - presides over neighborhood meetings if the president cannot attend.
- Treasurer - keeps and updates the neighborhood's accounting books and records; manages neighborhood bank accounts.
- Secretary - keeps neighborhood meeting minutes.
- At-large - participates in board activities.

WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS!

If you are a new neighbor, please email president@boylanheights.org. We would love to welcome you and have you join our listserv! We also welcome you to join us at our monthly neighborhood meetings every third Tuesday of the month (except this Tuesday, 3-16, due to COVID-19) at 7 pm at Haven House. See Zoom call in info in the newsletter, listserv, or FB group.

GOT A T-SHIRT IDEA?

Boylan Heights has a long tradition of neighborhood t-shirts. Through the decades there have been a variety of designs and now is the time for a new design. Feeling creative? Never been creative but have an idea anyway? Let us know what you think would be a good look for our new shirt.
Send designs, an idea, or just general thoughts about BH t-shirts to vicepresident@boylanheights.org.



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.

MARCH ZOOM MEETING!

Our monthly neighborhood meeting will take place Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. Please dial in by going to zoom.us and then joining our meeting with the below meeting information. We look forward to seeing you then!

Meeting ID: 889 9027 3117 Passcode: 541885

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Feb 16th, 2021 @7pm Via Zoom

Present: Melissa Bailey-President, Don Davis-Vice President, John Bush-Treasurer, Jenian Taynton-Secretary, Caitlin Ward-Past-President, Corny Motsinger-At Large, Susan Thompson-At-Large, Jay Spain, Lyman Collins, Mike Motsinger, Jeff Shepherd, Ken Babb, Suzanne Botts, Linda Caldwell, Michael Dunn, Allison and Charlie Queen, Mia Wavrek, Michael Dunn, Robert Smith (officer), Solomon M. (officer).

Approval of Agenda and Previous Months' Minutes: Agenda and approved and 2nded. Minutes were also approved and 2nded.

Police Report: Officer Smith and Solomon joined us for the meeting. There was 1 burglary on Boylan and catalytic converter theft. The group also discussed concerns about the crosswalk at Boylan Western. The officers will provide feedback to traffic control.

February Treasurer's Report: John Bush noted that it has been a normal, quiet start to the year. Income for the prior month (\$124.44) was from sale of t-shirts and mugs. Expenses (\$2,144.00) were all related to the virtual ArtWalk held in November/December of last year (marketing, website creation and management).

Environmental Stewardship: Mia updated us about the first meeting of the committee, was February 8th and discussed initiatives. They are planning to use the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) as a framework and looking into certifying individual properties as wildlife habitats. Email president@boylanheights.org if you would like to participate.

Archives Committee: Don provided an updated on the newly formed committee. Eight people have joined, and more are welcome to join discussions on the rich history of Boylan Heights.

DIX HAPPENINGS!

Wellness Classes: Yoga in the Park - Begins March 15 & 17 - Mondays from 6-7 pm with Patrice Graham, Colors of Yoga; Wednesdays from 6-7 pm with Natalia Mejia, Tai Chi at the Park - Begins March 18, Thursdays from 6-7 pm with Tish Oakley; Youth Yoga in the Park, Select Saturdays with Anna Kirby, Ages 7-10 from 10-10:30 am, Ages 11-14 from 11-11:30 am

Nature and Kids Programs: Explore Dix Park: Birdwatching - Third Saturday of the Month with Deja Perkins aka Naturally Wild! - Adults, teens and kids welcome!; Little Explorers: Preschool Nature Programs - Once a Month with Raleigh Parks Staff - Ages 2-6; Storytime Under the Oak Tree - Select Thursdays with Ms. Linda from Quail Ridge Books - Ages 3-6

Indoor Art Classes: Connect + Create with Artspace Family art classes in the newly renovated chapel with Artspace instructors - Saturdays in April & May from 10 am-12 pm

Guided Tours: Explore Dix Park: Guided Walking Tour - 3.5 mile site walk exploring the park's past, present and future - Twice a Month, 2.5 hours; Plaza & Play Walking Tour - Learn all about the first major Dix Park project now underway - Saturdays, March 27 & April 10 from 9-11 am; Civil War History Hike - Explore the park site's Civil War history with COR Museum Director, Ernest Dollar - Saturday, April 17 from 10 am-12 pm; Chapel Tours - Take a tour of the newly renovated Greg Poole, Jr. All Faiths Chapel - Sunday, April 18 at 1, 2 and 3 pm and Tuesday, April 20 at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm

Please visit <https://dixpark.org/calendar> for more information.

T-shirts: We are planning to run a new batch of t-shirts for the neighborhood. Please share your ideas

vicepresident@boylanheights.org.

Lenoir Street Park: Allison Queen asked about the status of the park. It was originally created in 1999 and includes a basketball court, swings, and spring riders. There was discussion about adding more seating, possibly a shade structure, mulch, and dog bags?

New Business: Mel will reach out to Stormy Forte about engagement with our neighborhood. Melissa Bailey & Jay Spain will also reach out to Eric Lamb about transportation concerns in the neighborhood.

Dix Park: Jay Spain provided an update. Work is progressing in the park and there is a new CEO, Janet Cowell, for the park. Jay will reach out and see if Ms. Cowell is available to join our neighborhood meeting in the next few months.

Heights House Update: There is lots of work afoot, hopefully completion in mid-March.

Next Meeting: March 16th, 2021 @ 7 pm. See Facebook, the newsletter & listserv for Zoom url
Meeting Adjourned @ 7:57 pm

BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
7:00pm via Zoom

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- III. Police Report
- IV. Financial Report
- V. Committee Updates
- VII. Old Business (t-shirts, BRT, Lenoir Street Park, other?)
- VIII. New Business