



# Dunleath News

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mon., Nov. 30; 6:30 pm  
*Meetings will be held via video conferencing. All neighbors are welcome to attend.*

## STAY CONNECTED

**Website:** [Dunleath.com](http://Dunleath.com)

**Listserv:** [Dunleath-News@googlegroups.com](mailto:Dunleath-News@googlegroups.com)  
*(please contact David Wharton to be added to the listserv)*

**Facebook:**  
[@DunleathNeighborhood](https://www.facebook.com/DunleathNeighborhood)

## BOARD ELECTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Our neighborhood bylaws call for elections to the Board of Directors at our annual summer picnic, but since that was cancelled this year due to COVID, the board has been trying to figure out what to do. Although electronic voting options are available, not everybody in the neighborhood who is eligible to vote has access to the internet, and no one on the Board has the expertise to ensure secure voting.

So for the time being, we've decided to continue with the current board and postpone elections until we have the opportunity to meet together as a neighborhood.

However, we've lost three board members to attrition (David Horth, Mindy Zachary, and Elliott Billington). The Association's bylaws permit the Board to appoint members to fill vacancies, so if you are interested in serving on the board, please email me at [david.wharton@gmail.com](mailto:david.wharton@gmail.com).

## SUMMIT AVENUE STREETScape

The final plans for the Summit Avenue streetscape bond project were approved by City staff and went out to bid at the end of October. Four companies attended the pre-bid presentation, but only one submitted a bid. According to City policy, the City cannot accept a single bid, and so the project will be put out to bid again in November.

This is disappointing, as we had hoped construction would begin in January 2021. We'll keep working with staff and elected officials to see this through to the end.

In the meantime, the City, in consultation with the board, has hired local landscape architecture firm

Designature to develop improved landscaping for our current and new medians and new gateway features at key points around the neighborhood to give us a consistent "brand".

So far the Board has seen preliminary drawings that look very promising. They include masonry and ironwork that recall elements on the Dunleath mansion and gardens. We expect that in the next month or two we will have some plans ready to present to the neighborhood at large for your comments. We expect these features will be installed in conjunction with the other major streetscape work. This work is paid for using the neighborhood's Municipal Service District funds.

## UNSHELTERED COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The stretch of unimproved land alongside the train tracks is frequently used by Greensboro residents seeking non-permanent shelter. The size of this encampment fluctuates, but problems have arisen when the encampment grew beyond just a handful of campers. Earlier this year, a large encampment began encroaching on the properties along Leftwich Street, disturbing those residents, and introducing unsafe elements into our neighborhood. The neighborhood board, in association with the landowner and the Greensboro police evicted that previous encampment.

Following that experience, the neighborhood board established the Unsheltered Community Committee ("UCC") so that we could develop a unified neighborhood response plan for how to welcome, establish norms, and interact with future campers. This committee consists of Megan Karbley

# Live from Dunleath

Thank you to the neighbors and performers who participated in the Live from Dunleath series. Erin Kennedy hosted a performance by Laura Jane Vincent; Mebane Ham hosted a performance by Bigdumbhick; and Shawn & Paula Patch hosted a performance by High Cotton.

These performances were streamed live over Dunleath's Facebook page for the broader community to enjoy. A handful of neighbors also stopped by to enjoy the live performances.

If you'd like to host a safe and socially-distanced porch concert, email Lynne Leonard at [JerylLynne@gmail.com](mailto:JerylLynne@gmail.com).

Don't have a performer? Don't worry! We'll pair you with one! Just provide a date and time, and we'll work with you to handle the rest.

## NEIGHBORHOOD LUMINARY DISPLAY

Sunday, December 13  
6-8 pm

It's time to plan for our neighborhood luminary display! You can pre-order luminaries at [Dunleath.org](http://Dunleath.org), and click on

Upcoming Events. Order for your home and order extras to help fill in gaps in the neighborhood. Together we can help light up our neighborhood streets and create a really festive display.

Regretfully, we will not plan for a caroling stroll as we have in years past due to the COVID pandemic. However, we are considering a few alternatives to help connect us in sharing the spirit of the season. Please stay tuned as we develop and share ideas. Luminaries will be available for pickup from 2-4 pm at Sternberger Park on the afternoon of the event.

**Order Now!**



(677 Percy), Esther Maltby (680 Chestnut), and Cris Nunez (507 Heritage). After consulting with the Interactive Resource Center, the City of Greensboro's Homelessness Prevention Program Coordinator, and a unit of the Greensboro Police Department dedicated to working with unsheltered people (the Homeless Assistance Response Team, which goes by its acronym HART), the Unsheltered Community Committee made immediate contact with the current group that moved into a small clearing behind the Dunleath Neighborhood Garden in July.

The UCC worked with the campers and the City of Greensboro to achieve the following:

- Agreement from the campers that they would limit the total number of people living in the encampment to five
- The City of Greensboro provided a trash can and agreed to provide weekly curb-side trash service
- The UCC makes periodic visits to address questions or concerns from the campers and to relay messages from the neighborhood

It is possible a disturbance may occur that impacts those living on Chestnut or Leftwich. If the peace is disturbed, we ask that you note the details of the incident (including time & location) and share that information with the UCC. They will then relay the information to the HART team for an investigation. If it appears that someone is at risk of bodily harm or that property might be damaged, please call 911 immediately. If the situation is annoying, but not dangerous, the UCC will share it with the HART team.

The UCC is proud that we live in a welcoming community & they look forward to hearing your questions, comments, and suggestions.



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