

Dunleath News

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NEIGHBORHOOD “BRANDING” AND BEAUTIFICATION

In December and January the board worked with landscape architect Randal Romie to develop designs for signature gateway features and pedestrian archways at important locations around the neighborhood. We've approved preliminary designs that incorporate red-toned quartz stone, rope mortar joints, a pecan spring logo, and decorative ironwork, with the Dunleath Historic District name prominently displayed. The stone was selected because it is similar to that on the retaining wall remnants of the Dunleath property behind the Community Garden, and the ironwork patterns are based on wrought iron arches at the original entrance to the Dunleath mansion. The pecan sprig was chosen because our neighborhood was reportedly once a pecan grove, and there are still many "volunteer" pecan trees all through it. Once the designs are finalized, we will start seeking permission to install them at strategic locations. 🍌



rendering of the monument sign

SUMMIT AVENUE CORRIDOR UPDATE

The Summit Corridor streetscape bond project will be put out for bids a second time on February 11th. The first bid process failed since only one bid was received. The city subsequently made adjustments to the proposal, and Eric Tart with the City of Greensboro reports that interest is much stronger for the second round. Assuming that the bid process is successful, construction is estimated to start about two months after the bid opening. 🍌

FUNDRAISER TO EXPAND DUNLEATH COMMUNITY GARDEN

With spring around the corner and many folks still suffering from the emotional, physical, and financial impacts of the pandemic, we are seeking to create more space for our community to produce food and to connect with the outdoors. The Dunleath Garden Council (Brett Deresienski, Nadja Cech, Brinta Chowdhury, Jennifer Coughlan, Phillip Gibbs, Esther Maltby, Becky Muich, Jonathan Zarecki) is raising funds to clear a thicket of black locust and kudzu on the Dunleath Garden property. Additional garden spots would be created for individual gardeners and a space to produce vegetables that are free to all. Additional paths and open spaces would also be created for neighbors and visitors to stroll, relax, contemplate, and commune with nature. This project will cost \$3,100 and we are hoping to complete the work by April 1st.

Why expand the garden?

- Currently, all 21 plots in the garden are assigned, and there is a waiting list. Expanding the garden would increase the number of plots to accommodate the waiting list and others who may wish to join.
- Space would be created for food production to share with the community and local food banks.
- Additional recreational space would be available for walking paths and benches.

Proposed Expansion Details

- Our goal is to raise \$3,100 which would cover for hiring a crew with the equipment necessary to perform the work. It would also cover the purchase of lumber needed to construct new garden beds.
- The hardwoods (magnolias) on the property would not be harmed.
- A proposal would be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission for approval.
- The property owner has approved the proposed expansion.
- The project would be undertaken in consultation with the Dunleath Neighborhood Association, with neighbors whose houses border the garden, and with consideration for our unsheltered neighbors who occupy the adjacent property.

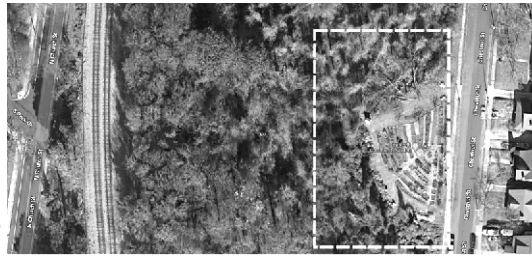
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• We would leave a corridor of trees between houses to the north and south of the garden along Chestnut street.

Donations to this project can be made through the GoFundMe site at gf.me/u/zhhcjt. You may also use the donate button on the Dunleath website at

dunleath.org/community-garden-support. We deeply appreciate the many friends who have supported the garden so far, and look forward to working with you to make it even better. Please contact Nadja Cech at nadja_cech@uncg.edu or by text or phone at 336-324-5011 with any questions or comments.

For more information on the Dunleath Community Garden, visit dunleath.org/community-garden-about. 🌱



proposed expansion area

NEIGHBORHOOD LUMINARY DISPLAY

Thank you to everyone who bought luminaries, donated luminaries, volunteered to help at distribution, set up donated luminaries, and helped in any way to light up our neighborhood streets. Each of you in every way help make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. This year we sold 186 dozen luminaries, and the neighborhood was beautiful that evening. Hopefully, we will be able to gather again for a carolling stroll throughout the neighborhood for our next luminary display. Thank you again! 🌱

BOOK CLUB WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The Dunleath Book Club is a great way to get together with neighbors, meet new neighbors, enjoy good conversation, and discover new books. The club gathers monthly (socially-distanced and safe), hosted by a different neighbor each month. Sometimes, all have read the book, sometimes not. Either way, the club promises for a fun evening of discussion and debate. For more information, email Mebane Ham at Mebane@MebaneHam.com. Please come join us! 🌱



TENTATIVE PLANS FOR DUNLEATH PORCHFEST

It was such a disappointment not to be able to hold Dunleath Porchfest last year. But we all agree that it was the right call to make. With so much still happening with regard to the pandemic, plans are still uncertain. We could all use a little music and goodwill in our lives right now!

We have tentatively scheduled Porchfest for Saturday, June 12. With respect to precautions related to COVID at that time, it may be necessary to revise either the event date, or how the event is coordinated and presented (if at all). We will not be asking for participation sign ups just yet, but we wanted to at least get it on everyone's radar.

For our new neighbors who might not be familiar with the event, you can read more about Porchfest on our website at dunleath.org/porchfest-about. 🌱

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mon., Feb. 22, 6:30 pm
Mon., Mar. 29, 6:30 pm

Meetings will be held via video conferencing. All neighbors are welcome to attend.

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