

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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Association Update

Thanks to our Vice President Sandro Gisler, the Boylan Heights neighborhood is now the proud adopter of a portion of the Rocky Branch creek under the City's Adopt-a-Stream program.

Our section starts at the prison and runs between Western Boulevard and the greenway on the Dorothea Dix property, ending at South Saunders Street.

We had a great kickoff of this new (official) responsibility last weekend with our participation in the annual Big Sweep event. Under Sandro's leadership, we had 15 volunteers from the neighborhood. I was very pleased to see that the amount of trash was much lower than last year's cleanup, and the water was remarkably clear.

Sandro and other neighbors will continue to monitor the stream quality and you can expect more creek-related projects in the future.

Thanks to Sandro and the other volunteers for your time and energy this past Saturday!

Steve Bryan

BHA President (president@boylanheights.org)

Charitable Giving Update

Every year, Boylan Heights reaches out to the community to give monetary aid to nearby non-profit projects and/or organizations. If you know of, or are, an organization that would like to apply for funding from the Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association, please go to the <http://boylanheights.org/charitable-giving/> Judy Murray at 919-244-4466 or judy@bajaburrito.net.

Application deadline is November 8th. Services must be provided in or around the neighborhood to qualify.

Tours and Tunes 2014

Planning is underway for our next event in the Spring of 2014: Tours and Tunes will feature Boylan Heights homes and local musicians.

This is a great way to celebrate our neighborhood. If you are interested in hosting, or playing music or helping, our next meeting is Wednesday, November 6, 7pm at 422 Cutler Street. Contact Dan Dunbar, (919)412-1054, or dunbarcc@aol.com

Have Fun, But Stay Safe This Halloween!

Mike Motsinger, Neighborhood Watch

The City of Raleigh encourages all Halloween trick-or-treaters to follow these safety tips:

- Children under the age of 12 should only trick-or-treat with adult supervision
- If children are mature enough to be out on their own, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Make sure costumes fit correctly to reduce the risk of trips or falls
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers. When possible, choose light colors.
- Costume swords, knives, and similar accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- Only walk on sidewalks wherever possible or on the far edge of the road facing traffic.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible over masks, which can obstruct vision.
- Have children carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers (remind children not to chew or break glow sticks since the liquid inside is hazardous).
- Children should enter homes only if they are with a trusted adult. Children should visit only well lit houses.
- Be sure costumes are flame resistant.
- Children should never accept rides from strangers.
- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries.
- Check treats for signs of tampering before children eat them.
- Remind children to eat only treats in the original, unopened wrappers. Candy should be discarded if the wrapper is faded, torn, or unwrapped.

Motorists are asked to observe the following tips to assure that all of Raleigh's has a fun and safe Halloween:

- Reduce speed and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take an extra moment to look for children at intersections or medians, and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so that you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive defensively; anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day than usual to spot children from great distances.

Trick or Treat Hosts

- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well lit and free of obstacles that could cause a trip or fall.
- Be sure walkways are free of overhead obstructions such as tree limbs and branches

Boylan Bites

This month's recipe comes from Josh Marlow and his family. Chocolate gravy is actually a breakfast item, and goes perfectly with biscuits. Did you know this was a regular on the menu at Elvis Presley's Graceland? Now you can serve your family and guests and tell them it's a favorite of the king of rock and roll and a royal treat!

Chocolate Gravy

½ cup sugar
3 tbsp flour
4 tbsp cocoa powder
1½ cup milk

Mix the dry ingredients together in a small pot. Put over a low burner. Slowly add the milk. Stir until thickened to the desired consistency.

Helen Wright Center for Women

We need groups of volunteers on the 3rd Sunday of every month to help serve breakfast at the women's shelter. Reimbursement for breakfast expenses is available.

October 20 – Nancy & Tom Benninger
November 17 – Volunteers needed
December 22 – Volunteers needed

For more information, contact Judy Murray at 919-244-4466 or judy@bajaburrito.net.

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 19, 2013 Association Meeting Minutes

Josh Marlow, Secretary

Attendees: Josh Marlow, Margaret McEndarfer, Sara Lynn Wood, Steve Bryan, Tom Benninger, Corny Motsinger, Mike Motsinger, Lyman Collins, Ernestine Merchant, Matt Vooris, Officer Preist, Tania Tully, Don Davis, Sandro Gisler, Elizabeth Dunbar, Peggy Jones, Dennis Corbin, Brenda Corbin, Matt Green, Daphne Green, Franklin Haignere

Steve Bryan, President, called the meeting to order

1. Agenda Approval- Sara Lynn Moves to approve, Josh Seconds, Approved.
2. Minutes Approval – Lyman moves to approve, Margaret Seconds, Approved.
3. Police Report- Officer Priest provided the neighborhood with a police report.
4. Big Sweep- Sandro gives an update on the upcoming Big Sweep cleaning Rocky Branch on 08/05/13.
5. Raleigh Historic Development Commission- Tania Tully gives an update from the historic commission including: the UDO, notification process change, fee change
6. Finance Report- Corny Motsinger gave a budget update.
7. ArtWalk update- Lyman gave an ArtWalk update. Applications up 10%. The date is December 8th
8. Old Business-A tree will be planted to honor Leslie Kellenberger's 23 years of service to the

neighborhood

9. New Business- Concerns were voiced about the many events on Kinsey st. at Rebus Works. The issue was discussed and the board will meet with the business to discuss the concerns. A certificate of appreciation for a former resident Caleb was signed. Sara Lynn reminded the group of the upcoming municipal elections.
10. Adjourn- A motion was made and approved to adjourn.

Boylan Heights Association Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 17
7:00 PM - Project Enlightenment, Room 311

REMINDER: For security reasons, Project Enlightenment is now keeping the wing to their staff area and classrooms locked off. To get to the meeting room, you will need to go through the Resource Center and take the elevator or the stairs to the 3rd floor.

- I. Welcome and meet your neighbors
- II. Approval of agenda and minute
- III. Police report
- IV. Finance report
- V. Recent Event: Big Sweep
- VI. Upcoming Events:
 1. Artwalk (December)
 2. Tours and Tunes 2 (Spring 2014)
- VII. Old business
- VIII. New business
- IX. Adjourn

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